

**Plainview Public Schools Board of Education meeting  
Monday, January 14, 2008**

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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 school by President Alden Zuhlke. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Janyce Warneke, Krista Hanks, Dan Stelling, Tom Scranton and Kent Friedrich.

Also present were Principals Randy Klooz and Corey Dahl, Recording Secretary Lee Warneke, Cory Friedrich, Judy Steinkraus, Josh Scranton, Jeremy Tarr and Jeremy Hampton.

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 Dec. 10, 2007 meeting, the financial report and January claims.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$214,524.24 (\$47,368.28) in the checking account; CDs \$994,000.00 (\$1,294,000.00); Special Building Fund \$3,875.04 (\$3,621.07); Petty Cash Fund \$1,816.01 (\$2,274.40); Activity Account \$58,609.07 (\$64,207.11); Lunch Account \$30,674.53 (\$33,831.67); Employee Benefit Fund \$51,011.56 (\$50,867.89); Depreciation Fund \$226,363.36 (\$225,679.58); Payroll Account \$1,403.67 (\$1,314.39); Custodial/Section 125 Account \$11,068.69 (\$10,857.11). Total assets were \$1,458,810.52 , compared to \$1,690,554.36 a month ago and \$1,583,859.94 a year ago.

December receipts \$476,524.96, compared to \$362,666.85 at the end of November. The receipts include a \$300,000.00 CD that was deposited along with a variety of funds received from different sources. Disbursements totaled \$309,369.00, including \$265,901.86 for payroll and \$43,467.14 for claims. Building fund receipts totaled \$253.97 with no expenditures, leaving a balance of \$3,875.04, compared to \$3,621.07 a month ago. 31.09 percent of budget has been expended this year, compared to 32.90 percent a year ago.

Claims to the general fund totaled \$134,535.65 with none for the building fund. Major expenditure was for special education tuition to Educational Service Unit No. 8, totaling \$87,585.30.

A number of other claims were reviewed by the board.

Stelling moved, Scranton seconded, to approve the consent items on the agenda. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

**REORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

Brief discussion occurred on officers for the coming year. Scranton moved, Stelling seconded, that all officers, Alden Zuhlke as president, Tom Scranton as vice president, and Krista Hanks as secretary, be re-elected for the coming year. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

After discussion by board members in which they gave preferences for the committees they might serve on, the president then appointed the following committees:

Transportation: Zuhlke and Scranton.

Building and Grounds: Stelling and Friedrich.

Negotiations: Scranton, Stelling and Hanks.

Americanism: Warneke and Scranton.

Technology: Stelling and Zuhlke.

Wellness: Friedrich and Stelling.

Safety: Warneke and Hanks.

In addition discussion occurred on board members serving on various team committees that have been formed. The following appointments then occurred:

Policies and Procedures: Warneke and Hanks.

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment: Warneke and Hanks.

Technology: Stelling and Zuhlke.

Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities: Friedrich and Zuhlke.

School Improvement: Friedrich and Scranton.  
Pirate Response Team (Student Assistance Team): Stelling and Scranton.

It was moved by Warneke, seconded by Hanks, to appoint Imogene Wacker as the district treasurer, Lee Warneke as the recording secretary and the Midwest Bank in Plainview and the Brunswick State Bank in Brunswick as the official depositories for district funds.

### **WRITING PRESENTATION**

Judy Steinkraus, first grade instructor, presented information and a video of how she is using the Step-Up-to-Writing process in her first grade class.

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Elementary principal Corey Dahl further commented on the Step-Up-to-Writing process, brought the board up-to-date on the Safe Routes to Schools grant, indicating that they should hear on their grant request in the near future. He indicated that Tami Haase, a paraeducator in the elementary school, had completed two self-study programs. He indicated that the Little House Club would be presenting projects on Feb. 6 from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. He further indicated that the elementary school was taking "a year off" from conducting a fund-raiser for school needs.

Secondary principal Randy Klooz told of the staff holding an in-service by attending a workshop at Norfolk conducted by Todd Whitaker, a professor of educational leadership at Indiana State University. He indicated that the Plainview Quiz Bowl team would be competing against Dodge on Mix 94.7 KNEN High School Quiz Bowl. He reported that the fire department will be holding two sessions at the school to become fully acquainted with the buildings to be better prepared in the event of any incident there. He indicated that about 50 elementary students were interested in more athletic training and that a number of men of the community had volunteered to help.

Stelling said a board member of Zion Lutheran School commended the principals on the excellent communication they were having with Zion Lutheran School. He also indicated plans for leadership training for the various officers of groups within the school.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Zuhlke reminded those up for re-election that they had an earlier deadline to file for re-election. It was indicated that he and Warneke would be attending the legislative conference in Lincoln later this month.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Hamm, absent at the meeting, had indicated in the agenda that two meetings had been held with the representative of the firm assisting the Board in updating the policy manual and that another was scheduled for Jan. 25.

It was agreed that the February meeting would follow past procedure and the Board would have hot lunch at the school and visit various areas of the school prior to holding their February meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

Zuhlke declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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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 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Leonald Warneke, Recording Secretary