

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1  
 Regular Meeting - Board of Education  
 Monday, May 10, 2010 –7:00 P.M. at Palmyra

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

**B.** Motion by Calfee, seconded by Clem to approve the agenda, minutes of April 12, 2010 Regular Meeting and approve the listed claims:

May 2010 Claims					
ABC	146.00	Pest Control	Lilley, LaDona	11.88	Reimb-Supplies
Advanced Ed	1,250.00	Fee	Linke, Pam	1,359.50	Occupational Therapy
AmSan	1,049.20	Maintenance	Linweld	57.84	Supplies
Boell, Dennis	361.25	Snow Removal	Menards	196.86	Maintenance
Brown, Burke	198.00	Reimb-Travel	Modern Methods	1,269.79	Maint/Lease
Casey's	3,862.03	Fuel	Murphy, Sandra	666.00	Reimb-Travel
Cenex	1,358.07	Fuel	NCECBVI	192.00	Assessment
Childers, Clyde	521.50	Reimb-Travel	NCSA	243.00	Staff Development
College of Education	218.00	Supplies	NDE	120.00	Staff Development
Company Care	151.00	DOT Physical	Nebr City Utilities	9,483.82	Utilities
Consolidated Plastics	217.76	Maintenance	Nebr DOL	288.00	Inspection
Decker's	65.26	Supplies	NIFCO	330.00	Maintenance
Dillon Remodel & Design	5,560.00	Preschool	Office Depot	584.84	Supplies
e-Instruction	1,650.00	Hardware	Palmer & Sons	115.24	Refuse
Ekstrum	715.12	Repairs	Palmyra Activity Fund	2,668.20	Reimbursement
ESU 4	7,930.52	Supplies/SPED	Payflex	115.70	Fee
ESU 6	412.82	ISP	Protex	934.50	Fee
Farmer's Coop	301.56	Maintenance	Recycling Enterprises	60.00	Refuse
Galaxy	577.53	Distance Learning	Seminole Energy	4,802.81	Utilities
Hamilton Service	928.46	Repairs	Stutheit	196.13	Maintenance
Hatcher, Karen	24.61	Reimb-Supplies	The Presidents	123.12	Supplies
History Education	299.95	Supplies	Verizon	44.96	Phone
IKON	967.63	Maint/Lease	Village of Bennet	684.66	Utilities
Jones School Supply	20.90	Supplies	Village of Palmyra	353.48	Utilities
Kastens	1,417.39	Repairs	Voice News	143.49	Ads
Kids on the Go	619.00	Physical Therapy	Voss Lighting	<u>108.12</u>	Maintenance
			TOTAL	<u><u>55,977.50</u></u>	

\$ 55,977.50 General Fund

\$317,214.65 Payroll

\$ 2,668.20 Activity Fund Reimbursement

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Powers

Motion Passed: 5-0-1

**C. Scheduled Audiences: None**

**D. Unscheduled Audiences: None**

**E. Action Items**

1. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Bruss to approve a teaching contract with Nichole Schroder.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Calfee, Clem, Maahs

Voting No: None

Absent: Powers

Abstain: Schroder

Motion Passed: 4-0-1-1

2. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Clem to approve the First reading of BOE Policy 402.15 – Staff Conduct with Students.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Powers

Motion Passed: 5-0-1

3. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Bruss to approve the First reading of BOE Policy 402.16 – Use of School Facilities by Employees.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Powers

Motion Passed: 5-0-1

4. Motion by Bruss, seconded by Clem to approve the First reading of BOE Policy 502.02 – Nonresident Students/Option Enrollment.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Powers

Motion Passed: 5-0-1

5. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Calfee to approve the First reading of BOE Policy 504.21 – Dating Violence Prevention.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Calfee, Clem, Maahs, Schroder  
Voting No: None  
Absent: Powers  
Motion Passed: 5-0-1

6. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Bruss to approve the First reading of BOE Policy 507.21 – Student Records Access.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Calfee, Clem, Maahs, Schroder  
Voting No: None  
Absent: Powers  
Motion Passed: 5-0-1

7. Approve the Southeast Nebraska Powerschool Cooperative Interlocal Agreement.

Motion by Bruss, seconded by Schroder to approve the Southeast Nebraska Powerschool Cooperative Interlocal Agreement and authorize the superintendent to sign, execute and deliver the agreement form.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Calfee, Clem, Maahs, Schroder  
Voting No: None  
Absent: Powers  
Motion Passed: 5-0-1

8. Motion by Clem, seconded by Bruss to accept Jennifer Janssen’s voluntary resignation effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Calfee, Clem, Maahs, Schroder  
Voting No: None  
Absent: Powers  
Motion Passed: 5-0-1

9. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Bruss to approve a teaching contract with Pamela McCauley.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Calfee, Clem, Maahs, Schroder  
Voting No: None  
Absent: Powers  
Motion Passed: 5-0-1

**F. Non Action Items: None**

**G. Communication: None**

**H. Elementary Principal’s Report**

1. End of the Year

We are in the last two weeks of school. It doesn’t seem possible that we are winding down another year.

## 2. Testing Completed

We have completed all of our online NESAs for this spring. We were able to get all students assessed without a lot of make-up scheduling etc. All students had completed the assessments with over a week left in the testing window.

## 3. Summer Workshops

We are in the process of getting our summer workshops and staff development opportunities lined up. The ESU will again be hosting a number of worthwhile opportunities for our staff members this summer. Plus, we always have data retreat to look prepare for.

## 4. End of the year activities

Between now and the end of the school year, we will host, DARE Graduation, the Elementary Music Program, Untrack and 5th and 6th grade Track Day, the Elementary Awards Program, the AR Awards Program and our year end picnic in the park. Come May 20th, it is all over for the kids for another year.

## 5. K.G. Round-up

We have 40 students and parents at KG. round-up on April 23rd. It will be one our larger kindergarten classes in several years. There are also a number of at-risk students in this group. It will necessitate prioritizing our resources as far as para support. It will be a challenge, but we have already developed a lot of time to planning and putting supports in place for these students.

## 6. Wireless Problems

Once again we are plagued by problems with our wireless network between Bennet and Palmyra. The culprit this time according to the technicians is a tree that has gotten tall enough to disrupt the signal between the two buildings. We are going into our third day of no service. Mr. Brown is working hard to come up with some options to restore service. Hopefully this will all come to an end this summer when we get a direct fiber connection.

## 7. More Resignations

This week we learned that Mrs. Janssen will be leaving us. She has been offered a position as 1st grade teacher in Syracuse. This is her home town. She has done an outstanding job with our Title I Program. We are working on finding a suitable replacement.

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

## 1. Graduation

Preparations are nearly complete. Seniors who have met all obligations, and behaved as expected, will be dismissed Tuesday, May 11, after our annual Principal's Barbeque.

Practice for Graduation will be Friday, May 15, during 1st period, with a senior breakfast at 7:00 a.m.

2. Summer Professional Development

A list of summer staff workshop plans to date were included in the board packet.

3. Activity Calendar

The Activity Calendar is still a work in progress.

4. Dating Violence Policy – Agenda Item

Mr. Childers and I will address this topic with the BOE on Monday. I've attended on e workshop on this topic in April. I know of at least one more in June, and I'm sure it will be a topic at Administrator's Days this summer.

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

We had 3 awards programs last week. Students enjoyed the efforts of the many people that work with them through the school year. Upcoming events are as follows:

- May 10th ECNC Instrumental in Murdock
- May 11th Elementary Spring Program
- May 12th ECNC JH Track Meet
- May 13th District Track
- May 14th Senior Breakfast and Graduation Practice
- May 14th 5th and 6th grade track meet
- May 15th Graduation

**K. Superintendent's Report**

1. May 5<sup>th</sup>, NDE released a list of 52 schools that are identified as Nebraska's persistently lowest achieving schools. While making the list will create additional opportunities for increased federal funding, we are pleased to report to you that we are not on that list.
2. NDE annually provides schools with an instructional program report comparing subject field instructional units that are required for accreditation with instructional units provided by the school. The report indicates that Palmyra High School exceeds the minimum requirement in all categories.

**L. Items for Future Board Meeting**

**M. Adjourn at 8:15 p.m.—Next Regular Meeting—June 14, 2010 at Palmyra High School Library at 7:00 PM.**