

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 9, 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 Jeremy Hampton. John Anderson was absent and excused. Also present were Superintendent Richard Alt, Elementary Principal/Activities Director Randy Kort, Secondary Principal Randall Klooz and recording secretary, Imogene Wacker. Cory Friedrich and Elaine Hampton 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 April 11, 2011 regular meeting, the April 18, 2011 special 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 \$170,127.39 (224,691.30) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$83,141.04 (80,985.73), Petty Cash \$2,135.69 (803.38), Activity Account \$62,402.72 (66,623.83), Lunch Account \$15,973.23 (17,743.36) Employee Benefit Fund \$52,816.59 (52,795.62), Depreciation Fund \$171,080.32 (470,898.35), Payroll Account \$1069.72 (1059.03), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$13,963.43 (12,831.84). Total assets were \$1,478,072.05, compared to \$1,683,708.47 a month ago and \$1,534,128.50 a year ago.

April receipts totaled \$489,852.80, including a \$300,000.00 loan from the Depreciation Account. That compares to \$222,525.19 in March. Disbursements totaled \$544,416.71, including \$244,723.97 for claims and \$299,692.74 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$2,155.31. There were no Building Fund expenditures.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$94,638.08. There were no claims to the Building Fund. Hanks moved, Hampton 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.

SAFETY PLAN REPORT

Cory Friedrich gave a brief report and displayed the new "Safety Bags" to be used by staff during weather and safety alerts. Superintendent Alt and board members thanked him for his work as head of the Safety Committee.

REPORT ON STATE WRITING ASSESSMENT SCORES

Fourth- and eighth-grade students took the statewide writing assessment in early February this year. Individual scores are not yet available at the state level, but early reports show that all students in the two grades scored at or above the score necessary to meet the state standard.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CARPET BIDS

Board members had received information in their mailed board packets on carpet and ceramic tile estimates. Seven companies had submitted proposals for laying broadloom carpet in the secondary media center, for laying carpet tile in the secondary media center and for laying ceramic tile in the girls and boys restrooms outside the Pirate Gym. Superintendent Alt reviewed the pros and cons of carpet tile and broadloom carpet as well as provided information on warranties and plans for the work. All companies felt the work could be done in June or July to allow secondary librarian Karen Foster to have the library ready for the start of classes in August. Board

members felt that both the media center and bathrooms should be done and that carpet tile would be preferable for the media center.

Peterson moved, Hampton seconded, to accept the bid of Flooring Solutions for carpet tile for the media center and ceramic tile for the Pirate Gym restrooms for a total of \$9,335.51. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Anderson absent. Motion carried. Superintendent Alt, Mrs. Foster and board members Hanks, Peterson and Elwood will choose the media center carpet pattern and color.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ACTIVITY COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

Plainview and Creighton administrators have been in discussion on cooping cross country and boys golf during the next two-year cycle. At the present time, it appears that a cooperative venture in cross country will not work as Creighton does not expect to have any boys out for cross country next year and it appears that Plainview will not have any girls participating. A cooperative, which would move the combined program up to Class C, would not be in either school's best interests. Some interest has been expressed in a boys golf cooperative for next year, however, that decision can be made later as only the fall sports cooperatives must be submitted to the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) by June 1. With the possibility of only three Plainview boys participating in cross country next fall, it was suggested by several board members that the program be discontinued. Principal Klooz did not want to end the program at this time since the date was past when students could opt out to another district in order to participate. Board members suggested that discussion occur at a board retreat on what numbers constitute the level for discontinuing an activity or a class.

ACTION ON SPANISH POSITION

Robin Cheney returned her signed contract for the grades 7-12 Spanish position. Elwood moved, Hanks seconded, to hire Robin Cheney as the 7-12 Spanish teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Anderson absent. Motion carried.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary Principal/AD Kort reported on activities for the remaining days of school. NeSA testing is complete in grades 3-6. MAPS and DIBELS testing is also complete in the elementary.

Secondary Principal Klooz reported on Honors Night and told of the many groups and individuals who provided scholarships for Plainview graduating seniors. Secondary NeSA and MAPS tests have been completed. He also reported a cost of \$200 per student to take the summer Drivers Education course, distributed a 2011-2012 class schedule and announced sixth grade move-up day was scheduled for May 10. Principal Klooz also announced that the administration is looking to purchase a program to organize test data for teacher use, possibly through PowerSchool Studio.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no president's report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Alt shared a thank you note received for a memorial gift. He also reported on current Court of Industrial Relations (CIR) legislation. He reported that staff and school contributions to the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement plan will increase September 1, 2011 and again September 1, 2012. Three schools have been invited to join the NENAC Conference. Recent minor vandalism occurred on the elementary playground. He also distributed information from the Nebraska Education Commissioner on a draft of teacher and principal standards.

He reported that it appears lunch prices for the coming year will need to be raised as a result of new regulations from the Department of Education's Nutrition Services, as well as the increase in commodity prices. A proposal will be brought to the next board meeting.

The board negotiation committee suggested dates to meet with the teacher negotiation committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Following the meeting, board members were invited to view the art room that was decorated for the elementary open house.

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 9th day of May 2011, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in The Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary