

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 13, 2014

A. A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, January 14, 2014, 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, Kipp Haight, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Linde Walter, Secondary Principal David Bottrell.

Absent:

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.

1. Elections - Superintendent Temporary Chairman
 - a. President- Kipp Haight-3 votes, Clayton Maahs-2 votes, Larry Royal-1 vote.
 - b. Vice President- Clayton Maahs 3 votes, Larry Royal 2 votes, Jaimi Calfee-1 vote.

Appointment of committees, positions, & designations

- a. Secretary (*Robert Hanger*)
- b. Treasurer (*Karen Hatcher*)
- c. Legal Counsel (*Harding & Schultz*)
- d. Americanism Committee (*Haight, Calfee, & Schroder*)

- e. Finance Committee (*Maahs & Schroder*)
- f. Building & Grounds Committee (*Haight, Royal , Church*)
- g. Transportation (*Schroder & Maahs*)
- h. School Improvement Steering Committee (*Calfee & Royal*)
- i. Collective Bargaining Committee (*Calfee, Maahs & Schroder*)
- j. Depository Banks (*Union Bank, Farmers & Merchants of Palmyra, & First Nebraska Bank*)
- k. District Newspaper (*The Voice*)
- l. Designate date for the internal evaluation of the board of education (*December*)
- m. Designate date for the annual review of board policies. (*Monthly beginning in October*)
- n. Foundation for Knowledge (*Calfee*)

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

\$92,142.97 General Fund

\$332,546.79 Payroll

\$100.00 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$3,972.14 Building Fund

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

C. Scheduled Audiences:

- 1. Tim Ripp presented information from the Clark Enerson Firm.

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

- 1. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Calfee to approve the second reading of BOE Policy 704.04 Audits.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

2. It is so moved by Church and seconded by Maahs this 13th day of January, 2014 to approve a resolution allowing Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools to enter into a Performance Contract with a Qualified Energy Services Company.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder
Voting No: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

Motion was made by Calfee and seconded by Maahs that the Board hold a closed session for a Strategy session with respect to collective bargaining clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law at 9:00 p.m.

The board has adopted a motion to enter closed session with Superintendent Hanger with respect to collective bargaining and to do this in closed session in order to prevent needless injury and because it is in the public's and the school district's best interest. The board members will limit their discussion to this issue.

Motion by Church, seconded by Maahs to leave executive session at 9:10 p.m.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder
Voting No: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

Motion was made by Church and seconded by Maahs that the Board hold a closed session for a Strategy session with respect to real estate purchases clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law at 9:11p.m.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder
Voting No: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

The board has adopted a motion to enter closed session with Superintendent Hanger with respect to real estate and to do this in closed session in order to prevent needless injury and because it is in the public's and the school district's best interest. The board members will limit their discussion to this issue.

Kevin Schroder left executive session at 9:27.

Motion by Calfee, seconded by Church to leave executive session at 9:45 p.m.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder
Voting No: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

3. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Calfee to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with District OR-1 Certified Staff .

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

Voting No: None

Abstain: Church

Motion Carried: 5-0-1

4. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Royal to approve the selection of the Clark Enerson Partners.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board Reviewed a draft of the 2014-2015 school calendar.

G. Communication

None

H. Elementary Principal's Report

January 13, 2014

1. Second Semester is underway. The students and staff all came back from break rested and ready to learn. The students were very excited to share stories about their winter break.

2. On December 18th the members of the FFA came to the elementary to do an activity with the PreK, KDG, 1st, 2nd and 6th grade students. The students learned about farms and what FFA is and what they do. The high school students did an excellent job of planning the activity for the students.

3. Report cards for second quarter were sent out on Wednesday, January 8th. We are now looking ahead to Parent teacher conferences on February 11th. This semester our preschool parents will also be taking part in parent teacher conferences.

4. January 20th is scheduled for a teacher in-service day. We will be working on C4L preparation, curriculum, technology, and discussion of a school wide behavior plan.

5. The 3-6th graders will be completing their mid-year MAPS testing the week of January 27-31st. Also, during this week the 4th grade classes will be participating in the NeSA writing assessment. The K-2 grades will complete their MAPS testing in May. Each month the staff and students focus on one pillar of the character counts model. There are six pillars: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The focus for the month of January is on kindness.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

January 13, 2014

1. Jan. 21st In-service - Agenda to include:
Curriculum work
C4L preparation
Individual work time
2. Second Semester Updated Calendar.
3. Review of 1st semester Honor Roll & Attendance.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

January 13, 2014

The Board reviewed upcoming activities.

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

January 13, 2014

1. District OR-1 has added instructional units in relation to BOE goal expanding dual credit offerings through the SENCAP Academy, Peru State College Education Academy, and Northeast Community College. Through these courses the District has added a total of 38 instructional units in Science, Social Science, Language Arts and Career and Technical Education. I would like to thank Mr. Bottrell and Mr. Chaffee for their work in providing these courses and the logistical support necessary to ensure their success.
2. The week of January 26-31 is Nebraska School Board Recognition Week. As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. We would like to express our genuine appreciation for the commitment that our members of the board of education give to the school community. Thank you for your outstanding service.

3. IDEA Grant Funds have been finalized. This year is several months later than the usual time frame for allocations as the system is being moved into the Portal and Grants Management. The total allocation for birth to 5 and school age will be about \$124,016.00 a slight drop from last year.

L. Board of Education Development

1. Data Driven Decision Makers January 15th in Lincoln.
2. Legislative Issues Conference January 26, 27 in Lincoln.
3. Education Forum February 27, 28 in Kearney.
4. The Board completed the Board Self Evaluation.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

School calendar, issuance of certificated employee contracts

Adjournment

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:00 o'clock p.m. on January 13, 2014.

Next Board Meeting- February 10, 2014 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.