

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the high school media center by Alden Zuhlke, president. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Marilyn Elwood, Vicki Peterson, Krista Hanks and John Anderson. Jeremy Hampton was absent. Also present were Superintendent Richard Alt, Elementary Principal/Activities Director Randy Kort and recording secretary, Imogene Wacker. Cory Friedrich, Gabe Ziegenbein, Elaine Hampton, Michael Holton and Janyce Warneke signed the visitor roster. Chairman Zuhlke indicated that the rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included the minutes of the March 14, 2010 regular meeting, the financial reports, the April claims and approval of the agenda.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$224,691.30 (326,541.59) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$80,985.73 (79,491.70), Petty Cash \$803.38 (2,442.36), Activity Account \$66,623.83 (76,646.61), Lunch Account \$17,743.36 (19,016.23) Employee Benefit Fund \$52,795.62 (52,773.21), Depreciation Fund \$470,898.35 (470,598.59), Payroll Account \$1,059.03 (1,053.11), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$12,831.84 (14,411.94). Total assets were \$1,683,708.47, compared to \$2,007,907.83 a month ago and \$1,666,432.10 a year ago.

March receipts totaled \$222,525.19. That compares to \$229,883.98 in February. Disbursements totaled \$324,375.48, including \$35,067.51 for claims and \$289,307.97 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$1,494.03. There were no Building Fund expenditures.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$244,723.97. There were no claims to the Building Fund. Elwood moved, Hanks seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Hampton absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

INSURANCE BIDS

Bids for the district's property/casualty insurance for the next three years were due in the superintendent's office by 1 p.m. on April 6 and were opened at that time. The bid notification was published in The Plainview News and copies of the bid specifications were hand delivered to each of the local insurance agencies. Bush & Roe Financial Inc. was the only agency to submit a bid. The amount was \$45,659, approximately \$2,000 more than the cost of coverage during the past year. Insurance would be provided through EMC Insurance Companies, the current carrier. Dennis Johnson from Bush & Roe was present to explain the policy and answer questions. Anderson moved, Peterson seconded, to approve awarding Plainview Public School's property and casualty insurance contract to Bush & Roe Financial, Inc. for the next three-year period. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Hampton absent. Motion carried.

TEAMMATES PRESENTATION

Janyce Warneke was present to review with the board highlights from the past year's TeamMates program. Michael Holton and his mentee were also present.

Randy Klooz arrived at 5:55 p.m.

Q125 DONATION

At the March meeting, board members discussed the possibility of making a donation to Plainview's Q125 celebration and asked to have the item placed on the April agenda. Michael Holton spoke in support of the board making a donation and spoke in behalf of the Civil War Reenactment. Discussion indicated that the board would also prefer any money donated be used in an area of the celebration dealing with education. Hanks reminded board members that the school facilities will also be used during the celebration. Elwood moved, Hanks seconded, to donate \$500 to the Q125 celebration with that amount being designated to support the Civil War Reenactment. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Hampton absent. Motion carried.

Hampton arrived at 6:06 p.m.

AUDITORIUM USE REQUEST

JoBeth Doerr and Christy Anderson had contacted Superintendent Alt about using the high school auditorium (Tartan Gym) for a Plainview Q125 vendor show on June 5 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The funds from the project will be donated to local charities, so the request was for the use of the auditorium, tables and chairs at no cost. Hanks moved, Anderson seconded, to approve allowing use of the school facilities for Q125 activities with no rental fees charged. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

NASB REGION 15 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Board members had received in their mailed packets information from the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) pertaining to the election of a Legislative Committee member for Region 15, along with biographical information on three candidates. The board president is required to officially cast the board's vote for a candidate supported by the board. Board members chose by consensus to support Mike Marotz of Stanton.

ANNUAL SECURITY AND SAFETY REVIEW

Findings from the annual security and safety review were included in the mailed board packets. No major issues requiring immediate action were found.

NORTH CENTRAL ACCREDITATION (NCA) VISIT

The AdvanceED external team visit was held March 28-30, with a team of seven educators visiting the school. A brief synopsis of their findings was included in a board update and a full report was received by email on the board meeting day and was presented to board members at the meeting. The report listed two commendations and two recommendations. The school will receive NCA accreditation on advisement, with two years to make improvement on the recommendations.

Superintendent Alt thanked the co-chairs, Jennifer Hodson and Ronita Jacobsen, Lori Klooz for help with writing reports, and Principals Kort and Klooz for their work prior to the accreditation visit. Principal Klooz commended Superintendent Alt for his leadership.

CERTIFIED CONTRACTS FOR 2011-2012

All current certified staff members returned their signed contracts by the April 7 deadline, except for Claudia Schultze who had previously submitted her resignation effective at the end of the current school year. Superintendent Alt recommended that all staff be rehired for the coming year. Hanks moved, Elwood seconded, to offer equivalent FTE teaching contracts for the 2011-2012 school year to all certificated staff members currently holding teaching positions at Plainview Public Schools with the exception of those that have already resigned. Assignment of duties will be determined by the Superintendent of Schools. Salaries, benefits and conditions of employment will be established by the negotiated master contract. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON THE SPANISH 7-12 POSITION

A contract to teach Spanish for grades 7-12 has been offered to Robin Cheney. The contract offer is contingent upon Mrs. Cheney receiving a provisional endorsement in Spanish added to her certificate. She has filed the request with the Nebraska Department of Education and has completed all but six college credit hours for the requirements. As Mrs. Cheney had not yet returned the contract, no formal action could be taken.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary Principal/AD Kort reported on activities in the coming month. Registration numbers for 2011-2012 showed the following: preschool 14, junior kindergarten 10, and kindergarten 21.

Discussion is continuing with Creighton Public Schools on cooping cross country and boys golf programs. Any proposal for cross country must be acted on at the May board meeting in order to meet the NSAA June 1 deadline.

Principal Kort also reported that there may be only three junior high football games next year as many area schools are going to eight-man football at the junior high level.

Secondary Principal Klooz reported on upcoming activities and thanked the community for its support of post prom activities. He also commended Ranae Wacker, Mary Sterkel and Roland Johnson for their work on prom as junior class sponsors. He presented plans for the April 15 professional development day and included a testing schedule for the remainder of the year. Principal Klooz also noted that Plainview Public Schools now has a page on Facebook.

He congratulated the speech team on the two state champions, Kelsey Bonta and Cherise Friedrich, and the silver medal OID team of Cody Mosel, Michael Moeller, Kelsey Bonta, Cherise Friedrich and Britton Hamm. Also Carissa Pollock has earned a national finalist spot in FCCLA.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chairman Zuhlke brought an Omaha World-Herald story on statewide school writing scores. He also expressed congratulations to the speech team.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Alt reported that the Suburban approved at the March meeting will be paid for and picked up on April 12. Planned summer projects include new carpeting in the high school media center with bids available by the May board meeting. Bids will also be available on new tile in the restrooms outside the Pirate Gym. Glass Edge bid \$2,697 for new east weight room doors. Locker room ventilation has been improved and other changes will be possible in the locker rooms without purchasing new lockers. Changes will also be made in the floor plan of the elementary secretary's office to allow the secretary to have a view of the doors and hallway.

Pirate Gym roof bids are due April 14 and a special board meeting will be held Monday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the media center to offer a roofing contract.

He announced that Crofton is leaving the Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference, effective for 2012-2013 and conference superintendents will meet April 20 to discuss inviting a new school to join. He spoke about LB 235, the State Aid Model, with many area schools losing large amounts of state aid. New staff and student computers have arrived and are in use. Bids had just arrived on the purchase and installation of more security cameras in the high school, swipe locks for both the elementary and secondary schools and security cameras for the elementary school.

CLOSED SESSION FOR TEACHER/PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATIONS

Hanks moved, Peterson seconded to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations and principal negotiations. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:31 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 8:09 p.m.

PRINCIPAL SALARIES

Hampton moved, Anderson seconded, to offer Elementary Principal/Activities Director Randy Kort a three (3) percent raise in salary for the 2011-2012 school year and the addition of a \$500 phone allowance. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Elwood moved, Hampton seconded, to offer Secondary Principal Randall Klooz a two (2) percent raise in salary for the 2011-2012 school year and the addition of a \$500 phone allowance. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION FOR PERSONNEL

Anderson moved, Peterson seconded, to enter closed session to protect a staff member's reputation during the discussion of a personnel matter. Upon roll call vote the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:15 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 8:18 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 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 regular meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, held in open session on the 11th day of April 2011, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in The Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary