

Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting Monday, August 13, 2007

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, Neb., was called to order on Monday, August 13, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. in the media room of the Plainview Public Schools by Alden Zuhlke, president. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Krista Hanks, Janyce Warneke, Tom Scranton and Kent Friedrich. Dan Stelling was absent.

Also present were Supt. David Hamm, Principals Randy Klooz and Corey Dahl, Reporting Secretary Lee Warneke and guest, Cory Friedrich.

Zuhlke indicated that the rules for open meetings were posted on the wall near the north door of the media room.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included minutes of the July 9, 2007, board meeting, the financial report and the July claims.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$37,887.72 (\$117,713.16) in the general fund checking account, CDs \$1,500,000.00 (\$1,830,000.00), Special Building Fund \$32,128.28 (\$31,810.39), Petty Cash Fund \$1,893.88 (\$2,515.01), Activity Account \$55,870.98 (\$55,587.30), Lunch Account \$31,654.73 (\$31,585.30), Employee Benefit Fund \$50,266.79 (\$50,109.08), Depreciation Fund \$152,831.08 (\$92,400.78), Payroll Account \$2,412.44 (\$3,477.09), and Custodial/Section 125 Account \$8,394.91 (\$7,860.20). Total assets were \$1,659,783.90 at the end of July, compared to \$2,017,383.50 at the end of June. July receipts totaled \$369,410.49 (\$980,401.18) including \$330,000.00 from cashing CDs. Disbursements totaled \$449,235.93, including \$205,674.81 for claims and \$243,561.12 for payroll. Building Fund receipts were \$317.89 and there were no expenditures, leaving a building fund checking balance of \$32,128.28 (\$31,810.39). 92.01 percent of budget has been expended compared to 90.05 percent at this time a year ago. Claims to the general fund totaled \$135,609.83. There were no claims for the building fund.

Scranton moved, Friedrich seconded, to approve all consent agenda items as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous with Stelling absent. Motion carried.

NEW ENTRANCE DOOR

Discussion occurred on the new sidewalk and entrance to the high school building to permit handicapped accessibility. The bid of Pendergast Construction had been accepted. It was indicated that efforts were made to obtain several bids for the glass door that would be accessible for the handicapped, but only one bid was received – Glass Edge of Norfolk for \$3,977.00 for a 42 inch wide door with a sidelite to fill the balance of the opening. They also proposed remote handi-cap push buttons for the door to assist handicapped in wheel chairs or with other difficulties to enter the building at a cost of \$1,492.00 plus electrical hookup and push buttons.

Much discussion occurred, including adding lighting at the entry way.

Friedrich moved, Warneke seconded, that the project move ahead with the installation of the door proposed by Glass Edge, including the handi-cap push buttons, and the necessary wiring for the project, also including additional lighting. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous with Stelling absent. Motion carried.

Discussion also occurred on improvement of the entrance way so that persons are alerted to the new entrance for activities. No action was taken on this topic however.

TEAMMATES PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

Warneke, who is coordinator for the TeamMates program in Plainview, commented on the values of the program already seen in Plainview and further explained that many school districts are already assisting the program with money to help pay operating expenses, approximately \$500 a year. It would then permit the TeamMates committee to devote their efforts on fund raisers to provide graduating students of the program with scholarships.

Hanks moved, Friedrich seconded, to donate \$500 per year to cover the operating costs of the TeamMates program. Upon roll call vote, Zuhlke, Scranton, Hanks and Friedrich voted aye, Warneke abstained, Stelling was absent. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND NEW HIRES

The Board had received the resignations of Judy Asmussen as high school aide and Julie Sauser as Title I aide. It was indicated that Kim Wolken had been hired as the secondary aide. Interviews had been conducted during the past week.

Warneke moved, Scranton seconded, to express appreciation to Asmussen and Sauser for their years of service. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, Stelling absent. Motion carried.

SAFETY AUDIT REPORT

Supt. Hamm reported that the recent safety audit inspection of the school ended up highly satisfactory. The inspector indicated that the administrative staff is on track in the development of a comprehensive plan for safety and security for the system. It was indicated that making the plan completely handicapped accessible was a major one, but he felt the present efforts were right on track.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary principal Corey Dahl indicated readiness for the start of school. He commented on administrator days in Kearney with fantastic speakers. He reported that updates of several software applications had occurred during the summer months, including accelerated reader, accelerated math, STAR reading and math.

Secondary principal Randall Klooz told of the beginning schedule for school and commented that over the past two years efforts had been made to strengthen the academic system, including math and science requirements, technology, Advantage program, junior high and other areas. He also indicated that the student handbook will be revised and should be ready for the next school term. He also indicated the procedure that would be followed if any student was involved with violations of the drug and alcohol policy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Zuhlke commented on information gleaned from recent meetings he attended.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Hamm reported on a number of items, including:

The speaker system had been installed in the Pirate gym and would be installed this week in the Pirate auditorium.

Improvements were being made to the teachers' lounge in the old high school.

Concern over the football team using the soccer field for practice had lessened.

An underground fuel tank on the west side of the secondary building must be removed or closed in place.

Use of the concession stand on the ball field was explained, showing the school had first chance for operating it at any specific time.

A staff appreciation dinner will be held on Friday evening.

Work on improvement of the roof on the elementary building was about finished.

A "show and tell" of a water shutoff valve found that was giving limited water to the system for many years.

A brief report on the status of valuations and the needed levy for the next school year.

With hearings scheduled on the proposed budget at the next meeting, it was agreed to start those hearings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, followed by the regular meeting, instead of starting at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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 13th day of August, 2007, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Leonald Warneke, Recording Secretary