

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the secondary media center by Bob Green, president, on Monday, July 11, 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. Chairman Green introduced new superintendent Dr. Darron Arlt, who in turn introduced his wife, Rhonda.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included the minutes of the June 13, 2016 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 \$1,106,445.42 (927,583.74) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$631,550.79 (602,746.82), Petty Cash \$2,501.65 (2,472.05), Activity Account \$85,040.59 (61,431.33), Lunch Account \$12,660.84 (13,974.77), Employee Benefit Fund \$51,124.84 (51,122.74), Depreciation Fund \$563,164.44 (563,118.16), Payroll Account \$1,163.69 (1,093.28), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$11,689.51 (10,745.85). Total assets were \$3,408,099.66 compared to \$3,129,381.30 a month ago and \$3,250,368.86 a year ago. June receipts totaled \$560,769.10. That compares to \$1,093,598.04 in May. Disbursements totaled \$381,907.42, including \$104,907.44 for claims and \$276,999.98 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$28,803.97. There were no Building Fund expenditures. Claims to the General Fund totaled \$57,242.11. It was noted that the starting balance on the Employee Benefit Fund report, included in the board packet, was incorrect and should be \$51,122.74. Sauser moved, Peterson seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment period as the discussion on a junior high sports cooping agreement took its place, with members of the public given the opportunity to dialog with members of the board of education.

DISCUSSION ON JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH CREIGHTON

Board members gave an update on past discussions held with Creighton Public Schools and Osmond Community Schools concerning cooperative sports. It was noted that the Creighton board was interested in discussions on cooping, while the Osmond board was not. Members of the public were invited to share their thoughts and concerns on the topic. Results of the survey of the Creighton community on the subject were also shared. Many members of the public were in attendance and many asked questions and gave opinions. Chairman Green encouraged members of the public to talk with board members and administration on the issue. It was suggested that the calling tree be used along with the newspaper to notify district patrons of future meetings concerning cooping. Action at the Plainview June board meeting 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.

DISCUSSION ON CONDITION AND RENOVATION OF ELEMENTARY GIRLS' RESTROOM

The girls' restroom in the elementary building is overdue for renovation. Many of the stall doors do not latch and all hardware appears to be original from 1964. The toilets are in good/workable condition. Superintendent Arlt suggested head custodian Gayle Sellin collect bids on new stall partitions and sinks. Work on the project would need to be done over Christmas break or next summer. Board members expressed an interest in this project and asked the administration to get bids for the project.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON DISTRICT SAFETY PLAN

Safety Director Cory Friedrich discussed revisions to the district's safety plan which was included in the board packet. Any necessary changes were highlighted, with most changes in names and contact information. Peterson moved, Mosel seconded, to approve the proposed revisions to the District Safety Plan as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. Board members complimented Safety Director Friedrich on his work in the position.

DESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT AS STATE/FEDERAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

Annually the superintendent must be designated as the State and Federal Programs Director to allow him to act on behalf of the district in relation to programs such as Special Education, Title I, Title IIA, etc. Sauser moved, Peterson seconded, to designate Darron Arlt as the State and Federal Programs Director for the 2016-2017 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON NRCSA MEMBERSHIP

Superintendent Arlt recommended that the board consider membership in the Nebraska Rural Community School Association (NRCSA). Included in the board packet was information on the organization, benefits of membership and information on dues (\$850 per school district per year). Mosel moved, Ashburn seconded, to approve Plainview Public Schools membership in NRCSA. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PURCHASE OF GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM LOCKERS

Two bids were available to replace the original lockers in the girls' locker room. It was noted that, if approved, work would not be completed prior to the start of the 2016-2017 school year, so for a time the girls' locker room may not be accessible. Storage and Design Group (the company who sold the lockers for the boys' locker room update in 2015), bid \$13,700 for 56 lockers with flat tops. University Pub, Inc. bid \$21,830 for 54 lockers, with an additional charge for slope tops. Peterson moved, Scott seconded, to approve the purchase and installation of new lockers for the girls' locker room from Storage and Design Group at a cost of \$13,700. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. Kevin Albin will again be contacted for necessary cement work for the project.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Activities Director Cory Friedrich did not have a written report, however he was present to answer questions. He thanked the board for their support of the updates to the two gymnasiums.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Patty Novicki, in her written report, noted that statewide testing results will be released in July but are only preliminary and for review of scores only. The results are embargoed until the fall. ACT summer results showed nine sophomores and four juniors taking the test, with scores at this time above the state average. Summer registration for classes will take place the first week in August to give time for students and parents to check over graduation requirements and change classes if needed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chairman Green read a thank you note from former Superintendent Alt. He encouraged board members to visit with district patrons on the cooping issue and encouraged Dr. Arlt to have discussions with Creighton

Superintendent Stephanie Peterson. Green also made changes to the budget committee which will now include Peterson, Mosel and Scott.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Arlt reiterated that the "all call" system will be used to notify parents about the August board meeting where a decision will be made on cooping. He also noted that he plans to write occasional articles for The Plainview News.

Board members discussed the August "welcome back" picnic for staff members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 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 11th day of July, 2016, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in The Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary