

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting

Monday, June 13, 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, June 13, 2016. Roll call was answered by Green, Mike Scott, Jason Ashburn, Vicki Peterson, Steve Mosel and Mike Sauser. The rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included the minutes of the May 9, 2016 regular meeting and the May 11, 2016 special meeting, the financial reports, the June claims and approval of the agenda. The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$927,583.74 (280,868.87) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$602,746.82 (544,680.96), Petty Cash \$2,472.05 (2,116.78), Activity Account \$61,431.33 (57,337.83), Lunch Account \$13,974.77 (18,845.22), Employee Benefit Fund \$51,122.74 (51,120.50), Depreciation Fund \$563,118.16 (563,068.80), Payroll Account \$1,093.28 (1,082.71), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$10,745.85 (10,136.43). Total assets were \$3,129,381.30 compared to \$2,394,949.36 a month ago and \$3,284,834.21 a year ago. May receipts totaled \$1,093,598.04. That compares to \$160,731.47 in April. Disbursements totaled \$447,101.57, including \$134,308.74 for claims and \$312,792.83 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$58,065.86. There were no Building Fund expenditures. Claims to the General Fund totaled \$104,907.44. Sauser moved, Peterson seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. 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. Brook Curtiss thanked the board and school staff for allowing the All-Class Reunion to be held at the school and for their assistance. He did express a concern about the tartan gym floor carpet covering as several people at the reunion tripped on the carpet edges.

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 705.03 (FREE ADMISSION PASSES)

Board Policy 705.03 (Free Admission Passes) was reviewed. This policy deals with senior citizen passes and staff and board passes. No changes were suggested for this policy.

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 705.50 (CONCESSION STAND)

Board Policy 705.50 (Concession Stand) was reviewed. No changes were suggested for this policy, which deals with the operation of the concession stands. It was noted that the policy stipulates that concession stand profits will be used to help fund school activities.

BOARD POLICY 706.02 (PETTY CASH)

Board Policy 706.02 (Petty Cash) was reviewed. This policy establishes the petty cash fund and provides direction for its use. No changes were suggested for this policy.

BOARD POLICY 707.01 (PAYROLL PROCEDURES)

Board Policy 707.01 (Payroll Procedures) was reviewed. No changes were suggested for this policy.

BOARD POLICY 707.02 (SALARY DEDUCTIONS)

Board Policy 707.02 (Salary Deductions) was reviewed. No changes were suggested for this policy.

DISCUSSION OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS WITH NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

There was discussion on the special board meeting held with the Creighton board of education on May 11 concerning cooperative activity sponsorship. Both boards felt arrangements for the 2016-2017 school year could not be made in the time available. The Creighton board will have the results of their public survey available for their decision. If Creighton has a positive survey response to cooping, it was suggested that Plainview district patrons be specifically invited to the Plainview July regular board meeting to hear the discussion on cooping junior high activities and that the meeting be held at 6:30 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. for the ease of public attendance. It was suggested that instead of the usual public comment period, the first discussion item will pertain to cooping activities and public comments on cooping will be accepted at that time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SETTING COOPING DECISION MEETING DATE

It was recommended at the joint Plainview - Creighton board meeting on May 11, to set the regular August meeting as the time for both boards to make a decision on cooping junior high sports for the 2017-2018 school year. It was recommended that the action to set the decision date be placed on the June board agendas for both schools, and Superintendent Alt and Superintendent Peterson from Creighton both agreed to do so. Peterson moved, Scott seconded, to set the August board meeting as the time to make a decision on cooping junior high sports with Creighton for the 2017-2018 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Board Policy 413.035 (Non-Certificated Employees – Affordable Health Care) was approved on first reading at the May board meeting. The school attorney had provided the draft policy that will allow the school to offer insurance and not endanger employees' current insurance options. Ashburn moved, Peterson seconded, to approve on second reading Board Policy 413.035 (Non-Certificated Employees – Affordable Health Care). Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ON FIRST AND SECOND READING BOARD POLICY 706.01 (PURCHASING PROCEDURES)

Board Policy 706.01 (Purchasing Procedures) needs to be updated to comply with the state statute that was changed a year ago and to bring it in line with Board Policy 706.03 (Bidding Procedures) which was updated at that time. The competitive bid requirement is now \$100,000 instead of \$40,000. Sauser moved, Mosel seconded, to approve on first and second reading, a change to Board Policy 706.01 (Purchasing Procedures) which changes the competitive bid requirement from \$40,000 to \$100,000. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF HANDBOOK CHANGE FOR 2016-2017

Principal Novicki recommended a change to the student handbook for 2016-2017, concerning the Honor Scholar program. Since the Honor Scholar program is above and beyond the Honor Roll and students have to take four core classes and maintain a 93 percent average in those classes in order to be eligible for the Honor Scholar program, she proposed adding to the handbook, "Students must take Lit I, Lit II, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II as part of the core classes. DL/dual credit classes count toward the four core classes." Principal Novicki felt that these classes are more difficult and should be required for Honor Scholar status. Peterson moved, Scott seconded, to approve the handbook changes to the Honor Scholar program as recommended. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES FOR 2016-2017

In order to meet the guidelines set by the National Child Nutrition Program, it is necessary to raise the paid student lunch prices by 15 cents per meal. This price allows the district to meet the minimum price average for paid student lunches. Superintendent Alt also recommended raising the breakfast prices 10 cents per meal and the extra entrée and ala carte prices 5 cents per item, as well as raising the adult lunch prices 15 cents per meal. The milk prices quoted for 2016-2017 are lower than last year's prices so there will be no change in milk prices. Current and recommended prices were included in the board packets. Peterson moved, Sauser seconded, to set the breakfast/lunch prices for the 2016-2017 school year at the breakfast/lunch price rates as recommended. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

The new prices will be Breakfast: Student - \$1.50, Adult - \$1.65; Lunch: Preschool-Third - \$2.15, Fourth-Twelfth- \$2.35, Adult - \$3.10; Milk – 45 cents; Extra Entrée – 65 cents; Ala carte – 50 cents. Free and reduced price rates are set by the National Child Nutrition Program.

APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Included in the board packet were extra duty assignments for 2016-2017. Questions were asked on the number of wrestling coaches and it was noted that the lower number of wrestling participants required only two staff coaches. Since fewer participants in junior high volleyball also did not require two full coaches, Christi Boyer and Debbie White suggested splitting the position of junior high volleyball coach rather than going to only one coach. Peterson noted that teaching in the elementary, Activity Director activities and girls basketball coaching might be too much for one person to cover. The new proposed girls basketball coach, Cory Friedrich, and the administration feel that Friedrich can cover all three positions. Ashburn questioned why the district does not host more district and tournament activities to make more revenue for the activity fund, since the school facilities are excellent for activities.

Peterson moved, Scott seconded, to go into closed session for the discussion of personnel. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. The board went into closed session at 6:23 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 6:55 p.m.

Sauser moved to approve the extra duty assignments for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. The motion failed to get a second and no action was taken.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Activities Director's report.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Patty Novicki, in her written report, noted that class scheduling is done. Several nights will be set in the summer for parents to come with their students to register for classes. The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) has not yet ruled on the district's writing test appeals for three students. Plainview Schools was again chosen as a top-performing school by Newsweek Magazine. Summer reading for grades kindergarten through fourth grade began June 7. The statewide writing test will not be administered in 2016-2017. The band trip to St. Louis and the CloseUp trip were successes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chairman Green presented a retirement gift to Superintendent Alt on behalf of the board and thanked him for his seven years of service. Board members expressed appreciation to Superintendent Alt for his work in the district and Superintendent Alt thanked the board for their support.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Alt distributed letters from the Nebraska Association of School Boards to board members. He noted that the school is accredited for 2016-2017. The elementary hot water heater will be replaced. The new Pirate Gym lights have been installed and work will now begin on the Tartan Gym lights. Refinishing of the Pirate Gym floor will begin June 20, and Superintendent Alt displayed examples of the new markings planned for the floor. New side wall mats have been ordered for the Tartan Gym. It is hoped to redo sinks in three elementary classrooms, with custodian Jim Buckley doing the work. Candace Coover has resigned as an elementary paraeducator. NebraskaLink will be doing additional minor work in the long distance classroom. The elementary north doors will be replaced and the windows in the secondary business room, as well as near the south secondary exit door, will also be replaced.

Replacement of the lockers in the girls locker room will be acted on at the July board meeting. It was noted that perhaps the old lockers could be installed in the locker rooms under the stage.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 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 13th day of June, 2016, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in The Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary