

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: March 18, 2013

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 18, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Distance Learning Room 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, Kipp Haight, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, Secondary Principal David Bottrell and Jim Berg.

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

\$69,561.14 General Fund

\$331,877.42 Payroll

\$ 874.76 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$579.30 Building Fund

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

C. Scheduled Audiences:

1. Representative Jim Berg presented Facility Audit information and updates.

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Church, seconded by Royal to accept Steve Robb's voluntary resignation with appreciation for 16 years of dedicated service, effective June 30, 2013.

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

2. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Calfee to accept Alison Winter's voluntary resignation with appreciation for 8 years of dedicated service, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

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

3. Motion by Royal, seconded by Calfee to accept Lelynn Kramer's voluntary resignation with appreciation for 17 years of dedicated service, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

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

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

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

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

6. No action taken

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board reviewed current staffing and proposed staffing for 2013-2014.

G. Communication

None

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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Retirement

As you all know by now, I have made a decision to retire at the end of this school year. The word is out to my staff and students, and is filtering its way through the community. My official letter of resignation will be part of the Bd. packet.

K.G. Round-up List Update

As of today we have 44 students on our Kindergarten Round-Up List. That impressive! There are 31 boys and 13 girls! Round-up is set for Friday, April 19th.

Advanced Ed Visitation

Our school improvement external visitation is quickly approaching. We will share the agenda with BOE at the meeting. Our final changes and updates are going onto the ASSIST this week. Our submission date for ASSIST is March 15th.

NESA and MAPS Assessments

We will be conducting NESA Assessments April 17 through the 23rd.
We will be conducting MAPS Assessments April 30 through May 10th.
Mrs. Hanger and the staff are also conducting practice assessments for NESA this month.
We will conduct a NESA Kick-off assembly the week before assessments start.

March and April Events

Malcolm Elementary Music Contest March 14th
Club's Choice Fundraiser Kick –Off March 21st
Fourth Grade Presidents Presentations/First Grade Space Night/Title I Family Math Night
March 25th

Third/Fourth Grade Science Fair April 5th.
KG Round-up April 19th
Bennet Back-Pack Extra Mile Walk. April 21st
Elementary Spring Concert April 25th
Spring Field Trips All Through April and May!

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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1. AdvancED Visit

Our school improvement external visitation is quickly approaching. We will share the agenda with BOE at the meeting.

2. NeSA Spring Testing

We have tentatively set the last 3 weeks in April for testing.

3. CPR Training – Mr. Malone

The CPR classes were completed at school by Chad Hartwick and myself, Feb. 25 and March 4-5. We had 9 participate in the review classes, this gives us a total of 20 staff members that are current with their CPR card within the last two years.

4. FFA Happenings – Mr. Malone

The FFA and Ag students participated in the District CDE contests March 5 at SCC in Beatrice. Palmyra qualified to participate at the State contest April 4h-5 in Lincoln: Agri-science-Brian Bruggeman, Elizabeth Robinett, Marissa Kinney, Shelly Pavey, Meats- Michael Roath, Brandon Brown, Lauren Lionberger, Zach Bowlin
Welding- Brandon Brown, Miguel Barajas, Joe Schmucker.
The Senior Division Livestock Judging Team just missed qualifying by 25 points.

At the State Convention Tyler Bessey, Brandon Brown, Emma Bremer and Michael Roath will receive their State Degree. The Chapter will receive a State Award for chapter activities and Emma Bremer will be participating her 4th year in the FFA Chorus.

The FFA will host our Spring Blood Drive, March 14th. We have 60 signed up, which a record for our participation with the Community Blood Bank. This will really help with the Scholarship we sponsor for Palmyra seniors that is presented at Awards night.

This year we are participating with the Farmers coop with the management of the crop ground east of town. We will be participating in the management decisions, help to develop a structure plan, clean up, and visit with seed and chemical representatives during the spring, summer and fall. The plan is to involve the students with more management decisions and provide more career information.

5. Pre-registration 2013-2014

This process is in full swing. More on the master schedule at the April meeting.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

Activities for the month were reviewed.

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

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1. Legislation affecting school finance for fiscal 2013-2014 is still progressing through committee work. Currently the legislature will attempt to balance state aid to a total commensurate with the February Revenue Forecast. The preliminary report also endorses the Governor's recommendation for a 5% growth in special education cost reimbursement funding in each of the next two years. These are items of interest that we need to watch closely over the next 30-90 days.

2. Advanced Ed. Accreditation visit in April has been set and a draft agenda provided by the committee chair. Dates for the visitation are April 15, 16.

3. **Gatekeeper Training:** We will be training advisory staff in QPR training:

Gatekeeper training is for anyone who comes in contact with youth. This training contains basic information about suicide, how to spot someone at risk and what to do or say. The training model endorsed by the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition for use in Nebraska is QPR (c) (Question, Persuade and Refer). Qualified trainers are available across the state and are ready to present to your group. The presentation is about an hour and a half and is appropriate for all group sizes. This training opportunity will assist staff who work with grades 7-12 advisory staff in our lowest pupil/teacher ratio settings. I believe it will be of great value to our advisory and character education staff.

4. LB 346, introduced by Sen. Rick Kolowski, would provide in each fiscal year a maximum one-cent levy for school districts looking to enhance school safety and security. The exemption would require a 2/3 majority vote of the board. If a school district uses this funding option, under the bill, the school board or board of education would be required to establish a school security fund separate and apart from the general fund.

5. The Board reviewed information related to the Affordable Health Care Act:

FTE Requirements

Less than 50 FTE employees, no requirements

More than 50 FTE employees, all requirements apply

OR-1 has more than 50 FTE employees

L. Board of Education Development

1. NRCSA conference March 21, 22 in Kearney.

2. Facilities Study Committee Group meeting April 8, 2013.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Staffing update, Facilities, Preliminary report of requisitions.

Adjournment

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:38 o'clock p.m. on March 18, 2013.

Next Board Meeting- April 15, 2013 at Palmyra High School Distance Learning Room at 7:30 PM. Work session April 8, 2013 at Bennet Elementary Commons area.

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