

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 13, 2013

**A.** A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Distance Learning Room at the Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools 425 F Street Palmyra, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Members present: Jaimi Calfee, Doug Church, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, Secondary Principal David Bottrell and Ameritas representative Marc Mumford.

Absent: Kipp Haight

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public .

**B.** Meeting called to order by Board of Education President Maahs at 7:30 p.m.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting.

At the beginning of this meeting, the Chair announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the South wall of the meeting room.

Motion by Calfee, seconded by Church to approve all items on the consent agenda including minutes of the last meeting, claims and financial reports. After discussion and roll call vote:

\$74,930.60 General Fund

\$345,013.81 Payroll

\$1,630.75 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$350.00 Depreciation Fund

\$3,900.14 Building Fund

\$15,432.50 Bond Fund

Voting Yes: Calfee, Maahs, Royal, Schroder, Church

Voting No: None

Absent: Haight

Motion Passed: 5-0

**C. Scheduled Audiences:**

1. Ameritas presented information related to the Building Committee interview process and the selection of a Fiscal Agent to represent District OR-1.

**D. Unscheduled Audiences: None**

**E. Action Items**

1. Motion by Church, seconded by Schroder to appoint Ameritas as the District OR-1 acting Fiscal Agent.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Maahs, Royal, Schroder, Church

Voting No: None

Absent: Haight

Motion Passed: 5-0

2. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Royal to accept Christy Merryman's voluntary resignation effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year with appreciation for 8 years of dedicated service.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Maahs, Royal, Schroder, Church

Voting No: None

Absent: Haight

Motion Passed: 5-0

**F. Discussion Items**

1. The Board of education established public information meeting dates and times for the purpose of seeking public input regarding the master facilities plan recommended by the Task Force. The meeting in Palmyra will be held at the High School on May 28<sup>th</sup> and the meeting in Bennet will be held at the Elementary on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**G. Communication: None**

## **H. Elementary Principal's Report**

May 13, 2013

### **K.G. Round-up**

We ended up with a list of 50 students for K.G. Round-up. Of that list, 49 came to round-up!!!

### **Advanced Ed Visit**

Our Advanced Ed Visit has come and gone. I was pleased with the results of the visit. Their recommendations are very reasonable and attainable. We also received commendations in several areas. Mr. Hanger will have more on the results of the visit also. I would like to thank our staff for their help in getting prepared for the visitation. They did a great job. The visitation committee paid us several compliments on the friendliness and helpfulness of our staff. They said our kids were a joy to visit also. I would also like to thank Mr. Smidt, Mr. Brown and Mr. Jensen on the Steering Committee for all of the time and work they put into this project. One chapter closes and the next chapter begins!

### **NESA and MAPS Assessments**

NESA assessments are completed. We are on the last group of students for MAPS assessments this week.

### **Winding Up Another Year!**

We will be in our last week of school next week! It doesn't seem possible that another year is behind us! The cold spring has definitely put a damper on Spring Fever! We still had students bringing snow boots to school in May this year! I hope the last week turns out nice and warm for all of our activities.

It is also hard to believe that this will be the last time I send kids home for the summer! After 36 years, it is about over. Kind of sad in a way.....

## **I. Secondary Principal's Report**

May 13, 2013

### 1. Graduation

I expect to report that Commencement Exercises were a huge success!

### 2. Activity/Master Calendar 2013-2014

Will have a draft copy for you at the meeting.

### 3. NeSA and MAPs testing

NeSA R-M-S is complete. NeSA writing scores are in, but still embargoed.

MAPs testing will be complete by end of this week. (Barring technology issues)

#### 4. AdvancED visit

The visit went well as far as I'm concerned. Once we get the final report, we'll share it with everyone involved. We intend to spend some time with the staff the last day of school to review what we know at this point.

### **J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report**

May 13, 2013

May 13<sup>th</sup> Golf Districts @ Hastings 9am

May 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> State Track

May 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> State Golf

May 31<sup>st</sup> PHS Alumni Golf Tournament @ Hidden Valley

June 1<sup>st</sup> PHS Alumni Banquet @ HS 6pm

### **K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations**

May 13, 2013

#### 1. District OR-1 became a member of Network Nebraska for fiscal 2012-2013

Membership fees are reimbursed to equalized districts at 85% of cost after E-rate.

Benefits.

Through aggregation of demand, adoption of common standards, and collaboration with network services and applications, participants are achieving many benefits, including:

Reduce network costs

Greater efficiency for participating entities

Interoperability of video conferencing systems

Increase K-20 educational collaboration

New educational opportunities

Competitiveness with surrounding states

Improving the effectiveness of public investments

The District has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Department of Education as a result of this membership. The funds must be expended by June 30, 2013 and District OR-1 has purchased two Distance Learning Carts that are up and running with one in each building.

#### 2. The 2013 School Law Seminar offers school officials an opportunity to receive the most up-to-date information on legislative and court-related developments affecting education. This year's program is scheduled for June 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kearney Holiday Inn.

3. Building and Grounds work during the summer will focus on concrete additions at Bennet Elementary and some minor work to prep the Palmyra football field for the fall. In addition work on the computer lab will commence to include some remodeling, flooring and wiring.

4. No report of major requisitions at this time. Cooperative orders are completed and submitted to ESU 17 for processing. The district will begin work researching a Math series for K-8.

5. District OR-1 will join with the Nebraska Department of Education and other school districts to assist with the writing of questions for C4L, which is a program teachers may use to assess student knowledge related to specific NeSA standards and content. Four staff members attended training at Milford ESU 6.

6. Data warehousing efforts are nearly complete as a joint effort of ESU6 and ESU 4 schools. The project will house information from a variety of sources including but not limited to NeSA, MAPS and DIBELS. The project will result in a friendly interface in which to access data and assist further with our efforts to differentiate instruction. We are ahead of many schools in Nebraska as the Department of Education is just beginning to pilot a project similar to this. I commend the efforts of our technology and administrative staff for compiling data to report.

#### **L. Board of Education Development**

1. School Law Seminar June 7<sup>th</sup> in Kearney.
2. Open Meetings Workshop June 26<sup>th</sup> Lincoln

#### **M. Topics for Next Months Agenda**

Handbook changes, Budget review, Multicultural report, Transportation report.

#### **Adjournment**

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:54 o'clock p.m. on May 13, 2013.

**Next Board Meeting-** June 10, 2013 at Palmyra High School Distance Learning Room at 7:30 PM.

This is a draft copy of the Board of Education minutes that does not become official until approved by the Board.