

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: August 18, 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, August 18, 2014, 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, Kipp Haight, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Linde Walter, Secondary Principal David Bottrell. Jan Svoboda, Wendell Stone, Brandon Desh, John Recknor, Bill Epply and Jim Sack.

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 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:

\$73,876.76 General Fund

\$301,537.81 Payroll

\$352.64 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$140,000 Transfer to Depreciation

\$5,500.00 Transfer to Lunch Fund

\$ 19,000 Transfer to Activity Fund

\$ 5,000.00 Yearbook

\$ 14,000.00 Athletics

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

C. Scheduled Audiences: None

D. Unscheduled Audiences:

Jan Svoboda, Wendell Stone, Brandon Desh, John Recknor, and Jim Sack offered comments regarding the potential bond issue. Bill Epply commented on property south of the Palmyra gym.

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Royal to affirm Board of Education Goals for 2013-2014.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

2. Motion by Church, seconded by Calfee to Adopt a Resolution as presented Calling for a Bond Election to be held with the statewide general election November 4, 2014 (A full copy of the resolution is available at the office of the Superintendent).

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

Voting No: Royal

Motion Passed: 5-1

3. Motion was made by Calfee and seconded by Maahs that the Board hold a closed session with Superintendent Hanger regarding specific action and legal advice and because it is in the public interest to do so.

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

The board has adopted a motion to enter closed session specific action and legal advice and because it is in the public interest to do so at 8:29 p.m. The board will limit its discussion to this issue.

4. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Royal to leave executive session at 8:44 p.m.

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

5. Motion was made by Calfee and seconded by Church that the Board hold a closed session with Superintendent Hanger regarding negotiations for the sale of real property and because it is in the public interest to do so.

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

The board has adopted a motion to enter closed session regarding negotiations for the sale of real property and because it is in the public interest to do so at 8:46 p.m. The board will limit its discussion to this issue.

Motion by Calfee, seconded by Schroder to leave executive session at 9:11 p.m.

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

6. Motion by Maahs, seconded by Royal authorizing the sale of real property NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and South 20 acres of W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ section 30-T9N-R9E for a purchase price of \$345,000.

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

F. Discussion Items

1. Work session date for August 25th was established.

G. Communication

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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Elementary Principal's Report

1. The first two days of school are underway. Scott and Roger have been busy working at the elementary in preparation of the first student day. A huge thank you to them!
2. As of this week there are 296 students enrolled at the elementary PreK-6th grade. I will have a more accurate count after the first full student day on August 14th.

The estimated enrollment numbers are:

Preschool- 27

KDG: 43

1st Grade: 50

2nd Grade: 35

3rd Grade: 34

4th Grade: 42

5th Grade: 30

6th Grade: 35

PreK-6 total 296 students as of August 13th.

Our total number of students in May at the elementary was 273.

3. New Staff:

Staff additions include Mrs. Wusk the third 1st grade classroom teacher and Ms. Cerny for Special Education at the High school and Elementary.

4. We had our annual open house on Tuesday, August 12th from 5:30-7:00 PM. I am still getting attendance numbers from classroom teachers and will report on this at the meeting. Bennet Boosters, the Book Fair, Fine Arts, Junior Football, Girl/Boys Scouts, were just a few of the sponsors present.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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1. First two days of school

I hope to report that the first couple days of school went as planned and that everyone is thrilled to be back!!!

2. New Staff

No turnover at the High School!

3. Student teacher Matt Novak working w/ Mr. Panko and Mr. Kotik

4. Class rosters

I will bring a current class roster, grades 7-12, to the meeting.

5. Class Schedules.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

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HS Football:

Practice will begin on August 11th.

HS Girls Golf:

Practice will begin on August 14th.

HS Boys/Girls Cross Country:

Practice will begin on August 18th.

HS Volleyball:

Practice for Volleyball will begin on August 18th.

Athletic Booster Bash

Monday August 25th the Athletic Boosters have scheduled the annual "Booster Bash".

The festivities will begin at 6pm.

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

August 18, 2014

1. Census data completed for the July 20th report to the Department of Education shows the population of 5-18 year olds to be 276 in Otoe County and 327 in Lancaster County

resulting in an increase of 57 children. Data for 2004 to present is shown in the chart below: The data indicates four consecutive years of population increases.

2. Building and grounds projects have been nearly completed in both buildings. The Bennet project was completed on July 31st and Palmyra the week of August 4th due to the additional replacement of remaining vav valves in the 80s and 90s building additions.

3. ACT scores will be embargoed until after the fourth week of August. In recent years Palmyra students have scored well in comparison with state and national score averages. 2013-2014 scores will be released within the next 30 days.

L. Board of Education Development

1. NASB area membership meeting has been scheduled for October 8, 2014 at Nebraska City. The registration deadline is October 1.

M. Topics for Next Month's Agenda

Budget adoption and authorization to sign federal and state forms.

Adjournment

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:34 o'clock p.m. on August 18, 2014.

Next Board Meeting- September 15, 2014 at Palmyra High School Media Center 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.