

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 9, 2011

A. A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, May 9, 2011, at 7:30m. 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: Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder and Doug Church. Jaimi Calfee arrived at 7:38

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, Secondary Principal David Bottrell. Also present were Stacy Dowding, Cathy Fick, Deb Knorr, Alison Winter, Lisa Dowding, Gina Christensen, and Abigail Swartzendruber.

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 7:32.

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. After discussion and roll call vote:

\$53,557.09 General Fund

\$328,170.15 Payroll

\$3084.00 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$59,500.00 Depreciation Fund

\$20,897.50 Bond Fund

Voting Yes: Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.

Voting No: None

Absent: Calfee

Motion Passed: 5-0

C. Scheduled Audiences: None

1. The Bennet Elementary Response to Intervention Committee presented information related to RtI and its implementation status and effectiveness.

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Church to approve employment terms for the support staff.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

2. Motion by Church, seconded by Calfee to approve Contract Terms for the Administrative staff.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

3. Motion by Royal, seconded by Church to ratify teaching contract for Michael Trausch.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

4. Motion by Clem, seconded by Church to ratify teaching contract for Jacklyn Engelhardt.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

5. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Royal to ratify teaching contract for Heather Schmidt.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

6. Motion by Church, seconded by Schroder to ratify teaching contract for Mindy Dymacek.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal and Schroder.

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board reviewed the next steps and critical questions related to the strategic planning process as facilitated by the FGR Group.
2. The Board reviewed potential dates for the June Board retreat continuing the strategic planning process. June 28 was established with the meeting time of 6:30 as the Nebraska Association of School Boards building in Lincoln.

G. Communication

1. The Board was presented with a letter from the Nutcracker in Syracuse complimenting our students and sponsors during a recent stop.

H. Elementary Principal's Report May 5, 2011

NESA Testing

NESA Testing is complete. Our Math Tests are being boxed up and returned to the scoring center today. Our students seemed very motivated to do well on the NESA Tests this spring. I was pleased with their efforts and the efforts of our staff in preparing our students for the testing. Our hopes are that we continue to do as well as we have in the past.

Staffing

We have filled the Special Education Resource position and will hopefully have the fifth grade position filled by the time we meet on Monday. We are completing interviews today.

Kindergarten Round-Up

We had 33 students registered for Kindergarten Round-up this year. Round-up was held on Friday, April 29th. The day went very well with 30 of the students and parents attending activities. One family with twins enrolled, had a sick child and could not attend. One family failed to attend for unknown reasons. I look for next year's class to be in the 35+ range.

Final Flurry

We will be in the final two weeks of school after this week. And of course, we are right in the middle of year-end activities. This week many of the classes have been going on their field trips. DARE Graduation for our Fifth Grade is Thursday, May 5th. Next week we will be engaged in Un-Track and 5th and 6th Grade Track Day. Our Elementary Spring Concert will take place on Tuesday, May 10th. The final week will see our awards programs taking place and then that last day of classes will be upon us and the hallways will get quiet once again.

Boiler/Chiller Project

The cement pad has been poured for our chiller just to the south of the school. Equipment will start arriving for the project as school winds down. We expect to see this thing moving forward as soon as school is out.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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1. Graduation

Preparations are nearly complete. Seniors who have met all obligations, and behaved as expected, will be dismissed Tuesday, May 10th, after our annual Principal's Barbeque. Practice for Graduation will be Friday, May 13th, during 1st period, with a senior breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

2. Summer Professional Development

I will have a draft of summer plans at the meeting.

3. Activity/Master Calendar

Will have draft copy for you at the meeting.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

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- May 9th ECNC Junior and Senior High Instrumental Clinic
- May 9th Golf at Hidden Valley
- May 9th District Track Pre-Meet-meeting at Tecumseh
- May 10th Elementary Music at Palmyra

- May 11th MUDECAS Meeting in Beatrice
- May 11th Baccalaureate
- May 12th District Track at Tecumseh
- May 13th 5th and 6th Grade Track at Palmyra
- May 14th Graduation
- May 16th District Golf at Table Creek
- May 19th Early Dismissal
- May 19th through the 21st C.O.L.T. FFA leadership at Aurora
- May 20th – 21st State Track at Burke Stadium in Omaha
- May 27th ECNC Meeting in Lincoln
- June 4th Alumni Banquet
- June 6th through 10th Gym Floor Refinish

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations May 5, 2011

1. Mr. Hanger reported that Policy and handbook updates will be somewhat later than normal this year due to the length of the legislative session.
2. The Board reviewed the agenda for the School Law update scheduled for June 10 in Kearney.
3. Superintendent Hanger and the Building and Grounds Committee provided a priority list of summer projects as we begin the process of scheduling building upgrades and maintenance for this summer.
4. The Board examined Special Education information provided by the Nebraska Association of Special Education Supervisors. The data shows a growth in identified students and associated costs coupled with a significant drop in funding.
5. Education Jobs Grant dollars have been claimed and approved in the amount of \$93,639.00.
6. Major requisitions as currently reported may include a K-6 Science series as the staff continues to review the proposal from the selected vendor. Secondly, grades 7-8 social studies will also be on the table as a potential purchase.

L. Board of Education Development

1. School Law Seminar June 10, 2011 in Kearney.
2. Staff Open House May 20, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Bennet.

Adjournment

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:43 o'clock p.m. on May 9, 2011.

Next Board Meeting- June 13, 2011 7:30 p.m. at Palmyra High School

This is a draft copy of the Board of Education minutes that does not become official until approved by the Board.