

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2010

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 elementary lunch room by Alden Zuhlke, president. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Krista Hanks, Kent Friedrich, Dan Stelling, John Anderson and Jeremy Hampton. Also present were Superintendent Richard Alt, Principals Randy Kort and Randall Klooz and recording secretary, Imogene Wacker. Rhoda Bjelland, Matt Fisher, Corey Dahl, Marilyn Elwood, Brook Curtiss and Elaine Hampton signed the visitor roster. Zuhlke indicated that the rules for open meetings were posted at the front of the room.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included the minutes of the April 12, 2010 regular meeting, the financial reports, the May claims and approval of the agenda.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$120,506.87 (118,377.78) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$74,735.68 (69,736.74), Petty Cash \$2,351.97 (2,197.63), Activity Account \$62,444.44 (65,945.85), Lunch Account \$29,496.64 (28,891.98), Employee Benefit Fund \$52,546.06 (52,513.69), Depreciation Fund \$227,724.60 (467,452.17), Payroll Account \$1,124.91 (1,114.94), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$13,989.69 (13,240.63). Total assets were \$1,534,128.50, compared to \$1,666,432.10 a month ago and \$1,368,114.32 a year ago.

April receipts totaled \$447,907.84, including a loan of \$240,000.00 from the Depreciation Fund. That compares to \$194,203.88 in March. Disbursements totaled \$445,778.75, including \$153,039.31 for claims and \$292,739.44 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$4,998.94. There were no Building Fund expenditures.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$50,792.36. There were no claims to the Building Fund. Stelling moved, Hanks seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

ROOF BIDS

Following discussion at the April 12 board meeting, it was decided to put the subject of roof bids for the locker room area and the business classroom area on the agenda for the May meeting to allow the full board to make the decision. The board asked Superintendent Alt to visit with both Guarantee Roofing and Western Roofing companies for more clarification on their bids. Representatives from Guarantee Roofing were present to answer more questions. Included in Guarantee's bid were additional work and materials to remove all of the old roof insulation, add height to walls, add new double layer insulation and add new metal caps. Western's bid did not include all of those items. Several board members expressed misgivings about not having a bid for comparable work and materials from Western Roofing, but because of the school's history with Guarantee Roofing and satisfaction with their work, felt Guarantee's bid would be the better choice. Anderson moved, Friedrich seconded, to approve the bid of Guarantee Roofing for \$86,112.00 to replace the roof above the locker rooms and the business classroom area. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

SECURITY CAMERAS

At the April 12 meeting, it was decided to postpone a vote on the purchase of security cameras for the high school until the May meeting to allow all board members to be involved in the decision. Superintendent Alt had recommended the bid of DSN EnviroSystems.

Several board members expressed agreement with the recommendation while several others were more interested in installing a new sweep door lock system rather than security cameras. Friedrich moved, Stelling

seconded, to accept the bid of DSN Envirosystems and Surveillance for \$12,030.00 to install security cameras in the high school building. Upon roll call vote, Hampton, Friedrich, Stelling and Zuhlke voted aye. Hanks and Anderson voted no. Motion carried.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

A transitional kindergarten was discussed at the April 12 meeting. The transitional kindergarten is a kindergarten program, not a preschool program and is for students who are not yet ready to attend the regular kindergarten. By state law, five-year-olds can attend preschool only if their Individual Education Plan specifies that need. Hanks moved, Hampton seconded, to offer a transitional kindergarten program as part of the elementary program of instruction. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Hanks moved, Hampton seconded, to change the enrollment restrictions for the preschool to provide one section of preschool with a maximum of twenty students. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

PLAINVIEW SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The Plainview School Foundation committee of Alden Zuhlke, Krista Hanks, Superintendent Alt and Principal Klooz recently met and selected initial members of the board of directors. Commitments were received from Krista Hanks, board representative, four-year term, Janyce Warneke four-year term, Holly Meuret three-year term, Delford Kroeger two-year term, and Brian Ickler one-year term.

RESIGNATION OF TEACHER

Steven Porter did not return his contract prior to the designated date and so was not included in the rehires done at the April 12 meeting. He did, however, submit his resignation shortly after the April meeting. Stelling moved, Hanks seconded, to accept Steven Porter's resignation as a secondary mathematics teacher, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVE NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS

Two new teachers have been offered contracts for the 2010-2011 school year. Sarah Wurdeman was offered a contract for the secondary math position. She is completing student teaching at Norfolk High School. She will also serve as the head volleyball coach. Samantha Hahn has been offered the instrumental music position. She is completing her student teaching at Norfolk Catholic High School. Salaries, benefits and conditions of employment will be established by the negotiated Master Contract.

Friedrich moved, Anderson seconded to hire Sarah Wurdeman as a secondary mathematics teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Stelling moved, Hanks seconded, to hire Samantha Hahn as the instrumental music teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary Principal/ Activities Director Kort gave an update on the Visual Phonics workshop held for elementary teachers. Teachers are using the program in the classrooms. Staff members are evaluating new math curriculum for grades K-6, with Saxon currently the curriculum of choice, at a cost of about \$20,000.00. He also reported on current and upcoming elementary and high school activities.

Secondary Principal Klooz spoke about activities for the ending of the school year. He also noted the winners of the National Teacher Appreciation Day poetry contest. His written report included comments on developing and implementing the 24/7 learning initiative. Also listed were perfect attendance awards and Honor Scholars, as well as

community scholarships presented at Honors Night. A junior high honors event will be held this year for the first time on May 19.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The end-of-year dinner for staff and board members, sponsored by the PPEA, will be held May 24 at the Country Club.

Zuhlke thanked board members for the extensive discussion on roofing contracts and security cameras.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Several thank yous were received. A policy on dating violence will be brought to the June meeting. Results of writing assessments for grades 4, 8 and 11 show Plainview students above the state averages. It was the consensus of the board to remove the old underground fuel tank west of the high school building, rather than have it filled with concrete.

Friedrich and Hampton left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

It was the consensus of the board to have the Pirate Gym repainted over the summer. A public meetings law workshop is planned by the Nebraska Association of School Boards.

No closed session was required as the teacher and board negotiations teams had not yet met.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 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 10th day of April 2010, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News and a correction of meeting location, posted on the doors of the school, at the Plainview News office, at the City of Plainview office, and at the Plainview Post Office.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary