

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 14, 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, Jeremy Hampton, Krista Hanks, Vicki Peterson, John Anderson and Marilyn Elwood. Also present were Superintendent Richard Alt, Secondary Principal Randall Klooz, Elementary Principal/Activities Director Randy Kort and recording secretary, Imogene Wacker. Cory Friedrich, Ronita Jacobsen, Daniel Elwood, Elaine Hampton and Brook Curtiss 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 February 14, 2010 regular meeting, the financial reports, the March claims and approval of the agenda.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$326,541.59 (497,329.08) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$79,491.70 (77,782.29), Petty Cash \$2,442.36 (2,501.45), Activity Account \$76,646.61 (75,765.60), Lunch Account \$19,016.23 (22,237.13), Employee Benefit Fund \$52,773.21 (9,030.08), Depreciation Fund \$470,598.59 (470,327.99), Payroll Account \$1,053.11 (1,046.90), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$14,411.94 (16,218.14). Total assets were \$2,007,907.83, compared to \$2,070,056.73 a month ago and \$1,914,554.33 a year ago.

February receipts totaled \$229,883.98. That compares to \$626,210.72 in January. Disbursements totaled \$400,671.47, including \$102,181.93 for claims and \$298,489.54 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$1,709.41. There were no Building Fund expenditures.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$35,067.51. There were no claims to the Building Fund. Hampton moved, Elwood seconded, to approve the consent items with one correction in the minutes from the February 14 meeting. Claudia Schultze will be eligible for an early retirement incentive payment of \$7,000 per year for four years rather than five years. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

REVISION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL/VISION/BELIEF STATEMENTS

Under the advisement of the school's Educational Service Unit 8 professional development consultant, the school improvement team approved changes in the goal/vision/belief statements for the district. Principal Klooz gave a short presentation on why the changes were necessary and Ronita Jacobsen also commented on the change. It was suggested that the wording of the previous goal, "To improve student reading skills in all content areas. Technological skills will be integrated across the curriculum to assist in accomplishing this goal," be changed to "All students will improve in reading skills across the curriculum." Added to the vision/belief statements was "provides learning opportunities that incorporate technology for staff and students." Hanks moved, Peterson seconded, to approve the school improvement goal/vision/belief statements as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR

No changes were proposed for the 2011-2012 school calendar presented at the February 14 board meeting. Elwood moved, Hampton seconded, to approve the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

SPANISH POSITION

Four applications were received for the Spanish teaching position with two interviews conducted. The position was offered to one of those candidates but she declined the position. Plans were under way to interview

a third candidate, but that person declined the interview. Work will continue on filling the position.

PIRATE GYM ROOF REPAIRS

Although no leaks in the Pirate Gym roof have occurred, the roofing material is beginning to pull away from the walls and the edges. As it stretches, the possibility of leaks increases. Superintendent Alt recommended the board begin the bid process for a Pirate Gym re-roofing project. A representative of Guarantee Roofing has provided suggested bidding specifications. Peterson moved, Anderson seconded, to prepare and publish the bidding specifications to begin the bid process on repairing the Pirate Gym roof. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried

PURCHASE OF SUBURBAN

The district's 1994 Chevrolet Suburban has a problem with the anti-lock brakes, making it not advisable for student transportation use, and that would be more expensive to repair than the value of the vehicle. Transportation Director Bob McCabe has been watching for a used Suburban to replace the current vehicle with the possibility of trading in the 1998 high-mileage Pontiac van. \$30,000 was budgeted for the current year for the purchase of a bus. Watson Motor offered a 2005 Suburban with 81,000 miles for \$18,250 with trade-in of the van. Creighton Auto had a 2004 Suburban with 54,000 miles for \$18,495 with trade-in. Anderson moved, Elwood seconded, to purchase the 2004 Chevrolet Suburban from Creighton Auto. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

PRINCIPALS' CONTRACTS

Superintendent Alt recommended rehiring Elementary Principal Randy Kort and Secondary Principal Randall Klooz.

Hampton moved, Peterson seconded, to rehire Randy Kort as the elementary Principal/Activities Director for the 2011-2012 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Elwood moved, Hampton seconded, to rehire Randall Klooz as the secondary principal for the 2011-2012 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary Principal/AD Kort reported on activities in the coming month and also reported 27 students participating in track, 14 boys and 13 girls, and 12 in golf. An initial reply was received about combining cross country teams with an area school for 2011-2012, but no further information has been received. He also reported coming testing dates in the elementary. Corby Forbes and Teran Boyer were state champions in wrestling and Evan Aschoff and Kayne Daudt placed third at the state meet, with the Plainview team winning fourth place.

Secondary Principal Klooz reported on the March 4 teacher in-service day activities and on his attendance at the recent National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) National Convention in San Francisco. He presented a written school improvement data report to board members. The board requested similar reports quarterly. They also requested checking to see if the data can be broken down separately into elementary and secondary information.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chairman Zuhlke suggested the school district sponsor, with a monetary donation, all or part of an educational event for the Q125 celebration to be chosen from the suggested list given by the Q125 committee. The decision will be made at the April board meeting.

Zuhlke, Hampton and Elwood had walked through the school facilities following the February board meeting and had several suggestions for improvements, including new carpet for the secondary media center, updates to the boys and girls locker rooms, and updates to the restrooms near the Pirate Gym. Anderson also suggested the need for several handicapped parking spaces on the elementary side of the street during activities, to be done with moveable signs, rather than painted street markings.

More discussion occurred on co-oping with area schools for athletic teams, with cross country particularly discussed. It was suggested that now was the time to make the decision on cross country rather than waiting until next fall.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Alt reported the arrival of most of the new Apple computer equipment approved by the board at the February meeting. He spoke of the Red Cross Shelter Agreement and the replacement needed of one of the heaters in the VoAg building. A possible summer project will be to repair the current standby boiler in the secondary building, installing a new burner, making it the main boiler, with the current boiler becoming the standby boiler. Approximate cost would be \$29,000.

Dennis Johnson is preparing specifications so the district's insurance can again be competitively bid. Superintendent Alt also presented the Educational Service Unit 8 special education contract with a cost of \$379,433.00. He reported the new date for the school law workshop for board members on March 29. He also reported the school improvement visitation will be March 28-30. The annual safety inspection on March 14 showed no major areas to be addressed.

CLOSED SESSION FOR TEACHER PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATIONS

Hanks moved, Anderson seconded, to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and teacher negotiations. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:16 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:47 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 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 14th day of March 2011, which meeting was preceded by public notice posted on March 10, 2011 at Plainview Public Schools, Plainview Post Office, City of Plainview offices, Casey's General Store, Roadrunner, Madison County Bank, Midwest Bank, Brunswick State Bank and Brunswick Post Office.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary