

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: March 12, 2012

A. A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 12, 2012, 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, and Activities Director Mark Oltman.

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 Maahs at 7:31 p.m.

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 Church, seconded by Clem to approve all items on the consent agenda including minutes of the last meeting, claims and financial reports. After discussion and roll call vote:

\$63,245.33 General Fund

\$337,338.71 Payroll

\$161.96 Activity Fund Reimbursement

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

The motion carried.

C. Scheduled Audiences: None

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Schroder to authorize the Superintendent to issue contract renewals to the certified staff.

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

2. Motion by Royal, seconded by Calfee to adopt the DIAL 4 Assessment pursuant to Board Policy 503.01 Compulsory Attendance.

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

3. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Calfee to approve employment terms for the support staff.

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

4. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Royal to approve Contract Terms for the Administrative staff.

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

5. Motion by Church, seconded by Clem to accept Lois Linke's voluntary resignation with appreciation for 14 years of dedicated service effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

6. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Royal to accept Heather Schmidt's voluntary resignation effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

7. Motion by Church, seconded by Schroder to accept Board of Education Goals as developed through the School Community Essential Planning Process.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board reviewed proposals for improvements to the Bennet Gym lights, changing rooms and scoreboards.

G. Communication

1. President Maahs shared a thank you from the Monahan family.

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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New K.G. Entrance Requirements

This summer the new K.G. entrance requirements take effect. The cut-off date moves from Oct. 15 to July 31st. Students who turn five in that window from Aug. 1st to Oct. 15 may be admitted if board policies allow, (which our bd. policy does). We will need to have the procedures and guidelines in place this spring for those parents requesting early entrance. I will have some preliminary guidelines, procedures and forms ready for your perusal on Monday. We are going to administer an assessment for those that request early entrance. I believe the law and policy require you to approve this early assessment procedure. I plan to have all of that available for you on Monday. It's been a rather long process. All the schools are kind of waiting to see what everyone else is doing. I

attended a meeting of ESU #4 schools in February. No one was 100% sure of what the process was going to be at that time.

Right now we have 28 students on our list for K.G. Round-Up on April 20th. We have three more on the list that are sitting on the fence about sending to K.G. next year. This is down a little bit from this time last year. I look for more to be contacting us in the next few weeks.

Read Across American Week Activities

By Nichole Ourada

Bennet Elementary students joined other students across the country as participants of Read Across America on Thursday, March 1st. Initiated as a one-day event to celebrate the joy of reading, it also commemorated the birthday of beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss. Students participated in a number of activities last week to celebrate. There were daily Seuss trivia questions, a school-wide silent reading time, and volunteers from the community who came in and read to the students. In addition, a window decoration contest was held using a Dr. Seuss book as the theme, cake was served to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, and Green Eggs & Ham was served for lunch.

Kelby Phillips, a PHS senior reads to 3rd grade.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make Read Across America a success. Check out the pictures of all the fun activities we did!

My notes:

Check out the article on our website. There are many more photos of readers and students activities. This is the link:

<http://www.districtor1.org/vnews/display.v/ART/4f551ff045be5>

In addition, our Elementary Boosters sponsored a Family Reading Night and Soup Supper on Thursday, March 1st. It was also well attended. Mr. Smidt reported that we had over 100 quizzes taken in a two hour period from 5- 7 p.m.

End of Third Qtr.

Our Third Qtr. will be complete when we meet on Monday. Report Cards will be going home next Friday. It is hard to believe that we will be in our final qtr. of the school year.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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1. NeSA & MAPS Spring Testing

We have tentatively set the last 3 weeks in April for testing. Prior to that, a letter will go home to the parents of testing classes with dates, testing reminders, and suggestions for helping their student be successful. Spring MAPS testing will take place the 2nd week in May, similar letter will be sent prior to those dates as well.

2. FFA Happenings – Mr. Malone

Eleven chapter members and Mr. Malone attended the Made For Excellence Conference in Kearney Feb. 24-25. It is conducted by past National Officers and provides an excellent base for leadership skills and training.

The Career Development Events contest was held in Beatrice March 6. The scores were not in prior to my report being due.

FFA will be conducting our second Blood Drive, March 12.

3. Pre-registration 2012-2013

This process is nearly complete. Ms. Merryman has worked very hard to complete this process in a timely fashion. More on the schedule additions in the April meeting.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

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- March 12th Blood Drive
- March 13th District Speech at Sandy Creek
- March 13th JH Wrestling at Palmyra
- March 14th JH Quiz Bowl at Mead
- March 15th Music Contest at Malcolm
- March 16th Music Contest at Malcolm
- March 19th ECNC High School Quiz Bowl
- March 20th MUDECAS Music at Exeter
- March 21st ECNC Art Clinic
- March 21st MUDECAS Quiz Bowl at SECC Beatrice
- March 21st Golf at Grandpa's Woods
- March 22nd Main Stage Musical
- March 23rd Main Stage Musical
- March 24th Class C All State Honor Band in Kearney
- March 25th Main Stage Musical
- March 27th High School Track at Yutan
- March 28th through March 30th State FFA Convention

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

1. Information related to the second quarter budget report for fiscal 2011 was presented by account code.
2. Legislation affecting school finance for fiscal 2012-2013 is still progressing through committee work. Currently the legislature will attempt to balance state aid to a total commensurate with the February Revenue Forecast. In addition to reducing State Aid the legislature is also considering proposals regarding budget certification amounts for school districts in the next two years. These are items of interest that we need to watch closely over the next 30-60 days.
3. The Building Committee met on March 5, and again on March 12 in order to make a recommendation to the Board regarding the facility audit. In all three firms were interviewed.
4. The Board reviewed the Nebraska Department of Education projected model of 2012-13 budget authority based on current statute for District OR-1.
5. Spring newsletters have been mailed and responses have been very positive. I have had numerous patrons express thanks for our efforts to communicate school happenings to them quarterly.

L. Board of Education Development

1. Report from the Building Committee
2. Nebraska Rural Community Schools Conference March 22-23 Kearney.
3. Foundation for Knowledge meeting March 20th.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Negotiations, Building and Grounds, Requisitions.

Adjournment

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:40 o'clock p.m. on March 12, 2012.

Next Board Meeting- April 16, 2012 at Palmyra High School Library at 7:30 PM.

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