

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, June 10, 2024 7:00 PM

Media Center at the Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools

425 F Street

Palmyra, NE 68418

District Mission:

“Together we prepare our students to successfully meet the challenges of the future.”

Strategic Goal 1: District OR-1 Public Schools will provide the facilities needed to be competitive with other area schools in athletics and fine arts programs.

Strategic Goal 2: District OR-1 Public Schools will foster a unified community.

Strategic Goal 3: District OR-1 Public Schools will continuously implement (academic) programs and the curriculum needed to remain competitive with other area schools.

Attendance Taken at 6:57 PM.

Dean Busch: Present

Jaimi Calfee: Present

Tim Cheney: Present

Brandon Desh: Present

Dee Moore: Present

Josh Penterman: Present

This information was posted in the following public formats:

- The Voice News (weekly area newspaper)
- Farmers' Merchants Bank - Palmyra
- Palmyra Post Office
- Palmyra High School
- Bennet Post Office
- Bennet Elementary School
- District OR-1 Website - <https://www.districtor1.org/>

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Board President Desh called the meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.**
- The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted at the CMAR special board meeting earlier in the evening.

2. Announcement of the Open Meetings Act Posting

- Board President Desh identified the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster on the wall in the meeting room.
 - ***Please note:*** *An updated copy of the Open Meetings Act poster will be distributed to public entities for public distribution sometime during the summer of 2024.*
 - *Until the posters arrive, the attached document will be displayed in the meeting room to accommodate the current changes.*
 - ***The changes are reflected in the currently posted materials: revised April 2024.***

3. Staff and Student Presentations

- No staff or student presentations are scheduled during June and July.
 - These staff and student presentations will start again at the beginning of the **2024-2025** school year.

4. Consent Agenda Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Dean Busch, Passed.

Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea

- No further discussion.

4.1. Approval of Board Agenda

4.2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

4.3. Approval of Claims/Payment of Bills and Payroll

4.4. Certificated/Classified Hire(s)/Reassignment(s)/Resignation(s)

4.5. Financial Report

5. Public Comment

- Public Comment was provided by Darin Corder of Bennet, Nebraska.
- Public Comment was provided by Jan Svoboda of Bennet, Nebraska

6. Administrative Reports

6.1. Superintendent's Report **Highlighted Topics from the Superintendent's Report:**

- **Facility Usage Sample Documents Discussion:**
 - Sample documents were discussed to develop and implement a District OR-1 Facility Usage Agreement for the high school community fitness center. This item will be discussed with the administrative staff before the July board meeting and a document will be shared at the regular board meeting for approval consideration.
- **Staff Kudos:**
 - Special congratulations to Michelle Paxton (FCS Teacher at the High School) and Mr. Thomas McChristian (Sixth Grade Teacher at Bennet) for their recent accomplishments.
- **Student Fees Clarification:**

- The following fees were clarified at the meeting:
 - **Student Activity Fee:** \$30.00
 - **Event Admission:**
 - \$6.00 for adult
 - \$4.00 for students
- All other fees will remain the same.
- *A public hearing on the district **Student Fee Policy (#5416)** will be held before the **Thursday, July 11th, 2024**, regular Board of Education meeting.*
- **Preschool:**
 - **Personnel and Operational Update:** No certified preschool staff were added to accommodate the discussed changes.
 - **Selection:** A policy document clarifying updated preschool selection criteria was discussed and will be an action item later in the agenda.
 - **Tuition Discussion:** The discussion included a recommendation that half-day tuition would remain at **\$150.00** per month and full-day tuition would be **\$300.00** per month.
- **2022 Bond: 3rd Issuance Update**
 - Proceeds and Repository Discussion revolved around rates of return.
 - This is also an action item later in the agenda.
- **District Communication Audit**
 - ***Parent and Patron Survey Update:*** Mr. Hart shared a brief summary of results from the recent Parent and Patron Survey. Action steps developed in alignment with the results of the study will be presented at the August 2024 Board of Education meeting.
 - ***Upcoming Focus Groups:*** Focus groups are scheduled for **Thursday, June 20th** at Palmyra High School. These focus groups allow for more in-depth analysis of the survey results.
 - ***Upcoming Student Survey:*** A survey will be administered to all students in 4th-12th grade when school resumes in the fall.
- **Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) Member Spotlight for District OR-1 Schools:**
 - District OR-1 was highlighted in the June edition of the NRCSA newsletter. Special thanks to Mrs. Cassie Wemhoff for helping put together this information for the publication.
- **Math Curriculum Update:**
 - Ms. Walter provided an update on the purchase of a new math curriculum. Staff training and instructional implementation of the material will occur this school year.
- **Personnel Update**
 - Ms. Walter shared an update on her transition to this new position.
 - **Classified Staff** (Paras, Drivers, Food Service, Office, etc.). Update: We continue to look for high-quality paraprofessionals, food service workers, custodians, and bus drivers.
 - **Certified Staff Update:** All certified positions have been filled.
- **2024-2025 Budget Planning Update:**

- Mr. Hart provided information about the current budget and the projected **2024-2025** district budget.
- **Board Retreat Summary:**
 - Board members provided a summary of the board retreat held on **Monday, June 3rd, 2024** at Transformation Marketing in Panama, Nebraska.
- **Student Handbook Update**
 - **Preschool** - This document is up for approval this month
 - **Elementary School:** This document will be up for approval at the July board meeting.
 - **PHS:** This document is up for approval in July after the Student Fees public hearing.
- **Staff Handbook Update**
 - Certified Staff:
 - This document will be for approval in July.
 - Classified Staff:
 - This document will be on the board agenda for approval in July.
- **Building Projects Update:**
 - This update was summarized from the CMAR building tour of PHS that occurred earlier in the evening.
- **Summer Enrichment Update:**
 - Ms. Walter provided an update on summer enrichment.
- **MTSS:**
 - Ms. Walter provided an update on the district MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) system.
- **Other items as needed:**
 - Mr. Hart passed out a document regarding NDOT improvements for designated Otoe County bridges.

6.2. Administrative Team Report Highlights from the Admin Report:

- **High School Parking Update:**
 - Parking will remain the same for the start of the school year.
- **Committee Meetings:**
 - Behavior, MTSS, and Data committees will continue to meet this summer with both buildings to make changes, implement new ideas, and evaluate data from statewide testing and district assessments.
- **Math Curriculum Update:**
 - The Math Curriculum chosen was McGraw Hill. This curriculum will be implemented at both buildings starting in August.
- **Summer Enrichment:**
 - Summer Enrichment started **Monday, June 3rd**. We have 96 students enrolled. Summer Enrichment continues through June 20th and ends with a field trip to the movie theater.
 - Numbers are lower this year due to having summer school at both locations and not accepting late registration due to construction.
- **Multicultural Report:**

- Multicultural reports indicate compliance with 100% of staff under Rule 16.004.11. A binder of specific classroom activities is in the office.

7. Discussion Items- Committee Reports

7.1. Americanism and Multicultural Reports

- In compliance with the State Board of Education Rule 10 and LB 79-719, our schools have successfully completed all multicultural education requirements for the **2023-2024** school year.

7.2. District Activities Committee

- Committee members summarized the meeting which occurred on **Thursday, May 23rd, 2024** at PHS.

7.3. District Wellness Committee

- District Wellness Committee Members summarized the meeting which was held on **Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 at PHS.**

8. Policy Review

- Additional policies and new legislative mandates will be reviewed at the **Thursday, July 11th, 2024** regular board meeting.

9. Action Items

- After board member discussion, *Riverstone Bank* was chosen as the depository for the third issuance of the 2022 bond.
 - Riverstone Bank had the most competitive rate of the three options considered for this task.

9.1. Presentation, discussion, and or official action to approve the depository for the third issuance of the 2022 General Obligation Bonds. Motion to approve Riverstone Bank. This motion, made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Josh Penterman, Passed.

Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea

- After board member discussion, **Riverstone Bank** was chosen as the depository for the third issuance of the 2022 bond.

9.2. Presentation, discussion, and or official action to approve the updated District OR.1 Preschool Selection Criteria Policy. Motion to approve as discussed. This motion, made by Josh Penterman and seconded by Dee Moore, Passed.

Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea

- No further discussion.
 - These changes will take effect with the **2024-2025** school year.

9.3. Presentation, discussion, and or official action to determine the tuition for preschool at Bennet Elementary School Motion to approve as discussed. This motion, made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Dean Busch, Passed.

Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea

- The board approved the following rates for tuition which will be in effect for the **2024-2025** school year.
 - **Part-Time: \$150.00**
 - **Full-Time: \$300.00**

9.4. Presentation, discussion, and or official action to approve the 2024-2025 Pre-School Student Handbook. Motion to Approve the 2024-2025 Bennet Elementary Pre-School Handbook. This motion, made by Dee Moore and seconded by Tim Cheney, Passed.

Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea

- No further discussion.

9.5. Presentation, discussion, and or official action to approve the 2024-2025 Bennet Elementary Student Handbook. Motion to table the 2024-2025 Bennet Elementary Student Handbook. This motion, made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Dee Moore, Tabled.

Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea

- This agenda item was "tabled" until the **Thursday, July 11th, 2024** board meeting.
- No further discussion.

9.6. Presentation, discussion, and or official action to update food service student prices for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion to approve Food Service Prices for 2024-2025. This motion, made by Jaimi Calfee and seconded by Dee Moore, Passed.

Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea

- No further discussion.

9.7. Presentation, discussion, and or official action to approve a calendar change to the 2024-2025 School District Calendar. Motion to approve the updated changes to the 2024-2025 school calendar. This motion, made by Dee Moore and seconded by Dean Busch, Passed.

Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea No further discussion.

Specific changes are listed below:

- **Tuesday, March 25th, 2025**, is now a regular school day for all students and staff.

- **Monday, March 31st, 2025**, is now a no-school day for students. This will be a staff development day for staff as this is the MUDECAS Conference Music event and PHS will host the event.
- **Monday, August 12th, 2024**, is now the first day of school for all students K-12.
- **Tuesday, August 13th, 2024**, is now the first day of Preschool.

*Upon additional Facility Committee recommendations, the first day of school for students will be **Monday, August 12th, 2024**.

Please note: The updated calendar will be distributed to families and community patrons via the district website and social media channels and placed in the July 2024 district newsletter.

9.8. Presentation, discussion, and or official action to reschedule the Monday, July 8th, 2024 board meetings Motion to approve changing the Monday, July 8th, 2024 Board meetings to Thursday, July 11th,, 2024. This motion, made by Dean Busch and seconded by Tim Cheney, Passed.

Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Dsh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea

- No further discussion.
 - This board notice will be publicized as normal in the usual locations.

9.9. Presentation, discussion, and or official action to purchase an additional school bus. Motion to approve as discussed. This motion, made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Josh Penterman, Passed.

Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Dsh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea

- Additional discussion involved capacity, type of fuel, and safety restraints.
- No further discussion

10. Board of Education Development

- Board President Dsh sent out the Google Form link for board members to complete a board self-assessment survey.
- No further discussion.

11. Closed Session

- No closed session occurred during the meeting.

12. Topics for Next Month's Agenda

- No further discussion.

13. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at: **8:28 p.m.**

Chairperson

Superintendent