

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1
 Regular Meeting - Board of Education
 Monday, November 9, 2009 –7:00 P.M. at Palmyra

- A.** Call to order by Board of Education President Clayton Maahs at 7:00 p.m. Jaimi Calfee, Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, Mike Powers and Kevin Schroder were present. Lori Bruss was absent. School administrators in attendance were Superintendent Childers, Elementary Principal Robb, and Assistant Secondary Principal/Activities Director Oltman. Also in attendance were Kim Svoboda, Stacy Dowding, and Deb Knorr.
- B.** Motion by Calfee, seconded by Clem to approve the agenda, minutes of October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting, and approve the listed claims:

November 2009 Claims

ACT	13.50	Fee	Logiccube	5,278.16	Hardware
Alltel	46.00	Phone	McGraw-Hill	2,502.28	Testing Supplies
AmSan	700.74	Maintenance	Menards	57.29	Maintenance
Baylor Test Prep	5,750.00	Fee	Modern Methods	781.27	Lease/Maintenance
Best	8,780.97	SPED	NASB	135.00	Staff Development
Brown, Burke	202.95	Travel	NCA	300.00	Staff Development
Cambium	357.00	Software	NCSA	355.00	Staff Development
Casey's	3,762.79	Fuel	Nebr City Utilities	8,708.26	Utilities
CDW-G	138.04	Hardware	Office Depot	117.96	Supplies
Cenex	1,575.32	Fuel	O'Keefe	245.00	Repair
Company Care	55.00	DOT	Oriental Trading	43.92	Supplies
Decker's	77.58	Supplies	Palmer & Sons	109.75	Refuse
Dick Blick	4.50	Supplies	Palmyra Activity Acct	654.21	Reimbursement
Egan	735.47	Maintenance	PayFlex	115.70	Fee
ESU 4	2,471.77	SPED/Staff Development	Protex Central	206.25	Repair
ESU 6	412.82	ISP	Recycling Enterprises	120.00	Refuse
Fitness Finders	199.58	Supplies	Rhode Island Novelty	75.39	Supplies
Focken, Robert	153.75	Repair	Seminole Energy	625.98	Utilities
Galaxy	567.79	Dist Learning	Shaffer Communications	456.88	Hardware
Good Time	71.64	Service	Softchoice	25.00	Software
Hamilton Service	35.50	Repair	UPS	105.50	Shipping
Home Depot	29.57	Supplies	Village of Bennet	733.96	Utilities
Ikon	1,432.30	Lease/Maintenance	Village of Palmyra	667.92	Utilities
Inspro	905.00	Insurance	Voice News	132.55	Ad
Interstate Battery	57.65	Maintenance	Voss Lighting	1,264.84	Maintenance

Kastens	783.94	Repair	Weathercraft	750.00	Repair
Kids on the Go	363.25	PT	Wergin, Ron	212.85	Travel
Linke, Pamela	1,037.55	OT	Windstream	<u>528.68</u>	Phone
Linweld	176.26	Supplies	TOTAL	<u><u>56,207.83</u></u>	

\$ 56,207.83 General Fund

\$330,737.27 Payroll

\$ 654.21 Activity Fund Reimbursement

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Bruss

Motion Passed: 5-0-1

C. Scheduled Audiences:

D. Unscheduled Audiences

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Clem, seconded by Powers to approve Superintendent Childers request to retire effective June 30, 2010.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Bruss

Motion Passed: 5-0-1

F. Non Action Items.

1. A discussion was held to determine the procedure that will be used to fill the position of superintendent. It was the consensus of the board to consider the services of a search consultant to be determined.

G. Communication

H. Elementary Principal's Report

1. Terra Nova Tests Results

We have the scores from our Terra Nova Achievement Test back. The general results show that they are almost an exact copy of the 2009 Spring Test results. Teachers have been given reports so they may go over them and see what areas of emphasis they will want to work on in the coming year. A parent report went home with the student's report cards also.

2. NESAR State Reading Test

We have registered our students in grades 3-6 for the State Reading Assessment in the spring. Students in our building will be taking the online version of the assessment. I will be attending a meeting on Nov. 11th at ESU #4 to help develop an action plan on how to prepare our staff and students for the assessments. We have also signed up to take the Math Assessment this spring which will be in beta stage.

3. Playground Mulch

This past month we had a big load of rubberized mulch delivered to our playground. We decided to go this route and see if it will last longer than the wood chips we have traditionally used. We will also be able to get a 50% reimbursement back from the Nebraska D.E.Q. for using recycled tire products. The initial reactions are quite positive. It's much more "cushiony", doesn't seem to wash away in the rain as bad as wood chips, and although it tracks into the building, it vacuums right up. We are going to put borders around the area to help contain the mulch also. The students like it!

4. Flu Continues

The flu and similar "bugs" continue to make themselves felt at school. We don't ever have a large number of students gone, usually 5 to 10 students. It just seems that it is continually in that range. Students will be gone from three to five days before they return, and when they get back there are usually one or two new cases that are just starting. And so it goes. It has been this way for about six weeks.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

1. Multicultural Education

The annual report on multicultural education was distributed at the meeting.

2. FFA – From Ken Malone

Palmyra FFA participated in the Southeast area Land Judging contest in Oct. at Beatrice and finished 4th, which we were disappointed in, but now after the State results it appears we were in stiff competition. The teams that finished ahead of us at the area contest finished 1st, 2nd and 4th in the State.

Palmyra FFA members and Mr. Malone attended the National FFA convention Oct. 21-24, in Indianapolis, IN. Palmyra combines with Nebraska City, Heartland, McCool Junction, Osceola, Pawnee City and Falls City to charter a bus and provide this opportunity for students. At the convention members attended convention sessions, business sessions, a leadership workshop "Is good enough, good enough", and the National Career Show. The career show has 350 exhibitors and colleges presenting agricultural career opportunities to students. The last convention activity we attended on Saturday morning was the American Degree Ceremony. Palmyra had its largest number of recipients this year, with Adam Field, Dan Robinett, Jason Cheney, Nicole Schroder, Kyle Schroder and Preston Bruss receiving the award. During the

trip members also participated in educational tours at Kinzie Mfg. in Iowa makers of the largest grain cart and planters, Dixie Chopper Mower plant in Cloverdale, IN and Keyton Elk Ranch in Indiana.

Palmyra FFA will be hosting its annual (for over 44 years) Pancake Feed and member auction, Nov. 7 and we are busy collecting donors for the November Blood Drive, which will be Nov. 24, Tuesday, from 1-6 pm.

3. Honor a Veteran Day

Wednesday, Nov. 11, PHS Panther Pause/Advisory will host a luncheon and an assembly program to honor Veterans, members of the military, and former members of the military from our area. All the information for this has run in the weekly bulletin for the past couple weeks and is up on the website.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

1. November 11th we will be hosting a Luncheon for all Veterans with connections to the School District and having a 1:00 p.m. assembly in the Gymnasium.
2. 17 JH Boys Basketball Participants.
3. Upcoming events:
 - November 10th ECNC High School Vocal Clinic and Concert at Weeping Water
 - November 13th ONE ACT Home performance 7:00 p.m.
 - November 16th High School Winter Practice Begins for Boys BB, Girls BB, and Wrestling
 - November 18th ECNC ONE ACT Competition at The Loft in Manley Nebraska
 - November 24th FFA/Student Council Blood Drive PHS Parking Lot 1:00-6:00 p.m.

L. Superintendent's Report

1. The legislature is back in special session in an effort to revise state spending so as to alleviate the effects of a decline in projected state revenue. While it is unlikely that there would be a reduction in state aid for the 09-10 school year, one proposal is a recommendation that the total state aid for the 10-11 school year be held to the current level and not increased by the formula that is in place.

M. Items for Future Board Meeting

1. A copy of the 2009 Audit Report was distributed to members of the board for action at the regular meeting in December.

M. Adjourn at 8:10 p.m.—Next Regular Meeting—December 14, 2009 at Palmyra High School Library at 7:00 PM. A Special Meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2009.