

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: March 10, 2014

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 10, 2014, 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: Doug Church, Kipp Haight, Clayton Maahs and Larry Royal.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Linde Walter, Secondary Principal David Bottrell, Craig Bolz and Marc Munford.

Absent: Jaimi Calfee, Kevin Schroder

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

\$83,865.26 General Fund

\$337,712.21 Payroll

\$203.43 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$102.36 Building Fund

Voting Yes: Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal,
Voting No: None
Absent: Calfee, Schroder
Motion Passed: 4-0

C. Scheduled Audiences:

1. Marc Munford presented information related to refinancing the 2009 series bonds and reissuance of 2014 bonds.

D. Unscheduled Audiences:

1. Craig Bolz asked questions regarding fiscal 2013-2014 expenditures and policy revision.

E. Action Items

1. Motion by, Church seconded by Royal calling for redemption of the remaining outstanding Series 2009 bonds on April 15, 2014.

A Resolution calling for the early redemption of nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) in aggregate principal amount of refunding bonds, series 2009, issued by Otoe County School District 0501 (Palmyra District OR-1) in the State of Nebraska.

Voting Yes: Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal,
Voting No: None
Absent: Calfee, Schroder
Motion Passed: 4-0

2. Motion by Church, seconded by Maahs authorizing the issuance of Series 2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds dated April 15, 2014.

A Resolution authorizing the issuance by Otoe County School District 0501 (Palmyra District OR-1) in the State of Nebraska of its general obligation refunding bonds, series 2014, in the aggregate principal amount of nine hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$915,000) for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the district; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; imposing a tax to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds; designating the bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations; and authorizing certain actions and documents and prescribing other matters relating thereto.
(A full copy of the resolution is available at the office of the Superintendent).

Voting Yes: Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal,
Voting No: None
Absent: Calfee, Schroder
Motion Passed: 4-0

F. Discussion Items

1. The building and grounds committee reported progress on the sale of the parcel at 190th and Hwy 2.
2. The transportation committee reviewed potential meeting dates and mileage on the current vehicles owned by the district.

G. Communication

None

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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Parent Teacher Conferences:

We had 93% attendance for parent teacher conferences in February.

Kindergarten Round Up:

Bennet Elementary will have KDG Round Up on Friday, March 28th. We currently have 38 students registered for Round Up. We will be having a parent orientation meeting on Tuesday, March 25th for parents. There are six students signed up for Early Entrance testing into KDG in late Spring.

Read Across America Week Activities:

Bennet Elementary students celebrated Read Across America on Friday, February 28th. We had guest readers come into the classroom to share a Dr. Seuss story with the students. We enjoyed having guests from the community come into the school to read to the students.

We also celebrated Children's Author, Dr. Seuss' birthday. Activities included: Green Eggs and Ham for lunch on Monday, daily Dr. Seuss trivia questions, crazy sock day, hat day and a school wide silent reading followed by Dr. Seuss birthday cake.

End of Third Quarter:

The end of third quarter will be March 13th. We will be sending home report cards on Tuesday, March 18th.

Science Fair

Students in third and fourth grade will be participating in the Science Fair at Bennet Elementary on Thursday, March 13th. Students are required to complete a science experiment using the steps of the Scientific Method. This opportunity allows students to explore their interests, develop organizational skills, and provide hands on experiences of using the scientific method

NeSA Test Dates:

Bennet Elementary has tentatively set the following dates for the NeSA assessment: April 23-25 and April 28-29th.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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1. NeSA Spring Testing

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

2. Parent teachers attendance rates were reviewed.

3. 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

The Board reviewed activity dates through May 21, 2014.

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

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1. The Board reviewed Affordable Health Care Act implementation dates, noting the newest guidance seems to point to implementation in September of 2016.

2. The Board reviewed the second quarterly budget report for fiscal 2013-2014.

3. District OR-1 has completed the process for Administrative Review of the food service program. This is a process that will occur every three years. The district did very well in the review process and I would like to compliment our staff for the work that they do to keep that program running efficiently and in full compliance with NDE standards.

4. The Board reviewed information related to the upcoming election and primary May 13, 2014.

L. Board of Education Development

1. NRCSA Spring Conference scheduled for March 20, 21 in Kearney.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Report of requisitions, NRCSA conference, legislation

Adjournment

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:30 o'clock p.m. on March 10, 2014.

Next Board Meeting-April 14, 2014 at Bennet Elementary School Library at 7:30 P.M.

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