

**Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting**  
**Monday, September 14, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was preceded by two public hearings in the high school media center on Monday, September 14, 2009. Present were board members, administrative staff and several visitors.

A hearing for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2009-2010 budget was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by board chairman, Alden Zuhlke. Roll call was answered by John Anderson, Dan Stelling, Krista Hanks and Zuhlke. Kent Friedrich and Jeremy Hampton were absent. It was indicated that the rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room. Superintendent Alt reviewed details of the proposed budget. State aid will drop from \$657,502 in 2008-2009 to \$163,645 in 2009-2010. District assessed valuations have increased \$18,286,625 from 2008-2009 to 2009-2010, with most of the increase in Antelope County. Expenditures for 2009-2010 are estimated at \$6,368,811, including \$4,396,006 for non-special education purposes, \$620,564 for special education and \$1,352,241 for cash reserves. Some discussion followed. The hearing closed at 5:43 p.m.

A hearing for the purpose of establishing the tax requests for the 2009-2010 budget was then opened by Zuhlke. Anderson, Stelling, Hanks and Zuhlke were again present, with Friedrich and Hampton absent. It was indicated that the budget, discussed at the previous hearing, would require a 0.984446 tax levy for the general fund and a 0.035000 levy for the building fund, for a total tax levy of 1.019446, compared to 0.999446 in 2008-2009. The hearing was closed at 5:45 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 5:45 p.m. in the high school media center of Plainview Public Schools by Alden Zuhlke, president. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Hanks, Anderson and Stelling, with Friedrich and Hampton absent. Also present were Supt. Richard Alt, Principals Randall Klooz and Randy Kort and recording secretary, Imogene Wacker. Signing the visitor roster were Cory Friedrich, Lori Schrader, Duane Dean and Elaine Hampton. Zuhlke again indicated that the rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Consent items included the minutes of the August 10, 2009, regular meeting and the August 17, 2009, special meeting, the financial reports, the September claims and approval of the agenda.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$217,533.75 (498,080.43) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$45,071.39 (43,647.61), Petty Cash \$2,187.84 (2,498.62), Activity Account \$47,082.46 (39,960.88), Lunch Account \$27,545.96 (21,087.96), Employee Benefit Fund \$52,267.17 (52,216.61), Depreciation Fund \$464,594.61 (464,105.84), Payroll Account \$1,306.31 (2,429.36), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$8,281.53 (8,911.20). Total assets were \$1,810,936.38, compared to \$2,078,970.45 a month ago and \$1,528,202.75 a year ago.

August receipts totaled \$44,790.07. That compares to \$48,534.47 in July. Disbursements totaled \$325,336.75, including \$53,968.06 for claims and \$271,368.69 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$1,423.78. There were no building fund expenditures. 105.45 percent of the General Fund budget had been spent, compared to 101.30 percent a year ago.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$54,934.64. 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, with Friedrich and Hampton absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No one asked to speak during the public comment period.

### **2009-2010 BUDGET**

Since no changes had been suggested during the hearing conducted earlier on the proposed budget, it was moved by Hanks, seconded by Stelling, to approve the 2009-2010 budget for Plainview Public Schools as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Friedrich and Hampton absent. Motion carried.

### **TAX REQUESTS FOR THE 2009-2010 BUDGET**

Having adopted the budget in the meeting's previous action, Anderson moved, Stelling seconded, to approve the tax requests for the 2009-2010 school year as published. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Friedrich and Hampton absent. Motion carried.

### **FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY 502.04**

Policy 502.04 and the accompanying Administrative Rules and Regulations concerning Early Childhood Education were discussed at the August 17, 2009, special board meeting. Recommendations made by board members and approved at that meeting were included in the policy draft. Although approval was made during the special board meeting, adoption of the policy action must be done during regular board meetings. Stelling moved, Anderson seconded, to approve on first reading Board Policy 502.04 (Early Childhood Education) as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Friedrich and Hampton absent. Motion carried.

### **FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY 302.4**

Following an August meeting of the Board's committee on hiring practices, recommendations were made to change Board Policy 302.4 (Superintendent Duties) to bring the wording in line with the policies dealing with certified and classified staff. The portion of the policy in question has been changed to read, "The Superintendent shall make recommendations to the Board of Education for the appointment, assignment, or dismissal of all teachers of the school district. The superintendent shall inform the Board of Education of the selection and assignment of all classified staff." Hanks moved, Anderson seconded, to approve on first reading the proposed changes to Board Policy 302.4 (Superintendent Duties). Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Friedrich and Hampton absent. Motion carried.

### **JUNIOR HIGH BUILDING INTERCOM**

Secondary Principal Klooz had contacted Electronic Systems, Inc. from Hastings concerning the intercom system in the old building. That company already maintains the school's intercom and bell system and is familiar with the building. The proposed addition to the intercom system would provide communication between the administrative offices and the classrooms in the older junior high building. The quote from the Hastings firm to replace intercom speakers and call-in switches in the junior high building and to pull new wire to replace old wiring which is taped and in poor condition and tie it into the main intercom unit was \$1,960. Anderson moved, Stelling seconded to approve the pricing quote from Electronic Systems, Inc. to install intercom speakers and call-in switches in the junior high school. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Friedrich and Hampton absent. Motion carried.

### **REPAIR OF TRACK**

Elementary Principal/Activities Director Kort presented information on a price quote for repairing, striping and sealing the surface of the track. He and Supt. Alt, Principal Klooz and board member Stelling recently met with a representative from Pro Track and Tennis from Bennington to discuss options for track repair. The company had

originally installed the track. The surface in several areas is loose, striping is fading and jump runways are showing wear. The company representative felt the track had held up well and was receiving good care, but that the problem areas should be repaired now to avoid future deterioration. Pro Track's proposal for repairs, a new polyurethane structural spray sealant, and restriping was \$59,950. There would be a three-year warranty on the work and it could be completed yet this fall. Anderson moved, Stelling seconded to approve the pricing quote from Pro Track and Tennis, Inc. to repair, restripe and seal the surface of the track. A question was raised on board policy on bidding procedures. A check of the Board Policy Manual appeared to indicate that it was not necessary to put a job of this type out for bids and it was felt it would be advantageous to have the company originally constructing the track to do the repair work. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Friedrich and Hampton absent. Motion carried.

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Elementary Principal/Activities Director Kort reported 36 players participating in volleyball, 28 in football, 3 in cross country and 8 in girls golf. Applications have been made for Plainview to host district events in basketball, golf and track.

Principal Kort visited with the board about a group of teachers visiting the Fremont school district on a staff in-service day to review a primary-grade writing curriculum. He also reported that the elementary is planning to offer an after-school program for grades 4-6 similar to the secondary's Advantage Program.

Anderson questioned how the combined fourth grade is working. All comments were that it has been going well.

Secondary Principal Klooz reported on upcoming events in the high school and presented information on standards and assessments and curriculum alignment. Students are taking three APEX online classes this semester to ease scheduling conflicts, nine students are taking dual credit online classes and two students are taking articulation classes for college credit. The school will again offer ACT Prep classes this year.

Principal Klooz is asking for price quotes on improving the sound system in the Pirate Gym.

Constitution Day will be observed on September 17, with activities in both the elementary and secondary buildings. Parent-Teacher Conferences are planned for Friday, October 16, from 1 to 7 p.m.

Principal Klooz also presented information on touch monitor displays.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Zuhlke added comments on the use of touch monitor displays.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Alt reported that Kelli Mosel had been hired in a part-time position to replace Lona Smith in the kitchen.

The Language Arts Standards, revised by the Nebraska Department of Education, must either be adopted by the school prior to December, or standards that are equal to or more rigorous than state standards must be adopted by that time. Copies of the state standards were distributed to board members and this item will be on the agenda in October. A draft copy of new mathematics standards and current state standards for social science, science and mathematics were also distributed. A policy draft that would allow the board to adopt all the state standards (current and/or changed) at one time was enclosed in the board packet for review. The policy will bring the district up to date with recommendations made by the Department of Education for ensuring that the state tests are administered according to their security standards.

The district's ACT scores were reviewed showing Plainview students comparing very well with other students in Nebraska and the nation.

There may be a new grant available for security cameras in early spring.

Board members were encouraged to register for the Nebraska Association of School Boards area meeting in Norfolk on September 23. The state NASB conference will be held in Omaha in November.

Superintendent Alt reported that NENAC-member schools will be assessed a \$500 per year membership fee beginning this year, with event admission prices to stay the same.

Anderson expressed thanks for the success of the administrative transition this fall and other board members also commented on the good feedback they had received on the start of the school year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7 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 14<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2009, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary