Plainview Public Schools Emergency Board of Education Meeting Friday, February 2, 2024

An emergency meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Tim Rasmussen, President, on Friday, February 2, 2024. Sauser moved, Anderson seconded to declare an open meeting. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. Roll call was answered by Sauser, Tim Rasmussen, Wyatt Frahm, Deb Jensen, Melissa Doerr and Chance Anderson.

Frahm moved, Doer seconded to approve the agenda. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

At 6:32 p.m., Frahm moved, Anderson seconded to go into executive session. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

At 9:08 p.m., Anderson moved, Doerr seconded to come out of executive. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

ACTION ON DR. ARLT'S CONTRACT AND SERVICES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Frahm moved, Doerr seconded the following statement: We are aware of the social media post made by our superintendent, Darron Arlt, regarding state wrestling and the growth of girls wrestling in Nebraska. As the school board, we have taken the last few days to understand and assess things. We do not support or condone Superintendent Arlt's statement. We are proud of Plainview's girls wrestling team. It has been a great addition to our program offerings for students and is quickly growing across Nebraska. After speaking with Superintendent Arlt at length, we believe he is genuinely sorry about his statement.

We also recognize the quick removal of his post and apologizing, while appreciated and appropriate, is not enough. As of February 5th, Dr. Arlt has been placed on unpaid administrative leave from Plainview Public Schools as we continue to discuss our response as a school board. To his credit, Dr. Arlt has been forthright and understanding of the fact that we have higher expectations for him. We will not have any additional information to share until our regular board meeting on February 12. At that time, we hope to share our plan for how best to move our school forward. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 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 special meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, held in open session on the 2nd day of February 2024.

Debra Jensen, Recording Secretary