

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 14, 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, May 14, 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, Secondary Principal David Bottrell, Activities Director Mark Oltman, Christy Merryman, Becky Hall and Sally Smith.

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 7:30 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:

\$43,290.22 General Fund

\$337,191.19 Payroll

\$2,602.00 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$18,353.75 Bond Fund

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

C. Scheduled Audiences:

1. Christy Merryman, Becky Hall and Sally Smith presented TeamMates information.

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Royal, seconded by Schroder to approve Jean Cheney's voluntary resignation with appreciation for over 20 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

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board established a meeting time for negotiations.

G. Communication

1. President Maahs shared a thank you from the Quackenbush Family
2. President Maahs shared a thank you from the thank you from Furtwangler Family

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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Kindergarten Round-Up

We had 28 students attend K.G. Round-up last month. One student is going to wait a year, too young, and another student we planned on is going to go to a private school. We will be in the 30 range for next fall's class. We have one parent with a student in the window between August 1st, and October 15th that has requested the early entrance assessment. That will be completed this next week.

Late Resignation

Mrs. Cheney has requested a release from her contract. We have moved forward with advertising her position and have a rather large pool of interested candidates to work with. We are in the process of going through the pool right now and hope to start interviewing next week. I feel confident that we will find an adequate replacement. Mrs. Cheney is a great teacher. Much of the success of the preschool program is due to

her efforts and hard work. We couldn't have chosen a better person to start our preschool program.

Parent-Student Handbook

Review of the draft copy of the Parent/Student Handbook to hand out at the meeting on Monday night.

Summer School

We are in the process of getting a summer enrichment program off the ground for our students this June. The Board reviewed the brochure describing our Summer School Program.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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1. Graduation

Commencement Exercises were a huge success! At this time, all Seniors have completed requirements for graduation.

2. Review of the Activity/Master Calendar

3. Review of the Parent/Student Handbook 2012-2013 Parent/Student Handbook 1st draft.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

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Remaining activity dates pending Golf District Competition

State Track dates are May 18-19

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

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1. District OR-1 will become a member of Network Nebraska for fiscal 2012-2013 school year -

The District will be eligible for a \$20,000 grant from the Department of Education as a result of this membership. The funds must be expended by June 30, 2013.

2. The 2012 School Law Seminar is scheduled for June 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kearney Holiday Inn.

3. Building and Grounds work during the summer will focus on the Bennet Gym and Palmyra boys locker rooms and both parking lots will undergo minor repairs.

4. No report of major requisitions at this time.

5. The ESU 4 and ESU 6 Distance Learning Consortium will be pursuing a grant to fund upgrades to distance learning carts for member schools. The RUS grant will provide funding for digital carts that are a significant upgrade from anything currently in use. In addition the grant will provide funding for a server that will allow connectivity for iPads to interact with the carts.

6. Data warehousing efforts are underway as a joint effort of ESU6 and ESU 4 schools. The project will house information from a variety of sources including but not limited to NeSA, MAPS and DIBELS. The project will result in a friendly interface in which to access data and assist further with our efforts to differentiate instruction.

L. Board of Education Development

1. The New Rules for Negotiating Employee Contracts in Schools July 30 in Lincoln.
2. School Law update June 8 in Kearney.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Reports for Transportation, Food Service, Multi-Cultural Education, Elementary and Secondary Handbooks, Policy updates.

Adjournment

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:55 o'clock p.m. on May 14, 2012.

Next Board Meeting- June 18, 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.