

## **Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting**

**Monday, June 13, 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 long distance learning room by Alden Zuhlke, president. The meeting had been moved from the high school media center due to painting and other custodial work. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Vicki Peterson, Krista Hanks and Jeremy Hampton. John Anderson and Marilyn Elwood were absent. Also present were Superintendent Richard Alt, Elementary Principal/Activities Director Randy Kort, Secondary Principal Randall 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 side of the room. Marilyn Elwood arrived at 5:31 p.m.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Consent items included the minutes of the May 9, 2011 regular meeting, the financial reports, the June claims and approval of the agenda.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$991,620.34 (170,127.39) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$95,201.12 (83,141.04), Petty Cash \$2,502.53 (2,135.69), Activity Account \$56,751.55 (62,402.72), Lunch Account \$7,935.13 (15,973.23) Employee Benefit Fund \$52,839.74 (52,816.59), Depreciation Fund \$171,192.81 (171,080.32), Payroll Account \$1,075.77 (1,069.72), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$9,222.41 (13,963.43). Total assets were \$2,351,256.77, compared to \$1,478,072.05 a month ago and \$1,913,801.75 a year ago.

May receipts totaled \$1,211,799.03. That compares to \$489,852.80 in April. Disbursements totaled \$390,306.08, including \$94,638.08 for claims and \$295,668.00 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$12,060.08. There were no Building Fund expenditures.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$37,084.63. There were no claims to the Building Fund. Hampton moved, Hanks seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Anderson absent. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CARPET TILE/CERAMIC TILE BIDS**

At the May meeting, the board approved a motion to accept the bid of Flooring Solutions to install carpet tile in the media center and ceramic tile in the Pirate Gym restrooms. Flooring Solutions was contacted following the meeting to notify them of the board's decision. Several days later, Flooring Solutions called to inform Superintendent Alt that they had failed to include labor costs in their bid for the ceramic tile. At first they offered to do the project for \$2,100 more than their original bid, and later lowered that amount to \$1,600 more than their original bid. That still placed their bid higher than the second lowest bid. Since that time, Flooring Solutions agreed to match the next lowest bid. Nore's Design Center also made an additional bid on ceramic tile, now bidding 13-inch tiles rather than 2-inch tiles. Nore's new total bid on carpet and tile was \$9,947. Flooring Solutions final bid was \$10,695.

Peterson moved, Hampton seconded, to rescind the previous motion from the May 9 meeting due to the labor misquote by Flooring Solutions, and to accept the current bid of Nore's Design Center for carpet tile for the media center and ceramic tile for the restrooms outside the Pirate Gym for a total of \$9,947. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Anderson absent. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES FOR 2011-2012**

Federal regulations are dictating that lunch prices be raised for next year by a minimum of 5 cents for each meal. The current prices appear to be lower than many area schools. Several repair bills for the kitchen and higher commodity prices have also lowered the lunch department's operating margin. Superintendent Alt recommended raising the meal prices 10 cents per meal for next year. The prices would then be: student breakfasts \$1.10, adult breakfasts \$1.25, pre K-3 lunches \$1.70, grades 4-12 lunches \$1.90, adult lunches \$2.65.

An informal meeting of several parents, along with Superintendent Alt and Krista Hanks, will be held to discuss the hot lunch program. In order to wait for results of that meeting, Peterson moved, Hanks seconded, to table the decision on the lunch prices until the July 11 board meeting. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Anderson absent. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSS AND SET DATE FOR BOARD RETREAT**

The board had earlier discussed holding a summer retreat. Thursday, July 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. was chosen as the date, with the event to be held at the school. Superintendent Alt will make the arrangements. Board members are to bring ideas and goals for discussion at the retreat to the July 11 regular board meeting.

## **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Elementary Principal/AD Kort reported a fourth place finish by the boys golf team at the state meet, with the championship won by Mitchell Klooz. He also reported that most of Plainview's state track participants met or exceeded their personal bests. He included in the board packet an initial draft of the sports calendar for 2011-2012, noting several changes yet to be made.

Secondary Principal Klooz distributed information on how assessments would be used in figuring class ranking and grade point averages. He recommended using assessments for twenty percent of the grade with eighty percent from classroom work. Included would be the junior year NeSA test and the senior year MAP assessment. This would be done instead of weighted classes and would start with the 2011-2012 freshmen class. The item will be on the July board meeting agenda.

He announced that Ronita Jacobsen has been named the Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska (ACTEN) Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year and (ACTEN) Outstanding Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year.

He again discussed the ANGEL program, with all teachers to be trained to use the system.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Chairman Zuhlke complimented the Q125 committee on a successful event. Brook Curtiss from the committee thanked the school for their cooperation and the use of the school facilities. An envelope from the Diamond Jubilee time capsule was given to Superintendent Alt who will share the information at the July board meeting.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Alt shared a thank you note from Claudia Schultze for her retirement gift. He announced the July 20 video conferencing at ESU 8 in Neligh of the school finance workshop held in Kearney. There will be seven schools in the NENAC Conference following Crofton's move to the Midstates Conference. No schools invited expressed interest in joining NENAC. NENAC tournament admission prices were raised to \$5 for adults and \$4 for students with admission for regular events not to exceed those amounts.

Superintendent Alt shared information on the changes in the Court of Industrial Relations. Additional purchases of security cameras and swipe keys will be on the July board agenda. Blue Cross Blue Shield has announced a premium holiday for the Educators Health Alliance for the month of December 2011. He reported on

work completed by the custodial staff in the locker rooms, the junior high locker rooms, the high school media center and new signs for the track allowing for only foot traffic and no pets.

**CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS**

Hanks moved, Hampton seconded, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Anderson absent. Motion carried. The board went into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 7:52 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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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 13th day of June 2011, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in The Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary