

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 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, October 13, 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: Doug Church, Kipp Haight, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Linde Walter, and Janel Callahan.

Absent: Jaimi Calfee

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

\$65,961.95 General Fund

\$375,300.54 Payroll

\$75.00 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$948.34 Special Building Fund

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

**C. Scheduled Audiences: None**

**D. Unscheduled Audiences:**

1. Janel Callahan thanked the Board for their work and spoke to concerns regarding the bond issue assuring the Board that the Our Community First group does not condone the theft of signs that have recently disappeared. Those feelings have been shared with the entire Our Community First group on two occasions.

**E. Action Items**

1. Motion by Maahs, seconded by Royal to recognize the District OR-1 Education Association as the sole negotiating unit for the certified teaching staff of District OR-1 for the 2016-2017 contract year.

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

2. Motion by Church, seconded by Schroder to accept the legal description and survey for Lot E, Waites Addition located in Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 9 East.

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

**F. Discussion Items**

1. Building Committee reviewed information regarding roofing solutions from Tremco, property descriptions for 600 West 9<sup>th</sup> street and the Bennet Bush Pines North 7<sup>th</sup> addition in Bennet.
2. The Board reviewed information related to Bush Pines development.

**G. Communication: None**

**H. Elementary Principal's Report**

October 13, 2014

1. Fall parent teacher conferences were on Tuesday, September 21st. We had 95% of our parents in attendance for a parent teacher conference. This was the first year we included preschool in our parent teacher conferences.

Our first quarter will be ending on October 17th. Report cards will be going home the week of October 20th.

2. NeSA test results are Included in the board packet.

3. October is National Bullying Prevention Month. District OR 1 takes a strong and an active stance against bullying and creates a climate that prevents bullying before it starts. During the week of October 13-17th Bennet Elementary will be participating in school activities to take a stand against bullying.

4. The week of October 6-12 was Fire Safety Week across the Country. The Bennet Fire and Rescue Department presented a short assembly on fire safety for all students. This was a great review for all students on fire safety in their home.

5. Our School Committees have been busy this first quarter. We have had several meetings for our writing, safety, character counts committees, and RTI committee (Response to Intervention Committee.) The RtI committee uses the data from DIBELS/MAPS/NeSA to place students in groups for our scheduled RtI time.

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

October 13, 2014

1. End of First Quarter

October 17 is the end of the first quarter and rapidly approaching. We are making every effort to help kids pass the first quarter, and to inform parents of those who are struggling.

2. NeSA test results

Included in board packet is a report detailing NeSA testing results for your information. Also included is the information sent home at PT conferences with each student's test scores that you may also be interested in looking at.

3. Fall Testing

MAPs testing will be complete next week for all students 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades.

4. FFA land judging – From Mr. Malone

The Palmyra Ag/FFA students participated in the Southeast Area Land Judging Contest Oct. 6 hosted by the Nemaha NRD and NRCS at Humboldt. Over 120 students in the area participated determining soil texture, slope, land class, erosion, land treatments and fertilizer amendments for the soil. James Bremer place 2nd and Vanessa Knutson place 8th in the individual competition with 12 of our 24 students receiving ribbons, and the team of James Bremer, Brian Bruggeman, Zach Roath and Vanessa Knutson qualified to compete at the State Land Judging Competition, Oct. 22 in McCook, NE.

5. Parent teacher conferences Attendance Total 110/179 – 61%

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

October 13, 2014

1. The Board reviewed upcoming activities.

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

October 13, 2014

1. The Board reviewed information related to the enrollment recorded on the last Friday in September showing total enrollment for PK-12 at 471 or an increase of 14 students from September 2013.
2. The annual safety inspection conducted in September provided commendations for both the Palmyra and Bennet buildings as well as a few areas that can be improved.
3. Distance Learning incentive totals as a result of membership in Network Nebraska were presented.

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

1. State Conference November 19, 20, 21, at the La Vista Conference Center. Registration deadline is November 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. President Haight recognized Clayton Maahs who recently received his level II award.

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

### **Adjournment**

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:40 o'clock p.m. on October 13, 2014.

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

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