

**Plainview Public Schools Board of Education meeting
Monday, December 10, 2007**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, Neb., was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the media room of the school by President Alden Zuhlke. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Janyce Warneke, Krista Hanks, Dan Stelling and Tom Scranton. Kent Friedrich was absent.

Also present were Supt. David Hamm, Principals Randy Klooz and Corey Dahl, Recording secretary Lee Warneke, Cory Friedrich and Ranae Wacker.

Zuhlke indicated that the rules for open meetings were posted on the wall near the north door of the media room.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included minutes of the November 9th retreat session and the November 12 regular meeting; the financial report and the December claims.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$47,368.28 (\$93,757.35) in the checking account; CDs \$1,294,000.00 (\$1,569,000.00); Special Building Fund \$3,621.07 (\$5,055.62); Petty Cash Fund \$2,274.40 (\$2,282.37); Activity Account \$64,207.11 (\$55,120.49); Lunch Account \$33,831.67 (\$34,161.53); Employee Benefit Fund \$50,867.89 (\$50,724.26); Depreciation Fund \$225,679.58 (\$224,997.19); Payroll Account \$1,314.39 (\$1,146.77); Custodial/Section 125 Account \$10,857.11 (\$9,691.28). Total assets were \$1,690,554.36, compared to \$1,902,197.39 a month ago and \$1,792,831.84 a year ago.

November receipts were \$362,666.85, compared to \$362,461.81 at the end of October. The receipts include \$275,000.00 transferred from a CD. Disbursements totaled \$409,055.92, including \$143,739.47 for claims and \$265,316.45 for payroll. Building fund receipts totaled \$501.62, with \$1,936.17 expenditures, having a balance of \$3,621.67, compared to \$5,055.62 a month ago. 25.54 percent of budget has been expended, compared to 23.84 percent a year ago.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$43,467.14 with none for the building fund.

Scranton moved, Stelling seconded, to approve the consent items on the agenda. Upon motion, the ayes were unanimous. Friedrich absent. Motion carried.

"FRIDAY SHINE" PRESENTATION

The Board moved to the hallway near the school auditorium for a presentation by Jan Krause and four participants in her "Friday Shine" activities. Members of her vocal music class are invited to bring other talents they have to one of her class sessions each month. Four members of the class presented their talents to the Board, including Cierra Anderson with her painting skills, Alyssa Brozek with her photography efforts, Justin Kluser with a song he had written with guitar accompaniment, and Vanessa Hitz with a piano solo which she had written.

AUDIT REPORT

Board members had received a copy of the audit report prior to the meeting. Supt. Hamm briefly pointed out several aspects of the audit, indicating that assets had increased nearly \$60,000 and total receipts had gone up by 10 percent, while expenditures were up 7.75 percent (this included \$170,000 – 4.55% in transfers). Several minor improvement recommendations regarding finances were pointed out.

Stelling moved, Hanks seconded, to approve the 2006-2007 audit report conducted by Dana F. Cole and Company. Upon vote, the ayes were unanimous. Friedrich absent. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION PLANS AND TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

The Board then reviewed a proposed team organization and structure in which teachers, administration, board members, students and parents could be included on the six teams: Policy and Procedures, School Improvement Process, Technology, Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities, Curriculum Instruction and Assessment and Pirate Response Team.

Any proposals that each team might come up with would first be directed to a group known as the District Leadership Team, which would include one high school teacher and one elementary teacher from each of the six teams, administration and board members. The District Leadership Team would then share with the administration and the Board of Education any proposals they approved. It was felt that it would result in more student-centered decisions.

The proposal was discussed at length and will be presented to staff members next week. The Board appeared to feel the plan was satisfactory.

Board members will make assignments from within their ranks for some or all of the teams at their next meeting.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary principal Dahl indicated that round two of DIBELS assessment efforts would occur in December, helping the staff to decide who needs more attention in the area of reading. He indicated that several teachers and students are involved in a "Learning Web" project and that Jessica Strobe had applied to become a rater for the Statewide Writing Assessment held each year in grades 4, 8 and 11. If accepted, she would spend three days in Omaha rating student writing from around the state with her time out of the district reimbursed. He also reported that application for a \$95,000 grant had been submitted for the sidewalk program and status would be reported in February.

Secondary principal Klooz indicated that Michelle Mosel had also applied to become a rater for the Statewide Writing Assessment. He indicated that two students who had met all graduation requirements expressed the desire to graduate at the end of the first semester. Since such approval had been given in the past, and since the students had all necessary classes, it was indicated that they could complete their high school efforts at the end of the semester, would then not be considered a student for various activities, but would be able to receive their diplomas at graduation time in May. He expressed thanks to Hanks and Warneke for their help on the school handbook. He said that the School Messenger was used for the first time early in the morning to notify parents of a late start with the response considered good. 271 answered the phone, 94 were by machine, with only 18 that did not answer and six failed calls.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Zuhlke invited nominations to send for the unexpired term of an individual on the NASB Region 17 board. He also invited board members to share comments on the recent state school board convention. Compliments were given about Ethan Pellatz's participation in a youth panel at that convention. Concern was expressed that board members, students or faculty should be careful about giving too much personal information about individuals in e-mails.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Hamm indicated that an energy audit would be conducted for the school system during Christmas break with no charge to the District. He reminded Scranton, Warneke and Stelling that their terms would expire at the end of 2008 and their need to indicate plans to seek re-election or not by February 15 according to law. It was reported that the new sound system in the auditorium had "blown up" and was being corrected. It was agreed to again make the usual holiday gesture for the staff. It was indicated that some improvements had been made to the school's heating system, reducing the heat in some rooms that had been too hot. He invited three board members to participate in the first session with a representative of the firm making policy proposals for the district which would probably be conducted prior to Christmas.

There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed recording secretary of the Board of Education of District 5, Plainview, Neb., 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, Neb., held in open session on the 10th day of December, 2007, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Leonald Warneke, Recording Secretary