

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

**Monday, August 8, 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, August 8, 2016. Peterson moved, Sauser seconded, to declare an open meeting. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried. The rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room. Roll call was answered by Green, Mike Scott, Vicki Peterson, Steve Mosel and Mike Sauser. Jason Ashburn was absent and excused.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Consent items included the minutes of the July 11, 2016 regular meeting, the financial reports, the August claims and approval of the agenda. The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$817,593.43 (1,106,445.42) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$632,847.90 (631,550.79), Petty Cash \$2,431.85 (2,501.65), Activity Account \$76,856.34 (86,050.04), Lunch Account \$11,237.05 (12,660.84), Employee Benefit Fund \$51,126.87 (51,124.84), Depreciation Fund \$519,112.91 (563,164.44), Payroll Account \$1,125.80 (1,163.69), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$9,457.86 (11,689.51). Total assets were \$2,868,300.39 compared to \$3,409,109.11 a month ago (see note on Activity Fund below) and \$2,808,777.36 a year ago. July receipts totaled \$41,374.98. That compares to \$560,769.10 in June. Disbursements totaled \$330,226.97, including \$57,242.11 for claims and \$272,984.86 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$1,297.11. There were no Building Fund expenditures. Claims to the General Fund totaled \$253,489.62. It was noted that the June Activity Fund report showed, in error, a year to date payable check for \$1,009.45 that was not paid until after July 1. That made the ending June balance column on the June Activity Fund report and beginning July balance column on the July Activity Fund report to not match. The July 1, 2016 total cash assets on the June and July reports also did not match due to the error. The July reports are correct. Sauser moved, Scott seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Paul Spatz commented on the issue of cooping junior high activities. His suggestion was to table the issue until more details were known.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

### **DISCUSSION ON NASB REGIONAL MEETING**

Information on the September 21, 2016 regional meeting of the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) was included in the board packet. Superintendent Arlt noted that board members should let him know if they plan to attend the meeting as registration is due by September 14.

### **REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 504.20 (BULLYING PREVENTION)**

Board Policy 504.20 (Bullying Prevention) must be reviewed annually, as per state statute. No changes were suggested for this policy.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT**

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. The Creighton Schools board of education

also planned to discuss and vote on an agreement with the same language at their August meeting. Superintendent Arlt had visited with Creighton Superintendent Petersen concerning the interpretation of the word “coop” so that both boards understand that the vote is with an expectation of a shared relationship, not that Creighton will be absorbing Plainview students into their programs. He also reported that as of the day of the meeting, Plainview had 23 boys and 21 girls enrolled in grades six and seven combined. Mosel moved, Sauser seconded, to approve a cooperative agreement with Creighton Public Schools for all junior high sports beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried.

#### **SPONSORSHIP OF TEAMMATES PROGRAM**

Each year the board donates to the Plainview TeamMates Mentoring Program. Program coordinator Janyce Warneke made a brief presentation on the program and thanked the board members for their past support. The program is starting its thirteenth year in Plainview Schools and it is hoped to have 36 mentor-mentee matches for the 2016-2017 school year. Peterson moved, Scott seconded, to donate \$500.00 to the Plainview TeamMates Mentoring Program to help offset some of their operational costs. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON GENERAL FUND TO DEPRECIATION FUND TRANSFER**

Money was budgeted in the 2015-2016 fiscal year to purchase a bus and a special education van. Money can be moved from the general fund to the depreciation fund at this time to make the purchases when the district is ready in the fall. Transportation director Bob McCabe is looking for the proper vehicles. Peterson moved, Sauser seconded, to approve the expenditure of \$95,000.00 from the general fund to the depreciation fund for the intended purchase of a bus, a van for special education use and other funds for future capital outlay and general business. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Ashburn absent. Motion carried.

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

Activities Director Cory Friedrich reported that football and girls golf practices have started with cross county and volleyball practices to begin the following week. Dates for the sports scrimmages will be announced.

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

There was no president's report.

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

Superintendent Arlt reported on the new signs in the Pirate Gym and the hallways. He noted that he hoped to add color and a positive message with the signage and also plans to add signs on school vehicles. He reported positive individual meetings with all teachers and noted great potential in the teaching staff. He and head custodian Gayle Sellin gave an update on summer maintenance projects. He complimented Sellin and the custodial staff on their summer work. Chairman Green suggested in the future to not have teachers come for the first inservice day on a Friday as some may wish to use the final week and weekend before classes for a vacation. Dr. Arlt met with Dr. Craig Pease to do budget work and plans to also have Dr. Pease meet with the budget committee after valuations are announced. Advertising for a food service worker to replace Kelli Mosel has begun. He also reported that the position of girls head basketball coach may have to be assigned by the administration as it is not yet filled. Dr. Arlt reported attending a budget and finance workshop in Lincoln on July 21, Administrator Days in Kearney July 27-29 and an Educational Service Unit 8 advisory meeting at Neligh on August 4.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal Patty Novicki, in her written report, noted that class scheduling will continue through the first day of school, as students can drop/add classes yet that day. State testing results released to the schools show that Plainview students did very well on the test. Teacher workdays will be August 12, 15 and 16, with students returning on August 17. Principal Novicki reported her attendance at Administrator Days. She plans a Scholarship Saturday in late fall for seniors to work on scholarship applications, and also a Saturday morning John Baylor ACT Prep session for juniors and seniors who plan to take the test in October or December. These events would be optional for students.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 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 8th day of August, 2016, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in The Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary