

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1
 Regular Meeting - Board of Education
 Tuesday, September 8, 2009 –7:00 P.M. at Palmyra

A. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board of Education President Clayton Maahs. Lori Bruss, Jaimi Calfee, Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, Mike Powers and Kevin Schroder were present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Clyde Childers, Secondary Principal David Bottrell, and Elementary Principal Steve Robb.

B. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Clem to approve the agenda, minutes of August 17, 2009 Regular Meeting, and approve the listed claims:

September 2009 Claims

ABC	238.77	Supplies	Mailbox	59.90	Subscription
Abilitations	175.25	Supplies	McGraw-Hill	18,887.94	Books
ACA	35.50	Supplies	Menards	690.69	Maintenance
Alltel	46.00	Phone	Modern Methods	479.45	Lease/Maint
Amber Hohensee	987.00	Summer Resource	Nasco	49.94	Supplies
AmSan	3,051.67	Maintenance	National Sch Products	2,286.65	Supplies
Arbor Scientific	104.49	Supplies	Nebr Air Filter	290.48	Maintenance
Barco	226.20	Supplies	Nebr City Newspress	46.00	Subscription
Beyond Play	268.97	Supplies	Nebr City Utilities	8,016.19	Utilities
BMI Ed	62.94	Books	Office Depot	524.87	Supplies
Bretts Plumbing	568.00	Repair	Omaha World-Herald	77.40	Subscription
Bright Apple	164.38	Supplies	Oriental Trading	115.70	Supplies
Calloway House	119.72	Supplies	Palmer & Sons	109.75	Refuse
Carlex	129.42	Supplies	Palmyra Activity Fund	2,670.89	Reimbursement
Carson Delloso Pub	321.52	Supplies	PayFlex	106.80	Fees
Cenex	363.37	Fuel	PCI Ed Pub	47.85	Supplies
Cengage Learning	9,000.47	Books	Pearson Ed	26,187.65	Books/Supplies
Cheney, Jean	104.00	Travel	Pegler Sysco	412.06	Maintenance
Classroom Direct	1,709.60	Supplies	Pioneer Pub	92.27	Supplies
Craddock, Keri	1,363.00	Summer Speech	Plank Road Pub	127.20	Supplies
Creative Teaching	184.52	Supplies	Positive Promotions	91.15	Supplies
Crystal Productions	125.95	Books	Premier Agandas	379.60	Supplies
DataTeam	384.63	Supplies	Quality Water	1,386.00	Improvement
Dietze Music	31.75	Supplies	Quill	670.84	Supplies
Educators Pub	201.96	Supplies	Read Naturally	1,047.20	Supplies

Ekstrum	111.75	Repair	Really Good Stuff	221.23	Supplies
ESU 4	2,262.10	SPED	Remedia Pub	36.97	Supplies
ESU 5	21,582.42	Fees	Renaissance Learn	614.76	Hardware
ESU 6	412.82	ISP	Saddleback Ed Inc	39.38	Supplies
Evan Moor	120.70	Supplies	Sax Arts	90.05	Supplies
Everbind/Marco	536.50	Books	Scholastic Inc	285.72	Supplies
Eye on Education	678.91	PLC Supplies	School Speciality	1,592.23	Supplies
Farmer's Coop	5.20	Maintenance	Science Kit & Boreal	2,373.39	Supplies
Flinn Scientific	1,942.29	Supplies	Seminole Energy	664.24	Utilities
Focken, Robert	71.40	Repair	Sew Creative	102.59	Repair
Fremont Industries	273.00	Maintenance	Shiffler	239.62	Maintenance
Friendship House	54.55	Supplies	Social Studies School	290.01	Supplies
Gabriel, Brad	70.74	Reimb-Supplies	Sport Supply	261.53	Supplies
Galaxy	1,170.38	Distance Learning	Sport Time	76.55	Supplies
Gopher Sport	1,727.97	Supplies	Super Duper Pub	292.85	Supplies
Gordon Bernard Co	1,123.95	Supplies	Svoboda, Kim	250.00	Ins Deductible
Hamilton Service	2,638.90	Repair	Teacher Created Res	26.74	Supplies
Hammond & Stephens	298.24	Supplies	Teacher Direct	51.24	Supplies
HireRight	259.00	DOT	Teacher Discovery	170.91	Supplies
History Ed	170.66	Books	Teacher's Discount	48.47	Supplies
Home Depot	69.68	Maintenance	The Markerboard	159.00	Supplies
Janelle Pub Inc	20.00	Supplies	Themes and Variations	59.00	Supplies
Jr Libr Guild	795.00	Books	Time For Kids	176.80	Supplies
Kastens Ford	2,875.56	Repair	Trend Enterprises	97.42	Supplies
Kids on the Go	379.50	PT	Village of Bennet	682.16	Utilities
Lakeshore Learn	1,575.79	Supplies	Village of Palmyra	618.93	Utilities
Learning A-Z	130.40	Supplies	Voice News	177.52	Ads
Libr Video Co	585.64	Supplies	Wall Mountain	74.85	Books
Lincoln Journal	78.00	Subscription	Weekly Reader	585.01	Supplies
Lingui Systems	43.95	Supplies	West Music	187.45	Supplies
Linweld	41.72	Supplies	Windstream	<u>508.28</u>	Phone
LTR	243.10	Tow	TOTAL	<u><u>138,228.27</u></u>	

\$138,228.27 General Fund

\$295,290.51 Payroll

\$ 2,670.89 Activity Fund Reimbursement

Voting Yes: Bruss, Calfee, Clem, Maahs, Powers, Schroder

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

C. Scheduled Audiences:

The following hearings were opened for discussion at 7:15 p.m.

1. In compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, the board of education provides this time for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto.
2. In compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1601.02, the board of education provides this time for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

The above hearings were closed after discussion at 7:45 p.m. There were no comments by district patrons.

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Bruss, seconded by Powers to approve the 2009-2010 Budget.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Calfee, Clem, Maahs, Powers, Schroder

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

2. Approve Tax Request Resolution

2009-2010 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION
FOR
OTOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #501

WHEREAS, public notice was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests for the 2009-2010 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Bond Fund, and Special Building Fund, of Otoe County School District #501; and,

WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education hereinafter "the Board" of Otoe County School District #501 hereinafter "the District" at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Request for the said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2009-2010 school fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the General fund should be, and hereby is set at \$3,000,811.00; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond fund should be, and hereby is set at \$333,805.00; and (3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Funds should be, and hereby is set at \$149,985.00.

It is so moved by Powers and seconded by Bruss this 8th day of September, 2009.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Voting Yes: Bruss, Calfee, Clem, Maahs, Powers, Schroder

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Otoe County School District #501, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said board.

/s/ Clyde L. Childers Secretary

F. Non Action Items.

G. Communication

H. Elementary Principal's Report

1. Enrollment Numbers

Mr. Robb reported that enrollment numbers are up at the elementary.

2. Open House

We had another good turnout for our Open House on August 25th. Many parents, grandparents, and aunts and uncles were in attendance. Our annual Book Fair kicked off that night also. There were many groups in the cafeteria handing out information for their cause. The elementary boosters also handed out ice cream bars for all who attended. One of the big drawing points for the open house is the opportunity to sign-up for a P-T Conference time slot!

3. Getting into the routine

By the time of our meeting we will have completed three weeks of school. Almost a month has gone by already. We are quickly settling in the routine. Our new lunch schedule seems to be working fine after a few modifications. I've even had a few visits to my office for some attitude adjustments already. We have had to work around the usual glitches in schedules etc, but overall things have gotten off to a great start. We will be ready for the Labor Day Holiday.

4. P-T Conferences

P-T Conferences will take place on Tuesday, September 22nd. Much of our scheduling for this is already done.

5. H1N1 Flu

We have been instituting some extra precautions at school to combat the H1N1 Flu threat. Teachers have been talking to students about not sharing personal items, covering up when they cough etc. We also are having students wash hands and use the hand sanitizers more frequently. In the computer lab, students are using hand sanitizers before and after they use the computers. Mrs. Brethouwer is also spraying and wiping the keyboards with disinfectant a couple of times per day, in addition to spraying them down immediately when she notices some obvious contact issues (sneezing, coughing etc). We are sending home articles in the newsletters about how to combat the flu on the home front and emphasizing the need for parents to keep their children home when they are sick and keep them at home until they are fever free for at least 24 hours. We are also going to install touchless water faucets in our sinks in the two main hallways. Brett Young will be in on Wednesday morning to install those. This has been in the planning stage since the middle of summer. We have no

confirmed cases in our building as of this printing, however that can change very quickly as we have seen at Pius High School.

6. PreSchool News

Preschool is off and running. We have 24 students this year. Mrs. Cheney had a waiting list of 11 students this year, that did not get into preschool. Most of this year's students are 4 years old. I believe only 3 are three years old. She has been very impressed with the amount of knowledge and recall of procedures that our second year preschool students have shown.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

1. Start of the year

We are off to a great start! Teachers and staff are working hard. Our students continue to impress me. They are trying hard, behaving as expected.

2. Foreign Exchange Student

Lena Potsch from Austria is staying with the Church's.

3. H1N1

We are being as proactive as possible. There has been info on precautions in the weekly bulletin. We have discussed precautions w/ advisory groups every Wednesday. We have anti bacterial soap available in every room, in the lunchroom, rest rooms. We have kids sanitize hands before and after all computer classes. Our custodians spend time everyday sanitizing handrails, doorknobs, locker rooms, rest rooms, etc. We also strongly discourage kids from hugging each other, as they are prone to do especially in Jr. High. We sanitize telephones in my office after every use. We are in contact with Nebraska Dept. of Health - SE, Nebraska Dept. of Ed., as well as other schools in our area trying to keep abreast of what is going on, what the best advice is, and planning for a big outbreak just in case.

4. Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences scheduled for next Tuesday, Sept. 22.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

1. Fall Activities in Full Swing

Sept 8th HS VB/ JV VB @ Malcolm
Sept 10th CC @ Milford, Golf @ Woodland Hills, C-team VB@ Freeman
Sept 11th Football @ Home
Sept 14th -17th MUDECAS VB at Beatrice, JHVB vs. Syracuse @PHS

2. The State Dept of Roads is going over our Bus Routes on Paved Roads to see if additional signs are necessary according to there Distance and Grade Specifications.

K. Superintendent's Report

1. The N1H1 Flu topic is causing a significant amount of apprehension among a number of our district patrons. Be assured that we are following the advice of the Center for Disease Control, Lancaster County Health Department, and Southeast Nebraska Health Department. Although we are taking every precaution, there is no doubt that the disease will reach us eventually. Hopefully parents will keep sick kids home and do their part of help us control the spread and to remain calm.

L. Items for Future Board Meeting

M. Adjourn—Next Regular Meeting—October 12, 2009 at Palmyra High School Library at 7:00 PM.