

**Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting
Monday, May 12, 5:30 p.m.**

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, May 12, by Alden Zuhlke, president. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Janyce Warneke, Krista Hanks, Tom Scranton and Kent Friedrich. Dan Stelling was absent.

Also present were Supt. David Hamm, Principals Randy Klooz and Corey Dahl, Recording Secretary Lee Warneke, along with visitors, Jeremy Hampton, Cory Friedrich, Deb White, Toni Hart and Christi Boyer.

Zuhlke indicated that the rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included the minutes for the April 14, 2008, meeting, the financial report and the May claims.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$56,364.62 (\$223,282.63) in the checking account; CDs total \$994,000.00 (\$994,000.00); Special Building Fund \$14,744.04 (\$12,709.18); Petty Cash Fund \$1,877.03 (\$2,274.64); Activity Account \$50,409.84 (\$53,669.29); Lunch Account \$31,136.02 (\$34,422.75); Employee Benefit Fund \$51,332.46 (\$51,249.06); Depreciation Fund \$228,381.87 (\$227,964.04); Payroll Account \$1,720.41 (\$1,682.15); Custodial/Section 125 Account \$9,754.58 (\$8,929.54). Total assets were \$1,344,527.28, compared to \$1,482,563.60 a month ago and \$1,431,515.80 a year ago.

April receipts totaled \$219,216.08, mostly from taxes or state aid, compared to \$317,270.60 at the end of March. Disbursements totaled \$386,134.09, including \$127,619.69 for claims and \$258,514.40 for payroll. Building fund receipts totaled \$2,034.86 with no expenditures, leaving a balance of \$14,744.04, compared to \$12,709.18 a month ago. 66.95 percent of budget has been expended, compared to 65.67 percent a year ago.

Claims to the general fund totaled \$95,193.59, including \$39,991.00 for insurance.

Scranton moved, Warneke seconded, to approve the financial report and the claims for the month. Upon vote, the ayes were unanimous. Stelling absent. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION

Scott Guzinski, teacher and athletic director, submitted a letter of resignation from his duties here to permit him to accept a similar position at Tekamah-Herman High School in order to be closer to family.

Scranton moved, Hanks seconded, to accept the resignation of Scott Guzinski with regrets and well wishes to him and his family. Upon vote, the ayes were unanimous. Stelling absent. Motion carried.

It was indicated that the process of seeking a replacement was under way and approximately 25 applications had already been received.

SUBSTITUTE PAY

It was reported that substitute teachers were being paid \$75 per day, while the average for area schools was \$86 per day. The local pay had not been increased in several years.

Following discussion, Hanks moved, Scranton seconded, to raise the substitute teacher salary for 2008-2009 to \$90 per day for full days and \$50 for half-days. Upon vote, Scranton, Friedrich, Hanks and Zuhlke voted aye. Warneke abstained. Stelling absent. Motion carried.

LUNCH PRICES

During a recent audit of the school lunch program, the suggestion was made to raise lunch prices as it had not been done for several years and Plainview was lower than many neighboring schools.

Current prices are \$.70 for breakfast, \$1.30 for K-3 and \$1.50 for 4-12. Most area schools were planning to raise meals from 10 to 20 cents for the coming year.

Warneke moved, Friedrich seconded, to raise all lunch prices 20 cents across the board. Upon vote, the ayes were unanimous. Stelling absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MASTER CONTRACT

The Board's negotiations committee had been meeting with representatives of the PPEA and had reached agreement on contracts for the next two years.

The agreement provided for a base increase of \$235.00, going from \$27,600 to \$27,835 for the 2008-2009 school term and a \$1,100 raise, going from \$27,835 to \$28,935. It will provide for a 1.0425 percent increase for qualifying education as well as 1.0425 percent increase for a year of service. That per cent will continue from the base each year. The agreement also calls for an increase of one day to nine per year for sick leave days. The total number accumulated days will remain at 45. Beginning next year, the retirement incentive will go up from \$6,000 per year to \$7,000. Staff members will receive full family health with a \$550 deductible and single dental insurance. Those not desiring to participate in the insurance plan will receive \$390 each month as a cash option. It previously had been \$360.

Scranton moved, Friedrich seconded to approve the Master Contract for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 as negotiated and proposed. The salary schedule will establish a base salary for 2008-2009 of \$27,835 and a base salary for 2009-2010 of \$28,935. Upon vote the ayes were unanimous. Stelling absent. Motion carried.

Much discussion had occurred on the Athletic Director position and how the Board would seek another for that position since the current Director is leaving.

SALARIES FOR OTHER PERSONNEL

The chairman indicated a closed session for personnel purposes and all board members concurred. They went into closed session at 6:35 p.m.

The returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

Hanks moved, Scranton seconded, to approve a salary package increase for classified and elementary/superintendent equivalent to the negotiated agreement. This would consist of a 5.25% increase for 2008-2009 and a 4.75% increase for 2009 and 2010. Upon vote, the ayes were unanimous. Stelling absent. Motion carried.

Scranton moved, Friedrich seconded, to raise the salary of the secondary principal of \$69,172 to \$72,500 with additional agreed upon benefits for the coming school term. Upon vote the ayes were unanimous. Stelling absent, Motion carried.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary principal Dahl reported the kindergarten class may have only 11 or 12 next school year. Most other classes range from 22 to 30. He told of the summer reading program for elementary as well as extra help with reading or math skills.

Secondary principal Randy Klooz told of his visit with Governor Heineman in regard to strengthening Nebraska's educational institution and increasing academic excellence among students. He also reviewed the next year's class schedules and their efforts to obtain an update of PowerSchool Pro now being used.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Zuhlke commented on the threatening note in the Madison school and brief discussion occurred on what local efforts would be in such a situation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Hamm commented on further investigation of a pre-school and the upcoming audit on May 20th of the Title I and Title 5 programs. He reported a sizeable leak on the roof of the Pirate Auditorium and that the repair cost was estimated at \$60,000. Work on the old high school roof was estimated at \$6,700.

He was asked on the status of the policies of the school system and indicated that the he still had no definite word on them.

He thanked the audience for their patience while in closed session.

The president then adjourned the meeting at 8:48 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 12th day of May, 2008, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Leonald Warneke, Recording Secretary