

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 15, 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, September 15, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center 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, Jim Sack and Gerald Royal.

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

\$147,287.90 General Fund

\$348,497.21 Payroll

\$28,672.40 Depreciation Fund

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

**C. Scheduled Audiences: None**

The following hearings were opened for discussion at 7:36 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 8:02 p.m.

**D. Unscheduled Audiences:**

1. Jim Sack and Gerald Royal offered comments and questions regarding the budget adoption.

**E. Action Items**

1. Motion by Maahs, seconded by Schroder to adopt the 2014-2015 Budget.

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

2. Approve the Tax Request Resolution:

2014-2015 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 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 school fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the General fund should be, and hereby is set at \$4,371,638.34; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond fund should be, and hereby is set at \$313,181.82; and (3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Funds should be, and hereby is set at \$218,181.82.

It is so moved by Church and seconded by Maahs this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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

Voting No: 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 Church, seconded by Schroder 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

Motion Passed: 6-0

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

1. The Board reviewed the possibility of Custodial Services for evening duties at Palmyra High School.
2. Building Committee meeting established a meeting date for October.
3. Community Informational meeting dates are set for September 29<sup>th</sup> in Palmyra and October 20<sup>th</sup> in Bennet with a start time of 7:00 p.m.

#### **G. Communication**

None

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

September 15, 2014

1. 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 for working with classroom teachers in organizing the schedule and accommodating all classrooms in the testing schedule for the areas of math, reading, language and science. Also, thank you to the staff for being so flexible and Mr. Brown for uploading the information in the system. MAPS testing will be completed by September 17<sup>th</sup>. MAPS data will give the classroom teacher a baseline for where the students are at and areas to focus on with an individual student and at a classroom level. This information will be shared at Parent Teacher Conferences in September.
2. Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM the Bennet Booster will be hosting a Fall Festival at Bennet Elementary. This is a free family event with food, games, hay rack rides and a bounce house. Please join us for this fun family event.
3. Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> will be Bennet Elementary Safety Day. We will practice the following safety drills: lock down, fire, tornado, and bus and school evacuation.
4. NeSA Reading, Writing, Math and Science results have been released to the public. Individual results will be given to parents at Parent Teacher conferences. We will have a full NeSA report at the October meeting, prior to the release of State of Schools Report.
5. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-8 PM. We will have an early dismissal at 1:10 this day.

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

September 15, 2014

1. MAPs testing - to begin in October  
We are in the planning stages at the high school. Like last year we will test in the new lab, with entire class groups in single sessions.
2. NeSA test scores 2014  
Last year's test scores were released to the public in August. Individual NeSA report cards will be delivered to last year's 7, 8, 11 grade students at P-T conferences. We will have a full NeSA report at the October meeting, prior to the release of State of Schools Report.
3. Foreign Exchange Student staying with the Calfee's
4. Parent Teacher Conferences  
Parent/teacher conferences scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00-8:00 p.m.

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

September 15, 2014

1. The Board reviewed upcoming activities.

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

September 15, 2014

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 changes regarding telecommunications and web hosting services.
3. The Board of Education reviewed the annual Calendar for fiscal 2014-2015.

## **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.
2. State Conference November 19, 20, 21, at the La Vista Conference Center.

## **M. Topics for Next Months Agenda**

Updates for policy, facilities and enrollment figures.

## **Adjournment**

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:35 o'clock p.m. on September 15, 2015.

**Next Board Meeting-** October 13, 2014 at Palmyra High School Distance Learning Room 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.