

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

**Monday, September 12, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was preceded by the budget public hearing and tax request hearing, all in the secondary media center on Monday, September 12, 2016. The rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room for both hearings and the regular meeting.

### **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing to present the proposed 2016-2017 budget was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Bob Green, president. Sauser moved, Peterson seconded, to declare an open meeting. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Mosel absent. Motion carried. Roll call was answered by Green, Mike Scott, Jason Ashburn, Mike Sauser and Vicki Peterson. Steve Mosel was absent and excused. Peterson moved, Scott seconded, to approve the agenda. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Mosel absent. Motion carried.

Superintendent Arlt reviewed details of the proposed budget. State aid decreased by approximately 98 percent and the district property valuations increased by about \$10,600,00. The increase in valuation is 1.4 percent. General Fund expenditures for 2016-2017 are estimated at \$7,282,081, including \$5,211,453 for non-special education purposes, \$819,247 for special education and \$1,251,081 for cash reserves. Discussion followed. The hearing closed at 5:58 p.m.

### **TAX REQUEST PUBLIC HEARING**

A hearing for the purpose of considering the tax requests for the 2016-2017 budget was then opened by Green at 5:58 p.m. Peterson moved, Sauser seconded, to declare an open meeting. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Mosel absent. Motion carried. Green, Scott, Ashburn, Sauser and Peterson answered roll call. Steve Mosel was absent and excused. Sauser moved, Ashburn seconded, to approve the agenda. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Mosel absent. Motion carried.

It was indicated that the budget, discussed at the previous hearing, would require a 0.577765 tax levy for the General Fund and a 0.067527 levy for the Building Fund, for a total tax levy of 0.645292, compared to 0.567961 in 2015-2016. With the proposed budget, there will be a 3.9 cent increase to support the General Fund and a 3.7 cent increase to support the Building Fund. Those levies will generate approximately \$355,012 more into the General Fund in 2016-2017 and \$283,838 more into the Building Fund than last year's levy. The total tax asking will increase by about \$638,850. Discussion followed. The hearing closed at 6:18 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Bob Green, president. Sauser moved, Peterson seconded, to declare an open meeting. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Mosel absent. Motion carried. Roll call was answered by Green, Scott, Peterson, Sauser and Ashburn. Mosel was absent and excused.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Consent items included the minutes of the August 8, 2016 regular meeting, the financial reports, the September claims and approval of the agenda. The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$326,170.14 (817,593.43) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$634,116.84 (632,847.90), Petty Cash \$1,652.07 (2,431.85), Activity Account \$75,647.21 (76,856.34), Lunch Account \$22,077.40 (11,237.05), Employee Benefit Fund \$51,129.18 (51,126.87), Depreciation Fund \$614,166.00 (519,112.91), Payroll Account \$1,135.99 (1,125.80), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$9,548.58 (9,457.86). Total assets were \$2,621,446.82 compared to \$2,868,300.39 a month ago and \$2,590,613.57 a year ago.

August receipts totaled \$39,044.53. That compares to \$41,374.98 in July. Disbursements totaled \$530,467.82 including \$253,489.62 for claims and \$276,978.20 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$1,268.94. There were no Building Fund expenditures. Claims to the General Fund totaled \$114,196.59 and claims to the Building Fund totaled \$13,700.00. Ashburn moved, Peterson seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Mosel absent. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

#### **BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

The budget committee of Mosel, Peterson and Scott worked with Superintendent Arlt on the 2016-2017 budget. Chairman Green thanked the committee for their work. It was noted that Dr. Craig Pease from Wayne State College assisted with the budget preparations at a contracted fee of \$25 per hour.

#### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The building and grounds committee of Green, Ashburn and Scott showed a list of some of their priorities for upgrade/restoration/replacement of deteriorating and outdated facilities.

#### **DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION**

Superintendent Arlt gave an update on the status of replacing the district business manager. Imogene Wacker plans to retire at the end of December, 2016. Currently there are six applications for the position and the Nebraska Association of School Business Officials (NASBO) is helping with needed qualifications, interview questions, etc.

#### **ADOPTION OF 2016-2017 BUDGET**

Since no changes were suggested during the Budget Hearing held earlier in the evening, Peterson moved, Scott seconded, to approve the 2016-2017 budget as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Mosel absent. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF TAX REQUEST FOR 2016-2017 BUDGET**

Having adopted the 2016-2017 budget in the meeting's previous motion, Ashburn moved, Peterson seconded, to approve the tax request for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Mosel absent. Motion carried.

#### **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Activities Director Cory Friedrich was not present but had a written report in the board packet, giving Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) classifications for all Plainview sports and Plainview participation numbers. He also included a schedule of fall activities. It was noted that the old girls lockers are torn out and concrete work has been done. The new lockers have arrived.

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

Principal Patty Novicki reported a 100 percent graduation rate for the 2015-2016 school year. She noted that several students are taking classes for college credit during the school day. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for September 22 from 2 to 7 p.m. and a teacher in-service will be held on September 23 to work on data

analysis and school improvement. MAPS testing is occurring. The ACT will be the assessment test for juniors to replace the NeSA test. She also noted many upcoming activities.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

There was no president’s report

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Arlt reported that no activity or discussions are occurring at this time on activity cooping. He reported on the opening days of school and the S.A.V.E. training. Possible changes in the lockout and lockdown policies will be reported at the October board meeting. Enrollment currently stands at 316 students in grades preschool through 12, including 179 boys and 137 girls.

Superintendent Arlt noted that Teresa Rosberg has been hired as an assistant cook. Hayden Hohnholt will serve as the girls’ head basketball coach. Christi Boyer and Debbie White are coaching the junior high volleyball teams, not sharing the position as previously planned, as the number of participants warranted two coaches. Discussions will occur with the custodial staff on hours, duties and responsibilities, with the possibility of hiring an additional part-time custodian. DeMoine Adams spoke at two assemblies for students and also attended the TeamMates kickoff event, as well as the first varsity football game.

Superintendent Arlt has instituted a Pirate Pride Committee with nine teachers meeting once a month. He plans quarterly community coffees for any interested district patrons, with the first coffee planned for September 20 from 7 to 9 a.m. The Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) regional meeting will be held September 21 in Norfolk. Board members were encouraged to attend. The NASB State Conference will be Nov. 16-18 in La Vista. Board members were encouraged to attend and notify Dr. Arlt as soon as possible so registration and hotel reservations can be arranged. He reported attending the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) Regional meeting on August 30 in Wakefield, and IEPs on August 30 and September 6, both in Norfolk. He encouraged board members to help patrons follow proper communication channels for comments and concerns, with teachers, coaches, the principal and the superintendent as the first people to speak to, prior to contacting board members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 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 12th day of September, 2016, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in The Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary