

## **Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting**

**Monday, May 9, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the secondary media center by Bob Green, president, on Monday, May 9, 2016. Roll call was answered by Green, Mike Scott, Vicki Peterson, Steve Mosel and Mike Sauser. Jason Ashburn was absent and excused. The rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Consent items included the minutes of the April 11, 2016 regular meeting, the financial reports, the May claims and approval of the agenda. The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$280,868.87 (597,345.24) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$544,680.96 (539,655.49), Petty Cash \$2,116.78 (2,501.05), Activity Account \$57,337.83 (68,180.94), Lunch Account \$18,845.22 (18,949.86), Employee Benefit Fund \$51,120.50 (51,118.47), Depreciation Fund \$563,068.80 (563,024.07), Payroll Account \$1,082.71 (1,066.98), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$10,136.43 (10,883.35). Total assets were \$2,394,949.36 compared to \$2,682,156.84 a month ago and \$2,422,709.85 a year ago. April receipts totaled \$160,731.47. That compares to \$163,746.04 in March. Disbursements totaled \$477,207.84, including \$170,568.61 for claims and \$306,639.23 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$5,025.47. There were no Building Fund expenditures. Claims to the General Fund totaled \$134,308.74. Peterson moved, Sauser seconded, to approve the consent items, with the exception of check #28316, for \$218.40, which is to be voided. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Green read a statement, setting the parameters on what is allowed in the public comment period and also reminding those involved of a five-minute time limit. Public comments concerned the possible activity cooping with Creighton Public Schools. Jan Krause shared her concerns that if the seventh period of the day were used for travel time between schools and the eighth period were used for practice time, there would be a conflict with the time normally allotted for junior high music. Sally Choat had attended the Creighton public meeting on sharing activities and felt that Plainview needs better communication with parents and the public in general. Jo Beth Doerr had questions on how students would be transported to and from practices. Also speaking on the topic were Brook Curtiss, Paula Hoffman, Angie Rix, Bob Lingenfelter and Stacy Ziems. Board members noted that no decisions have been made on this issue, but discussions are continuing.

### **REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 702.01 (FISCAL YEAR)**

Board Policy 702.01 (Fiscal Year) was reviewed. No changes were suggested for this policy.

### **REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 702.02 (BUDGET PLANNING, PREPARATION AND SCHEDULES)**

Board Policy 702.02 (Budget Planning, Preparation and Schedules) was reviewed. No changes were suggested for this policy.

### **BOARD POLICY 702.03 (BUDGET ADOPTION PROCESS)**

Board Policy 702.03 (Budget Adoption Process) was reviewed. No changes were suggested for this policy.

### **BOARD POLICY 704.01 (DEPOSITS AND TRANSFERS)**

Board Policy 704.01 (Deposits and Transfers) was reviewed. No changes were suggested for this policy.

### **BOARD POLICY 704.02 (FINANCIAL RECORDS)**

Board Policy 704.02 (Financial Records) was reviewed. No changes were suggested for this policy.

**BOARD POLICY 704.04 (AUDITS)**

Board Policy 704.04 (Audits) was reviewed. No changes were suggested for this policy.

**DISCUSSION OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS WITH NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS**

Since discussion on this topic was heard during the public comment period, little additional discussion occurred. Following a special meeting of Creighton Public School's Board of Education on April 29 to discuss cooping activities, Superintendent Peterson from Creighton contacted Superintendent Alt and indicated that the Creighton board would like to hold a joint meeting of the two boards to discuss cooping junior high activities. That meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 in the high school social studies room at Creighton Schools.

**APPROVAL ON FIRST AND SECOND READING BOARD POLICY 611.02 (STUDENT PROMOTION, RETENTION OR ACCELERATION)**

During discussion at the April meeting on Board Policy 611.02 (Student Promotion, Retention or Acceleration), it was suggested that wording in the policy be changed to state that parents of students in kindergarten through grade three, rather than just grades first through third, be notified that repetition of a class is being considered. Peterson moved, Scott seconded, to approve on first and second reading, changes to Board Policy 611.02 (Student Promotion, Retention or Acceleration). Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL ON FIRST AND SECOND READING BOARD POLICY 611.03 (STUDENT HONORS AND AWARDS)**

Board Policy 611.03 (Student Honors and Awards) was reviewed at the April board meeting. It was suggested that the policy be changed to require attendance of four semesters to qualify for valedictorian and/or salutatorian honors, with most other awards not requiring a specific number of semesters attending Plainview. Peterson moved, Scott seconded, to approve on first and second reading, changes to Board Policy 611.03 (Student Honors and Awards). Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ON FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY 413.035 (NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES – AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE)**

Following the April board meeting, some concerns were raised by the school's Blue Cross Blue Shield representative about discussion held with classified staff members pertaining to the Affordable Care Act. Those concerns were explained to the staff members, primarily dealing with the possibility of employees losing their insurance subsidy on the marketplace if the district offers insurance. Superintendent Alt met with the school attorney to explain the concerns to him and to see what legal options were available. The attorney provided a draft policy that will allow the school to offer insurance and not endanger employees' current insurance options. This approach may subject the district to an IRS penalty, however, the total penalty would likely not exceed the possible total insurance premium amount. A copy of the proposed policy was included in the board packet. Sauser moved, Scott seconded, to approve on first reading Board Policy 413.035 (Non-Certificated Employees – Affordable Health Care). Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried. The policy will be brought back for second reading at the June board meeting.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF HANDBOOK CHANGES FOR 2016-2017**

Principal Novicki suggested one change for the handbook for the coming year. She proposed removing the Dual Credit Conversion Chart from the handbook since it is no longer practical. Scott moved, Peterson seconded, to approve handbook changes for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT OF NORTH ELEMENTARY BUILDING DOORS**

The doors and frames on the north entrance of the elementary building are in need of replacement. Glass Edge had, in February, bid \$7,342.00 to replace the doors and frames. Glass Edge will still honor that bid with a possible slight increase. Peterson moved, Sauser seconded, to approve having Glass Edge replace the north doors of the elementary at a cost of approximately \$7,342.00. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried.

#### **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Activities Director Cory Friedrich, in his written report, noted dates of May 12 for district track at Ponca and May 16 for district golf at Plainview. He also requested that the board consider respraying/repainting the track and purchasing new lockers for the girls locker room during the 2016-2017 budget year.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal Patty Novicki reported that NeSA testing is complete. In future years, juniors will take the ACT in place of NeSA. Grades 3-8 will follow state standards, however curriculum will have to be rewritten for grades 9-12. Plainview High School was again named as a nationally recognized school and on a list of best high schools by U.S. News and World Report. Class scheduling for 2016-2017 is continuing. All Plainview band and vocal music entries at the recent district music contest received either a I or a II. FFA and FCCLA banquets have been held, as well as the ESU 8 art show, the elementary music program, and junior high speech night. Teachers appreciated the breakfast served by school boosters in celebration of National Teacher Appreciation Week. Honors Night is May 10 and graduation is May 14. The CloseUp group leaves May 29 and the band trip is May 27-30. Principal Novicki complimented the students and their coaches/sponsors on their good behavior at events at other schools, including district music contest and track meets. A question was raised on choosing a girls basketball coach for the coming year. Several thank yous were received for the upper elementary donations for the Viet Nam veterans Honor Flight.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

There was no president's report.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Alt reported on the need to remodel a shed east of the shop area for equipment storage. He also noted that work on the new gym lighting will begin May 16 and spoke about planned designs for artwork on the Pirate Gym floor. Planned summer projects include painting hallways in the elementary building, installation of more new cabinets in the elementary and additional wall padding in the tartan gym. Future possible new purchases include a new special education van yet in this budget year, a bus, and roof replacement on the south secondary area. He distributed reports to board members on the school improvement external visitation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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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 9th day of May, 2016, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in The Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary