

**Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2008**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, Neb., was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the media room of the Plainview Public Schools on Monday, April 14, 2008 by Alden Zuhlke, president. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Janyce Warneke, Krista Hanks, Dan Stelling, Tom Scranton and Kent Friedrich.

Also present were Supt. David Hamm, Principals Randy Klooz and Corey Dahl, Recording Secretary Lee Warneke, along with visitors, Jeremy Hampton, Toni Hart, Lucas Hitz, Kristen Tassemyer, Eileen Bramer, Kathleen Johansen, Michelle Bearinger, Cory Friedrich, Nathan Schwager, Dennis Johnson and Debbie White, along with members of the FFA, Nicole Sorensen, Lucas Gubbels, Jamie Stark, Brent Demerath and Aaron Keck, and their advisor, Chad Kment..

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 March 10, 2008 meeting, the financial report and the April claims.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$223,282.63 (\$220,706.49) in the checking account; CDs \$994,000.00 (\$994,000.00); Special Building Fund \$12,709.18 (\$11,268.56); Petty Cash Fund \$2,274.65 (\$2,456.80); Activity Account \$53,669.29 (\$64,784.80); Lunch Account \$34,422.75 (\$35,058.45); Employee Benefit Fund \$51,249.06 (\$51,150.68); Depreciation Fund \$227,964.04 (\$227,478.23); Payroll Account \$1,682.15 (\$1,617.45); Custodial/Section 125 Account \$8,929.54 (\$9,575.76). Total assets were \$1,482,563.60, compared to \$1,564,825.06 a month ago and \$1,497,141.29 a year ago.

March receipts totaled \$317,270.60, mostly from taxes and state funds, compared to \$229,859.33 at the end of February. Disbursements totaled \$314,694.46, including \$53,272.16 for claims and \$261,422.30 for payroll. Building fund receipts were \$1,440.62 with no expenditures, leaving a balance of \$12,709.18, compared to \$11,268.56 a month ago. 55.77 percent of budget has been expended, compared to 55.90 percent at the same time a year ago.

Claims to the general fund totaled \$127,619.69, including \$89,063.78 to ESU No. 8 for services and special education tuition.

Scranton moved, Warneke seconded, to approve the claims. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

FFA PRESENTATION

Five members of the FFA chapter and their advisor were present to give a brief explanation of activity with Plainview Agricultural Education and FFA. Among the informative information given were pictures of the class working on a mini train that could be used at the Klown Festival. They also commented that they had sold used tires resulting in \$30,000 to the chapter.

INSURANCE CONTRACT

Dennis Johnson and Nathan Schwager were present to discuss their bid for the school's insurance. It was indicated that it was \$7,000 less than the current year and about \$6,000 lower than their nearest competing bid. The current year's premium is \$47, 857 and the new bid was for \$39,991. It was indicated that the biggest decrease was in workmen's compensation and property coverage. Johnson indicated that the policy is provided by EMC insurance, which specializes in school districts and other public entities.

Stelling moved, Friedrich seconded, to award the comprehensive insurance bid to Bush and Roe until May of 2011. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

SCHOOL-BASED PRE-SCHOOL

While discussions had occurred in the past on establishing a pre-school, it was suggested to the Board that serious discussions need to be taken on whether to offer the pre-school program or not and whether to apply for grants. Most area schools will have pre-schools in operation by the next school term, with the exception possibly of Osmond. Some state aid would be available for the pre-school.

Hanks moved, Warneke seconded, to authorize the administrative team to begin the necessary steps for the establishment of a school-based pre-school beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

With elementary principal, Corey Dahl, leaving at the end of this school term, discussion has occurred on filling the voids of his departure. With four individuals on staff capable of serving with administrative duties, two declined interest and two were interested in such position.

Basically, it would add approximately 20 days to the contract of two individuals, which could be spread over an extra hour each current school day. Reimbursement was proposed as per diem pay which would add \$7,038 of total district costs for these positions.

Proposed teachers for the administrative purposes are Jen Hodson being responsible for substitute teachers and professional development of staff and Michelle Bearinger responsible as Special Education director and High Ability Learner coordinator.

Under such proposals, the superintendent would move to the elementary building where he would supervise K-6 activities in addition to his present duties, while the district secretary would remain in the present superintendent's office.

Friedrich moved, Stelling seconded, to authorize Mr. Hamm to offer two 20-day contracts to selected individuals to assist with administrative duties for the 2008-2009 school year. These contracts are administrative in nature and selected individuals must possess a Nebraska Administrative certificate. Compensation will be based on the current per diem rates of district principals. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS

An interview committee had recommended that Lori Porter be offered the contract to fill the elementary teaching position. She currently is serving as a student teacher in the Plainview elementary and the family had plans to move to Plainview.

Warneke moved, Stelling seconded, to offer a contract to Lori Porter to teach in the elementary department. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussion also occurred on filling the position that would be Technology Coordinator and Activities Director, including assistant boys' basketball coach. A contract was offered to one candidate, however, the offer was respectfully declined. Comment was made that it was hoped such individual could do some teaching also.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING 403(b)'S

New legislation provides that every public entity must have a written plan that explains how they will implement the new IRS regulations on these individual retirement accounts (403(b)). With many complications involved, a number of area schools will prepare a plan, usable by all the participating schools, and also engage a person as third party administrator to accept legal liability for the program. Such a plan would cost \$500 for each school district participating. Only eight staff members at Plainview are using these plans. Scranton moved, Hanks seconded, to approve the resolution giving Mr. Hamm authority to enter into an agreement with a third party administrator to handle the accounts. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

TEACHER COMPUTER REPLACEMENT

The technology team had made recommendations for the replacement of teacher computers, some of which are very old and not very functional.

Stelling moved, Friedrich seconded, to approve the purchase of teacher computers on a three-year basis at a probable cost of \$8100. The current-year REAP funds will be used to purchase the computers. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Elementary principal Dahl indicated that kindergarten roundup was now scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 with currently 14 possible kindergartners. He indicated the book fair would be the end of April and told of the elementary's "Learning Celebration," expressing the feeling that it had been very successful and will probably be done again in the future.

Secondary principal Klooz showed the Board members the t-shirts obtained for the TeamMates walk-a-thon which is being supported by a number of businesses. He led a discussion on the motivational speaker here last week and general comment was that it was a super day. He felt that the Plainview Academy of Leadership was off to a good start. He felt the prom went well and he commended the FFA for its awards.

At this time, 6:58 p.m., President Zuhlke needed to leave and Vice President Scranton conducted the rest of the meeting.

The question was asked about having the selection of National Honor Society members moved up instead of in the last days of the school year. It was indicated that discussion was under way to make it earlier in the year and there were 53 students who were qualified to apply for the honor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Hamm indicated that the District was being prodded to get a fuel storage tank removed, however the firm that specializes in the removal must be licensed and it has been difficult to get that firm here. The firm will be continually contacted to get the job done.

Hamm indicated that the state aid law was favorable to the Plainview School District.

Stelling moved, Friedrich seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried and Vice Chairman Scranton declared the meeting adjourned.

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed recording secretary of the Board of Education of District 5, Plainview, Neb., 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, Neb., held in open session on the 14th day of April, 2008, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Leonald Warneke, Recording Secretary