

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: February 10, 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, February 10, 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, Jay Spearman and Burke Brown.

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

\$63,730.11 General Fund

\$342,965.78 Payroll

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

**C. Scheduled Audiences:**

1. Jay Spearman representing Ameritas presented information regarding refinancing the current bonds in order to take advantage of lower interest rates.
2. Burke Brown presented information regarding the recent revision of the District OR-1 website.

**D. Unscheduled Audiences: None**

**E. Action Items**

1. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Maahs to authorize the Superintendent to issue contract renewals to the certified staff.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

2. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Church to approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

3. Motion by Maahs, seconded by Schroder to approve Contract Terms for the Administrative staff.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

4. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Maahs to approve employment terms for the support staff.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

5. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Maahs to authorize the Superintendent to sign a Letter of Intent with the Trane Company as the District intends to enter into a Performance Contract to implement energy and operational savings projects that may include improving the learning environment should the company meet the final buying criteria of the district within the set financial parameters.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

6. Motion by Church, seconded by Maahs to adopt Board Resolution repealing Policy 205.2 as presented.

WHEREAS, Policy 205.2 requires that any proposed new policy or any amendment or revision thereto be adopted by a majority of the board only after the proposal has been considered at two scheduled board meetings;

WHEREAS, the board of education desires to eliminate the requirements of Policy 205.2;

WHEREAS, there is no statutory or other legal requirement that policy adoption or amendment be considered at two scheduled board meetings;

WHEREAS, the elimination of Policy 205.2 will not prevent the Board from consideration of policy adoption or amendments at two board meetings but will allow for the prompt and orderly adoption and amendment of policies in the discretion of the Board; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the district to eliminate this requirements of Policy 205.2 by repealing it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board repeal Policy 205.2.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

7. Motion by Church, seconded by Maahs that the board repeal Policy 904.02. noting that an emergency exists and further move that repeal of Policy 904.02 be immediate due to the fact that Policy 904.02 will interfere with the prudent and prompt disposal of excess real property held by the board of education.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

**8. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

WHEREAS, the Palmyra District OR 1 (Otoe County School District 66-0501) (the "School District") owns certain real property, located in Otoe County, Nebraska, legally described as follows: Attached.

WHEREAS, the School District's Board of Education believes it to be in the best interests of the School District to dispose of said property either through listing the property for sale or by selling it to the highest bidder at a public auction.

Be it therefore RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes, empowers and directs the Building Committee and/or the Superintendent of Schools to (a) hire a licensed real estate firm to list or to auction the property, (b) to set the date for the auction, and (c) to advertise the listing for sale or the auction to the public.

After the above resolution was read, Motion by Calfee, seconded by Schroder to adopt as presented.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Royal, Schroder  
Voting No: Haight, Maahs  
Motion Passed: 4-2

Kevin Schroder left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

9. Motion was made by Royal and seconded by Church that the Board hold a closed session at 9:24 p.m. to provide negotiating guidance to the board's negotiators about the possible sale of real property and because it is in the public interest to do so.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal  
Voting No: None  
Absent: Schroder  
Motion Passed: 5-0

10. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Church to leave executive session at 10:08 p.m.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal  
Voting No: None  
Absent: Schroder  
Motion Passed: 5-0

#### **F. Discussion Items**

1. The Building and Grounds committee updated the Board regarding the interview process with representatives from HOME realty and Farmers National.

#### **G. Communication**

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

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#### **Parent Teacher Conferences:**

February 11, 2014 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**MAPS Testing:**

We completed our mid-year MAPS assessments the last week in January for students in grades 3-6. The students have shown a lot of growth from September to January and we will be looking at the data more closely in the next few weeks. Students in K-2 will be completing their MAPS testing in May.

**NeSA Writing:**

4<sup>th</sup> grade students completed the NeSA writing during the last week of January. Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade participate in the pencil and paper writing assessment. Mrs. Ourada and Mrs. Sullivan have spent a lot of time this year working with students on their writing skills. All classroom teachers have collaborated and discussed with each other how we can continue to strengthen our writing across all grade levels.

**Enrollment Projections for 2014-15:**

2013 Current Kindergarten class

- 47 students

Kindergarten Enrollment 2014-15

- 35 registered (22 current preschoolers at District OR 1)

Preschool Enrollment 2014-15

- 23 four year olds
- 8 three year olds

**Bennet Care Project:**

Bennet Elementary students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade along with the help from Mrs. Hanger are organizing a fundraiser for the Wounded Warriors Project. The school had an assembly on Friday afternoon to share the information with the students about the Wounded Warriors Project and how we at Bennet Elementary can help others. What a wonderful project the students are organizing! This project fits in nicely with our Character Counts pillar of the month for February of Caring.

**I. Secondary Principal's Report**

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1. The Board reviewed information related to the February 10, 2014 In-Service.
2. Parent Teacher Conferences Tuesday, Feb.11, 2014 - 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
3. State Writing Test Complete. Kids made great effort, technology worked perfectly.

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

The Board reviewed upcoming activities and dates.

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

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1. The Board reviewed current legislation including State Aid certification and the potential impact of lowering the local effort rate.
2. Dual credit course work continues to develop as students are now in the second semester of work with all three institutions that we partner with.
3. Educators Health Alliance Board will meet this month to review information and updates regarding the Affordable Health Care Act. Plans that need modification to comply with the law will be amended and then information released to districts.
4. The Board discussed Staffing for Bennet Elementary.
5. The Board reviewed options related to refinancing the current bonds and projected savings to the district.

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

1. Education Forum February 27, 28 in Kearney.
2. NRCSA Spring Conference scheduled for March 20, 21 in Kearney.

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

Transportation, NRCSA conference

## **Adjournment**

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:09 o'clock p.m. on February 10, 2014.

**Next Board Meeting:** March 10, 2014 at Palmyra High School Distance Learning Room at 7:30 P.M.

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