

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2009

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 of Plainview Public Schools by Alden Zuhlke, president. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Jeremy Hampton, Krista Hanks, John Anderson, Dan Stelling and Kent Friedrich. Also present were Supt. Richard Alt, Principals Randall Klooz and Randy Kort and recording secretary, Imogene Wacker. Those who had signed the visitor roster were Elaine Hampton, Brook Curtiss, Cory Friedrich, Penny Davids, Michelle Hille, Cory Hille and Bob Smith. 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 July 13, 2009, regular 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 \$498,080.43 (899,208.75) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$43,647.61 (42,152.74), Petty Cash \$2,498.62 (2,497.81), Activity Account \$39,960.88 (25,753.06), Lunch Account \$21,087.96 (23,121.86), Employee Benefit Fund \$52,216.61 (52,166.10), Depreciation Fund \$464,105.84 (463,617.58), Payroll Account \$2,429.36 (3,533.10), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$8,911.20 (9,969.41). Total assets were \$2,078,970.45, compared to \$2,322,732.18 a month ago and \$1,780,064.15 a year ago.

July receipts totaled \$48,534.47. That compares to \$726,135.49 in June. Disbursements totaled \$449,662.79, including \$199,288.23 for claims and \$250,374.56 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$1,494.87. There were no building fund expenditures. 98.10 percent of the General Fund budget had been spent, compared to 91.24 percent a year ago.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$53,968.06. There were no claims to the Building Fund. Hanks moved, Stelling seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Bob Smith told the board that he and his wife plan to host two foreign exchange students for the coming year, making a total of four foreign exchange students in the high school.

Cory and Michelle Hille of Osmond were present to ask if their four-year-old son could attend preschool in Plainview because Michelle is employed in Plainview and the child is also in a Plainview daycare. The board has no current policy on out-of-district preschool students, so could not answer the Hille's question. Board members felt they needed to get information from surrounding districts on possible tuition and enrollment policies and then set a local policy as soon as possible, with an answer for the Hilles before the first day of school.

SPONSORSHIP OF THE TEAMMATES PROGRAM

The board has, in the past, donated \$500 to the local TeamMates program. Superintendent Alt and board members felt the program was beneficial for the students it serves.

Stelling moved, Anderson seconded, to donate \$500 to support the Teammates program to help offset their operational costs. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

REVISIONS TO DISTRICT'S SAFETY PLAN

Cory Friedrich was present to report on proposed changes to the school district's safety plan due to staff changes and responses from the safety drills carried out in the spring of 2009. Board members had received a copy of the changes in their packets. Hanks moved, Friedrich seconded, to approve the safety plan as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

The safety committee also hopes to find funding so a defibrillator can be purchased for placement in the school.

The board thanked Friedrich for his work as safety committee chairman.

2009-2010 HANDBOOKS

Principal Klooz distributed copies of the proposed 2009-2010 junior-senior high school handbook. A parent signature form is included. The handbook includes a “no cell phone” policy.

Hampton moved, Stelling seconded, to approve the handbook as presented for the 2009-2010 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

NASB MEDICAID CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

The board discussed membership in a proposed Nebraska Association of School Board’s (NASB) consortium to get Medicaid funds to Nebraska schools, with the NASB to serve as a clearing house for fund reimbursement.

Friedrich moved, Stelling seconded to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board of Plainview Public Schools (“the Board”), has received copies of the NASB Medicaid Consortium Membership Agreement, together with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the NASB Medicaid Consortium, and is familiar with the contents thereof;

WHEREAS the Board believes that it is in the best interest of Plainview Public Schools to become a member of the NASB Medicaid Consortium, on the terms and conditions set forth in the NASB Medicaid Consortium Agreement, and the Articles and Bylaws of the NASB Medicaid Consortium;

NOW THEREFORE, with a quorum present and a majority of its members voting in favor, the Board duly adopts the following Resolution;

1. That Plainview Public Schools become a member of the NASB Medicaid Consortium, a joint entity formed pursuant to the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. 13-801 – 13-827 (Reissue 2007), constituting a separate public body corporate and politic of the State of Nebraska;
2. That Alden Zuhlke is authorized to sign the NASB Medicaid Consortium Membership Agreement and bind Plainview Public Schools to the terms thereof on behalf of Plainview Public Schools.

Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

Elementary Principal Kort reported on the new IPOD Touch teacher evaluation tools to be used by both principals in the coming year. Regular formal teacher evaluations will not be replaced by the new technology but the tools will be used for brief evaluations to help teachers improve teaching.

Statewide testing in reading and writing will be done online for the first time in 2009-2010. A trial run is set for September with actual testing done in the spring.

Work will begin on a vocabulary wall as a K-12 project to promote reading and vocabulary development.

Secondary Principal Klooz reported that Homecoming will be October 2.

Board members spoke positively about allowing four foreign exchange students to enroll for the 2009-2010 school year.

Andrew Holton, Teran Boyer and Zach Masat were congratulated for their participation on Creighton’s state baseball tournament championship team. Tucker Knaak, Sam Meuret and Mitchell Klooz were also congratulated on their qualification for the Kids World Championship Golf Tournaments, with Klooz taking first place in his age division.

Principal Klooz reported that class scheduling is going well with the APEX Online Learning system to be used to help students with scheduling problems.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chairman Zuhlke asked if any board members had questions or concerns for the administrators. Anderson commented that the new handicapped entrance is not open for all events when needed. He also asked about the repair or replacement of the intercom system in the junior high building. Both concerns will be dealt with by administrators.

Zuhlke also reminded board members to prepare for an evaluation of Superintendent Alt in December as the first evaluation is to be done within six months.

He asked Superintendent Alt to begin research on setting up a school foundation. Brook Curtiss commented that Plainview Pride is looking to develop a community foundation and the school would be welcome to participate.

The board chairman suggested a board retreat sometime after December to prepare long range plans for the school district.

Zuhlke, Friedrich and Stelling were appointed to serve as an advisory committee, if needed, for budget preparations. Principal Klooz suggested a walk-through of the facilities when that committee meets.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Alt reported that Ray Doerr and his student mentee had been recognized by the state organization for their work in the TeamMates program.

Board members were reminded of an area NASB meeting in Norfolk on September 23.

The Hiring Policy Committee was to meet following the regular board meeting.

No additional information was available on school security cameras.

Superintendent Alt and Principal Kort had attended Nebraska Administrator Days in Kearney.

The Building and Grounds Committee was encouraged to look at the district's track and long jump runways, as some repairs and renovations are needed.

More discussion occurred on preschool enrollment and also on transportation of preschool students. Administrators will be researching rules and regulations on both discussion items and a special board meeting may be called prior to the start of the school year to set policies.

Superintendent Alt also reported work progressing on the 2009-2010 budget and plans for teacher in-service meetings on August 17 and 18 prior to the start of classes on August 19. The board-staff gathering is planned for August 21 at the Plainview Country Club.

Principal Klooz distributed revised school calendars.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 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 August, 2009, which meeting was preceded by public notice posted on Friday, August 7, 2009, at the Plainview Post Office, The Plainview News and at Plainview Public Schools.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary