

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education
Thursday, July 14, 2011

A special meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Alden Zuhlke in the Distance Learning Room of the high school. The special meeting was held as a board retreat for the purpose of discussing future planning items. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Krista Hanks, Jeremy Hampton, Vicki Peterson, and John Anderson. Marilyn Elwood was absent and excused from the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent Richard Alt, Principal Randall Klooz, and Principal Randy Kort.

Zuhlke indicated that the rules for open meetings were available for inspection at the meeting.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Hanks to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with Elwood absent.

Discussion during the meeting centered on the board priorities that were adopted by the board in March, 2010. Items discussed in relation to each item included:

1. Change the culture of the school to promote a more positive environment.
 - a. Cell phone use by staff
 - b. Communication between all staff
 - c. Sharing with the board about teacher/administrator attendance at workshops
 - d. Improve the reporting of student projects/activities to the public
 - e. Lunch room atmosphere
2. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment – Utilize technology across the curriculum to assist the students in achieving personal goals as they prepare for an ever-changing society.
 - a. Block scheduling
 - b. Option A, Option B, and Option C courses
 - c. Graduation requirements
 - d. Future of 1-to-1 computer initiative
 - e. Teacher use of technology
 - f. Faculty sharing with the board how they are utilizing technology
 - g. Technology timeline

The board recessed at 6:35 p.m. to enjoy a dinner catered by Mary's Steakhouse and returned to open session at 6:57 p.m.

3. Staff/Personnel – Needed reductions in staff shall occur through attrition with Reduction-In-Force as a last alternative. Efforts to share teachers and administrators will be encouraged. Teachers with multiple endorsements will be placed to meet student and district needs. Consideration for new hires will be given to those candidates that offer multiple endorsements.
 - a. Effect of staff retirements in the next few years

- b. Departmentalization in the high school
- c. Enrollment declines
- 4. Facilities and Grounds – Maintain and improve, when possible, all school facilities, grounds equipment and infrastructure to present a positive image and increase the district’s viability.
 - a. Continue to improve appearance of bathrooms
 - b. Transportation issues
- 5. Be open to actively discuss with neighboring districts the option to share programs.
 - a. Activities Director Randy Kort told the board there was interest in sharing wrestling and boys golf with another district

A request was made for the superintendent to develop a policy that would provide direction to the board for appointing a new member in the event a board member resigns before the completion of his/her term of office.

President Zuhlke declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

I, the undersigned, as 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 14th day of July, 2011, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Vicki Peterson, Secretary of the Board of Education