

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE:

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 14, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library 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, Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, Secondary Principal David Bottrell Activities Director Mark Oltman, and Becky Hall.

Absent: None

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 Clayton Maahs at 7:31.

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 Clem, seconded by Schroder to approve all items on the consent agenda including minutes of the last meeting, claims and financial reports.

\$60,591.49 General Fund

\$318,544.38 Payroll

\$150.00 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$450.00 Bond Fund

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.
Voting No: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

C. Scheduled Audiences: None

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Church, seconded by Clem to accept the bid for replacement of the Boiler and Fluid Cooler at Bennet Elementary meeting all specifications and statutory requirements from Trane for a cost not to exceed \$210,000.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.
Voting No: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

2. Motion by Royal, seconded by Schroder to recognize the District OR-1 Education Association as the sole negotiating unit for the certified teaching staff of District OR-1.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.
Voting No: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

3. Motion by Clem, seconded by Church to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.
Voting No: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

4. Motion by Clem, seconded by Royal to approve Gera Stilwell's voluntary resignation with appreciation for 43 years of dedicated service effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.
Voting No: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board Negotiations Committee discussed potential dates for meeting times.

G. Communication

1. The Board reviewed Budget Constraints and Local Negotiations Letter from NASB-NCSA-NSEA.
2. The Board reviewed the NASB Resolution template related to proposed legislation and the CIR.

H. Elementary Principal's Report February 8th, 2011

P-T Conferences

We are in the middle of P-T Conferences at report time. The weather is extremely cold and the wind is blowing out of the north. There are wind chill advisories out also. As you might expect, there has been some cancellations and rescheduling taking place. Still we have an impressive number of parents that are braving the weather and attending conferences. Most of the cancellations are trying to reschedule or conduct a phone conference

Snow/Ice and Cold Weather

The snow/ice storms and cold weather have played havoc with our schedule this past month. Since the start of the third qtr. we have had only one week with a full five days of school. Between the weather cancellations and the staff in-service day, getting in a full five day week has been a challenge. A lot of shuffling and rescheduling has and is taking place. So far everyone has been very accommodating and willing to roll with the weather! One way or another, we will get done what we need to.

State Writing Assessments

Our fourth grade completed the State Wide Writing Assessment this past week. We only had one student who had to make up the assessment due to absence. The testing materials were boxed up and sent off via UPS today. I hope we did well. I know we did a lot of practice writing this year.

New DVR for Security Cameras

We had a new DVR for our security camera system installed earlier this month. It is working very well. The camera quality seems to be better than with the old system. It is a little more user friendly. It also has remote access abilities, so computers in other parts of the system can receive the video feeds from the DVR. I think we are going to like it!

Family Read-a-Thon

Our Booster Organization is going to sponsor a Family Reading Night on Tuesday, March 1st. (Dr. Suess's Birthday). There will be a free will donation soup supper starting at 5:00 p.m. and lasting until 7:00. After eating, families will be able to sit down and read with their students in the school building and take AR Tests in the computer lab and Library. We did a similar event last year and it was a great success.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

February 14, 2011

1. Feb 21st In-service

Will have draft of agenda for the BOE on Monday.

2. Parent Teacher Conferences

7th – 18/31 – 58%

8th – 14/24 – 58%

9th – 21-33 – 64%

10th – 113/26 – 50%

11th – 18/35 – 51%

12th – 13/34 – 38%

Total – 97/183 – 53%

3. State Writing Test 8th and 11th grades

Complete, mailed. Hoping for similar results as past years.

4. The Board reviewed First Semester Statistics for attendance and Honor Roll.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

- Feb. 15th Girls Sub Districts @ Waverly Palmyra will play at 7:45 p.m.
- Feb. 15th JH Girls BB vs. SDA 4:30 @PHS
- Feb. 16th Research Methods class @ UNL
- Feb. 17th Girls Sub Districts @ Waverly
- Feb. 17th JH BB @ Weeping Water
- Feb. 17th through Feb 19th State Wrestling
- Feb. 18th Boys BB and Youth Cheer at PHS (Spaghetti Super)
- Feb. 19th JH Girls BB Tourney @ PHS
- Feb. 21st Boys Sub Districts
- Feb. 21st JH Girls BB vs. Louisville @ PHS 5:00
- Feb. 22nd JH Girls BB vs. JCC @ PHS 4:00
- Feb. 22nd Boys Sub District
- Feb. 23rd ECNC Speech @ Louisville

- Feb. 24th S.A.I.L .Conference at Syracuse
- Feb. 25th Math Contest @ Peru State College
- Feb. 25th FFA @ Kearney
- Feb 26th JH Wrestling @ Weeping Water
- Feb 28th JH Wrestling @ Louisville

February 28th weather permitting could be the 1st Day of High School Track Practice

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

1. The Board reviewed a report from the Building Committee which met on February 7 at 3:00 p.m. to review proposals for the Bennet Elementary project. The committee recommends a bid proposal for replacement of the boiler to include a conversion to natural gas and the replacement of the fluid cooler including relocation to the outside of the building.
2. Bids for replacing entrance doors at the east Palmyra entrance (4 doors) and also the east entrance in Bennet (2 doors) were discussed. Two choices will be offered at this point. Both should be eligible for IDEA funding. This project will also include a recommendation adding electronic entry to the Palmyra building for security reasons. That cost will not be IDEA eligible.
3. The Board reviewed the process and costs associated with upgrading the fire suppression system in both Kitchen facilities. The bid from General Fire and Safety will be accepted with work to be completed this June.
4. Education Jobs funding will be finalized in coming weeks. This amount has been recalculated in the State Aid formula via a 2.23% adjustment and will become available to the district when NDE has developed accounting procedures and a more accurate State Aid picture for fiscal 2011-2012. We have some leeway on expending this money in the form of salary/benefits. The intent is to in a small way replace the ARRA money we had received the previous two years.
5. The legislature has passed LB 18 moving the certification date for State Aid to July 1, 2011. This will push back the budget planning process from the normal March 1 certification date. There are numerous bills that purport changes in the aid formula (TEEOSA) that have the potential to impact our district. I will be forwarding information to you as I receive it. The Retirement system is also a focus this session as a result of projected shortfalls. LB 382 proposes an increase in the employee and district contribution in order to offset any possible deficits.
6. SENE District Health Department has awarded our school a grant for use toward Character Education to include "8 to Great" and Youth Frontiers programs, curriculum and training. The total amount of the matching grant is \$2,495.00.

7. The strategic planning process will begin sometime this month. I have had two discussions with a third party agent as recommended in the October board retreat. The firm FGR Group will facilitate for us as directed by the Board. I have asked for a district environmental scan to allow the firm to ascertain answers to question related to the strategic planning process. This will provide the foundation for moving forward with a planning process that addresses our long and short term needs.

8. The Curriculum Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for February 21, at 11:00 a.m.

L. Board of Education Development

1. February 23, La Vista will host the NASB Leadership workshop (Let me know if you would like to be registered).
2. March 24-25 NRCSA conference Kearney (Let me know if you are interested).
3. Board Self Evaluation Instrument: Results are tabulated and included in the BOE packet.
4. March 9th, 2011 School Law for Board Members Lincoln 5:15-9:00 p.m. (Let me know if you would like to be registered).
5. February 22 is the date set for the NRCSA Legislative Preview in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Hotel. A schedule is available at:
http://nrcsa.net/conferences_events/legal_seminars.htm
6. Education Foundation Meeting February 15, 2011.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Teacher contract renewal, negotiations, classified contracts, NRCSA, legislative update.

Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:35 o'clock p.m. on February 14, 2011.

Next Board Meeting- March 14, 2011 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.