

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 16, 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, September 16, 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 Linde Walter. Mike McDonald Brook Hay, Jim Sack, Craig Bolz, Harold Kelley, Gayle Royal, Gerald Royal, Glenn Royal and Coleen Zenisek.

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

\$129,867.74 General Fund

\$328,464.05 Payroll

\$4374.42 Building Fund

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

**C. Scheduled Audiences:**

The following hearings were opened for discussion at 7:37 p.m.

1. In compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, the board of education provides this time for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto.
2. In compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1601.02, the board of education provides this time for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

The above hearings were closed after discussion at 9: 02 p.m.

3. Coleen Zenisek provided information related to the 5 acre parcel west of the Palmyra High School.

**D. Unscheduled Audiences:**

1. Mike McDonald Brook Hay, Jim Sack, Craig Bolz, Harold Kelley, Gayle Royal, Gerald Royal, Glenn Royal offered comments regarding the budget adoption and the September 10, 2013 bond issue.

**E. Action Items**

1. Motion by Church, seconded by Haight to adopt the 2013-2014 Budget.

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

2. Approve the Tax Request Resolution

2013-2014 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION  
FOR  
OTOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #501

WHEREAS, public notice was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests for the 2013-2014 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Bond Fund, and Special Building Fund, of Otoe County School District #501; and,

WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education hereinafter "the Board" of Otoe County School District #501 hereinafter "the District" at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Request for the said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2013-2014 school fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the General fund should be, and hereby is set at \$4,025,375.72; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond fund should be, and hereby is set at \$324,440.40; and (3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Funds should be, and hereby is set at \$200,112.12.

It is so moved by Haight and seconded by Calfee this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Otoe County School District #501, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said board.

/s/ Robert L. Hanger Secretary

3. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Church to appoint Superintendent Hanger as official representative responsible for State and Federal forms and applications.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

#### **F. Discussion Items**

1. The Board established September 30<sup>th</sup> as a date for the negotiations committee to meet.
2. The Board established September 30<sup>th</sup> as a date for the Building committee to meet and review current building and grounds needs and possible costs for each project.

#### **G. Communication**

1. The Palmyra Education Association thanked the Board for their assistance with the Monday in-service luncheon.

#### **H. Elementary Principal's Report**

September 16, 2013

1. Bennet Elementary had our Open House August 22<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM. We had 82% of our families attend this event. There were a number of community organizations here, as well as the Scholastic Book Fair. It was a great night for the students to show off their classrooms to their families.
2. We are in the middle of our Fall MAPS assessments for students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. A huge thank you to Mrs. Hanger and Mr. Brown for uploading the tests and making sure all students were entered correctly into the system. In addition to uploading the student information, Mrs. Hanger worked with classroom teachers to organize the schedule to accommodate all classrooms in the testing schedule for the areas of math, reading and science. MAPS testing will be completed by September 17<sup>th</sup>. This data gives the classroom teachers a baseline for where the students are at and areas of focus on an individual and classroom level.
3. NeSA Reading, Writing, Math and Science results have been released to the public. Individual results will be given to parents at Parent Teacher conferences. Again, Bennet did really well. A huge thanks to the staff, students and families for their efforts with the testing last spring.

4. This year we incorporated DIBELS as an iPad Application. We have had great comments from the staff about how effective the I-PAD application is and how efficient it has been. This app. allows the staff/students to see instant results and the progress of specific reading skills (nonsense words, first sounds, fluency, etc.)

5. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-8 PM.

### **I. Secondary Principal's Report**

September 16, 2013

#### 1. MAPs testing

This is in the planning stages 7-12. Anticipate using new lab, and testing entire class groups on single sessions as opposed to splitting them up over multiple sessions.

#### 2. State of the Schools Report

To be released on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Walter and I will provide a report to the BOE once the SOSR becomes public.

#### 3. Foreign Exchange Students

Christoph Ellersiek from Germany - living with James and Diane Waltke

Peder Kjekken from Norway - living with Davida Baker

#### 4. Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-8:00 p.m.  
Individual NeSA report cards will be included with last year's 7,8,11 grade students.

### **J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report**

The Board reviewed upcoming activities

### **K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations**

1. The Board reviewed federal program and funding for Title I, Title II, REAP and IDEA.

2. The Board discussed the Universal Service Fund program and potential funding loss associated with the internet DVLG process.

### **L. Board of Education Development**

1. NASB area membership meeting has been scheduled for October 9, 2013 at Nebraska City. The registration deadline is October 2. Please let me know if you are interested.

2. State Conference November 20, 21, 22, at the La Vista Conference Center.

**M. Topics for Next Months Agenda**

Policy revision

**Adjournment**

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:35 o'clock p.m. on September 16, 2013\_.

**Next Board Meeting-** October 14, 2013 at Palmyra High School Distance Learning Room 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.