

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting

Monday, August 8, 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, Vicki Peterson, Krista Hanks, John Anderson, Jeremy Hampton and Marilyn Elwood. Also present were Superintendent Richard Alt, Secondary Principal Randy Klooz and recording secretary, Imogene Wacker. Cory Friedrich signed the visitor roster. Chairman Zuhlke indicated that the rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room. Elementary Principal/Activities Director Randy Kort arrived at 5:40 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included the minutes of the July 11, 2011 regular meeting, the July 14, 2011 special board meeting (board retreat), the July 25, 2011 special board meeting, the financial reports, the August claims and approval of the agenda.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$549,449.92 (1,133,458.63) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$94,573.00 (99,143.90), Petty Cash \$2,452.93 (958.72), Activity Account \$66,522.33 (49,260.75), Lunch Account \$4,328.09 (8,085.53) Employee Benefit Fund \$52,882.45 (52,861.45), Depreciation Fund \$471,467.77 (171,288.49), Payroll Account \$1,100.87 (2,869.04), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$7,081.73 (8,574.08). Total assets were \$2,222,222.94 compared to \$2,110,917.98 a month ago and \$2,065,394.64 a year ago.

July receipts totaled \$101,382.49. That compares to \$452,361.40 in June. Disbursements totaled \$685,391.20, including \$415,582.61 for claims and \$269,808.59 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$400.94. Building Fund expenditures were \$4,971.84.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$27,636.15. Claims to the Building Fund totaled \$23,000.00. There was a claim of \$6,027.89 to the Depreciation Fund. Hampton moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

SPONSORSHIP OF TEAMMATES PROGRAM

The board has in the past donated \$500 to help support the TeamMates program in the school. TeamMates provides mentors for students who benefit from an outside-of-family adult role model. Peterson moved, Hanks seconded, to donate \$500 to the TeamMates program to help offset some of their operational costs. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSS/APPROVE MEDICAID RESOLUTION

Superintendent Alt recommended that the board pass a resolution to approve the necessary new agreement to participate in the Nebraska Association of School Boards Medicaid Consortium. The consortium was created to help school districts access federal dollars for services that they were already providing to Medicaid eligible students. Under the program, during the past year, approximately \$56,500.00 was received by the district. Peterson moved, Elwood seconded, to approve the resolution which gives the Plainview Public School membership in the NASB Medicaid Consortium. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/VOTE ON NASB BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITION

Board members were given the opportunity to run for the open Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) Board of Directors position. Any board member interested had to be nominated by the local board and file by August 11, 2011. There were no interested board members.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary Principal/AD Kort reported a list of school activity events for the first month of the school year. Homecoming will be September 23.

Secondary Principal Klooz spoke on implementing LtoJ.

Both principals spoke about the sessions they had attended at the recent Administrator Days.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no president's report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Alt reported on plans for the start of the school year. He also commented on the NASB School Finance Workshop he attended, along with board members Hanks and Peterson. The NASB Area Membership Meeting will be September 28 in Norfolk.

Plainview Public Schools has been accredited for the 2011-2012 school year.

One bid was received for the sale of the 1995 school bus, \$1,506, from Roger Stelling. Paperwork has been submitted for a State of Nebraska Energy Audit of the district's buildings. New ceramic tile has been laid in the restrooms outside the Pirate Gym and the restrooms have been repainted, work has been completed on the Pirate Gym re-roofing project, and the new carpeting project in the high school media center is nearing completion. Boiler work is taking place in the secondary building

Mold testing was done in the kindergarten room of the elementary building with some problems found. Floor Tec, a Yankton, SD, company, is doing work to remedy the situation.

Superintendent Alt reported that following the vote to proceed with installation of swipe key cards in the secondary building, it was found that more equipment was needed for the project with a resultant price increase. Discussions are still occurring with DSN EnviroSystems and Surveillance on the equipment needed. He also reported on the sessions he attended at Administrator Days.

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS

Hampton moved, Hanks seconded, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. The board went into closed session at 6:31 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 6:52 p.m.

Hampton reported that a tentative negotiated agreement had been reached, pending approval by the teachers, to increase the base pay by \$600.00 to \$30,600.00. Each certificated teacher will also receive a one-time stipend of \$350.00 in December 2011 based on the teacher's FTE. Social Security, Medicare and any required Nebraska Retirement System employee withholding on the stipend will be paid by the school district. The stipend is a result of the December premium holiday announced by Blue Cross Blue Shield for the district's health insurance premium. A representative of the teachers' association and the board will also sign the stipend agreement.

Hampton moved, Elwood seconded, to approve the negotiated agreement as reported by the board's negotiating committee. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 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 8th day of August 2011, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in The Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary