

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the high school media center by Jeremy Hampton, vice president. Roll call was answered by Hampton, Krista Hanks, John Anderson, and Dan Stelling. Kent Friedrich and Alden Zuhlke were absent. Also present were Superintendent Richard Alt, Secondary Principal Randall Klooz and recording secretary, Imogene Wacker. Marilyn Elwood, Elaine Hampton and Cory Friedrich signed the visitor roster. Vice Chairman Hampton indicated that the rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room. Friedrich arrived at 5:35 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included the minutes of the June 14, 2010 regular meeting, the financial reports, the July claims and approval of the agenda.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$716,612.46 (790,982.35) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$124,948.07 (108,005.76), Petty Cash \$1,457.53 (2,503.20), Activity Account \$49,028.17 (59,850.55), Lunch Account \$19,543.55 (23,058.97), Employee Benefit Fund \$52,611.94 (52,576.29), Depreciation Fund \$468,210.54 (227,899.29), Payroll Account \$3,788.10 (1,133.29), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$11,471.30 (11,574.26). Total assets were \$2,367,009.42, compared to \$1,913,801.75 a month ago and \$2,322,732.18 a year ago.

June receipts totaled \$565,723.51. That compares to \$1,019,181.73 in May. Disbursements totaled \$640,093.40, including \$363,782.21 for claims and \$276,311.19 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$16,942.31. There were no Building Fund expenditures.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$80,662.24. There were no claims to the Building Fund. Stelling moved, Hanks seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Zuhlke absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

DISTRICT SAFETY PLAN REVISIONS

Cory Friedrich was present to report on proposed changes to the school district's safety plan. Board members had received a copy of the changes in their packets. Hanks moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the proposed revisions to the district's safety plan as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Zuhlke absent. Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY 504.21

Board Policy 504.21 (Dating Violence Prevention) was discussed and approved on first reading at the June 14, 2010 regular board meeting. Stelling moved, Friedrich seconded, to approve on second reading Board Policy 504.21 (Dating Violence Prevention). Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Zuhlke absent. Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF WORDING CHANGES TO BOARD POLICY 407.02

Wording changes to Board Policy 407.02 (Certificated Employee Negotiations) were discussed and approved at the June 14, 2010 regular board meeting. Anderson moved, Stelling seconded, to approve on second reading the wording changes to Board Policy 407.02 (Certificated Employee Negotiations) to read "When hired, teachers shall be credited with all years of teaching experience and placed on the schedule according to their degree level." Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Zuhlke absent. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BULLYING PREVENTION POLICY

According to statute, Board Policy 504.20 (Bullying Prevention) must be reviewed each year. Discussion occurred on the policy's intent and content. No board action was required.

REVIEW AND RE-ADOPTION OF STUDENT FEES POLICY

According to statute, Board Policy 504.19 (Student Fees) must be reviewed and re-adopted annually. Superintendent Alt explained how student fees are collected and spent and how student waivers are used. He distributed copies of the current student fee sections from the elementary and secondary school handbooks and a student fee financial report from the past year. Discussion occurred on charges for attendance at school activities. Friedrich moved, Anderson seconded, to re-adopt Board Policy 504.19 (Student Fees) for the 2010-2011 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Zuhlke absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING DISTRICT'S 403(b) PLAN

The district's 403(b) plan has been updated to bring it into compliance with IRS changes. It is necessary for the board to adopt and approve the changes. Hanks moved, Stelling seconded, to approve the amendments to the Plainview Public School's 403(b) plan. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Zuhlke absent. Motion carried.

NON-SPONSORED USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Discussion occurred on the use of school facilities by non-sponsored community members and students. Superintendent Alt asked for direction from the board in order to maintain building security, reduce the district's liability and still meet the needs of the community. Board members expressed the importance of keeping the facilities open to the public, but also that it is important to have someone supervising set times for their use. Superintendent Alt and the board's Policy and Procedures Committee were asked to research the issue.

ACT SCORE DATA

The issue of Plainview High School students' ACT scores was brought up at the June 14, 2010 regular board meeting. Superintendent Alt presented information on past ACT results, showing overall, ACT scores have been positive. The data is available to the public. Data was also available on the district's Terra Nova scores.

DESIGNATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

Designation of a State and Federal Programs Director for the school district is a formality to allow for documents and forms to be signed. Stelling moved, Hanks seconded, to designate Superintendent Richard Alt as the State and Federal Programs Director for the 2010-2011 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Zuhlke absent. Motion carried.

BOARD RESIGNATION AND OPTIONS TO FILL THE POSITION

Dan Stelling submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Education of Plainview School District #5. He no longer is a resident of the school district and according to state statute and board policy, he is no longer eligible to serve as a member of the board. Board members expressed thanks to Stelling for his service. Anderson moved, Friedrich seconded, to accept Dan Stelling's resignation from the Plainview Board of Education, with regrets, effective at the end of the July 12, 2010 meeting, due to the fact that he no longer resides within the boundaries of Plainview Public Schools, District #5. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Zuhlke absent. Motion carried.

State statute and board policy allows the local board of education to appoint someone to replace Stelling for the balance of his term, with no specific guidelines given, other than it must be done within 45 days of the resignation. Superintendent Alt recommended having the new appointee sworn in at the August meeting.

Options for filling the board vacancy were discussed and it was decided to place an ad in the local paper for two weeks, asking those interested in serving the remainder of Stelling's term to contact Imogene Wacker at the Superintendent's office to place their name on a list for the board to consider. The deadline to apply will be Monday, July 26, 2010. Stelling's remaining term is August through December of 2010 plus the years of 2011 and 2012. The appointee must be of voting age, be a resident of Plainview School District #5 and not be serving in another elective office. A special meeting may be needed prior to the August board meeting to interview applicants and consider the appointment.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary Principal/ Activities Director Kort was not present at the meeting.

Secondary Principal Klooz presented information and a timeline on the proposed 24/7 Learning Project, providing a laptop computer for every student in the junior-senior high school. Discussion occurred. Several board members expressed the desire to make the decision as soon as possible, expressing support for the project. Others felt it was important to look at several schools already using laptops for every student, particularly schools that have had the laptops for several years. One board member asked that consideration particularly be given to the questions of affordability of the project for the district, why some research shows that laptops for every student will not improve test scores and how the project might affect sharing and cooperating with other area schools.

Principal Klooz also presented changes for graduation requirements and an update on the L to J teaching strategy that reviews and repeats concepts in the classroom while teaching new material. The program will be piloted in 2010-2011 and then implemented throughout the school in the following year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no president's report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Alt read a thank you from Kathleen Johansen and reported receiving 13 applicants for the paraeducator position. He reported on the Special Education Proportionate Share Meeting held recently and asked for comments from school foundation members on the alumni banquet presentation. Foundation member Hanks reported several checks were received from alumni. Superintendent Alt spoke briefly about the school's Suburban and vans. He gave reminders on the upcoming NASB finance meeting and area membership meeting and asked board members to update their NASB Award of Achievement forms and return them to him by July 31. He also reported on the fuel tank removal process, the delivery of the new skid loader and the installation of security cameras. Work on the track will be completed in August. It was suggested that administrators write regular articles for the local newspaper dealing with current school issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed recording 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 regular meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, held in open session on the 12th day of July 2010, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary