

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education
Monday, March 1, 2010

A special meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by President Zuhlke at Serendipity in Plainview. The special meeting was held as a board retreat for the purpose of discussing future planning items. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Krista Hanks, Kent Friedrich, Jeremy Hampton, and Dan Stelling. John Anderson was absent at roll call, but arrived at 5:10 p.m. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent Richard Alt, Principal Randall Klooz, and Principal Randy Kort. Brook Curtis arrived at the meeting at 5:55 p.m. and left at 6:45 p.m.

Zuhlke indicated that the rules for open meetings were available for inspection at the meeting. At this point President Zuhlke turned the meeting over to Vice-President Jeremy Hampton to lead the discussion during the retreat.

Input from the teaching staff had been gathered through a survey prior to the meeting. Information from that survey was infused into the discussion throughout the meeting.

Vice-President Hampton asked Superintendent Alt to read the priorities that had been identified during the Board's last retreat which was held on November 9, 2007 (see attached). Several items were then freely discussed by the Board. These included:

- Career education classes
- High school schedule – block scheduling vs. an 8-period day, Option A, B, C classes
- Declining enrollment – A possible need to share programs with other districts, junior kindergarten and pre-school
- Sharing of activities with neighboring districts

The Board recessed at 6:45 p.m. to enjoy a dinner prepared for them by Serendipity and returned to open session at 7:37 p.m.

Vice-President Hampton asked Mr. Alt to read the priorities from the November 9, 2007 meeting again. The Board began to focus on formulating an updated list of priorities. Kent Friedrich identified facilities as an area of need. He referenced the "walk-through" that he and Dan Stelling had been involved in following the Board's regular February meeting. Specific items identified as needing attention included the restrooms by Mr. Klooz's office, the locker rooms, ceiling tiles throughout the building, landscaping and the tartan gym floor. The Board asked that Mr. Alt begin incorporating the cost of these repairs into budget planning.

Mr. Kort asked the Board for direction in planning for the effect of declining enrollments in the elementary and in the activity programs. The Board iterated that the staff in the elementary needs to be appropriate for the number of students. Sharing of activities with neighboring districts was identified as a viable option.

The Board identified priorities to help in future district decisions. Specific wording and adoption is to be done at subsequent meetings of the Board.

- 1) Work to change the culture of the school to provide a more positive environment.
- 2) Facilities and Grounds - maintain and improve, when possible, all school facilities, grounds, equipment and infrastructure to present a positive image and increase the district's viability.

- 3) Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment – utilization of technology across the curriculum to assist students in achieving personal goals as they prepare for an ever-changing society.
- 4) Staffing/Personnel – needed reductions in staff shall occur through attrition with Reduction-In-Force utilized as a last alternative. Efforts to share teachers and administrators will be encouraged. Teachers with multiple endorsements will be placed to meet student and district needs. Consideration for new hires will be given to those candidates who offer multiple endorsements.
- 5) Be open to actively discussing the option of sharing programs with neighboring districts.

President Zuhke declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

I, the undersigned, as the secretary of the Board of Education of District 5, Plainview, NE, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the special meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, held in open session on the 1st day of March, 2010, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Krista Hanks, Secretary of the Board of Education