

**Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting
Monday, November 12, 2007**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, Neb., was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Alden Zuhlke. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Janyce Warneke, Krista Hanks and Dan Stelling. Absent were Kent Friedrich and Tom Scranton.

Also present were Supt. David Hamm, Principals Randy Klooz and Corey Dahl, Recording Secretary Lee Warneke, Kathleen Johansen, Cory Friedrich, Eileen Bramer, Lori Klooz, Jessica Strope and Dean Boyer.

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 October 8, 2007 meeting, financial report and October claims.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$93,757.35 (\$42,318.18) in the checking account; CDs \$1,569,000.00 (\$1,569,000.00); Special Building Fund \$5,055.62 (\$924.60); Petty Cash Fund \$2,282.37 (\$1,597.71); Activity Account \$55,120.49 (\$55,714.26); Lunch Account \$34,161.53 (\$33,723.96); Employee Benefit Fund \$50,724.26 (\$50,555.60); Depreciation Fund \$224,997.19 (\$224,200.57); Payroll Account \$1,146.77 (\$1,372.99); Custodial/Section 125 Account \$9,691.28 (\$9,747.28). Total assets were \$1,902,197.39 compared to \$1,943,793.35 a month ago and \$1,930,321.60 a year ago. October receipts were \$362,461.81 compared to \$753,655.50 at the end of September. The receipts included nearly \$275,000.00 in taxes. Disbursements totaled \$311,022.64, including \$43,725.22 for claims, \$267,297.42 for payroll. Building fund receipts total \$4,131.02, with no expenditures, leaving a total of \$5,055.62, compared to \$924.60 a month ago. 15.81 percent of budget had been expended by Oct. 31, compared to 14.62 percent a year ago.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$143,739.47 and \$1,936.17 to the Building Fund.

Friedrich arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Stelling moved, Warneke seconded, to approve the consent items on the agenda. Upon motion, the ayes were unanimous. Scranton absent.

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS REPORT

Supt. Hamm indicated that the State of the Schools report gave an exemplary rating for all three grade levels on assessment quality and student performance. It was the first time ever that Plainview had accomplished that feat. It was indicated that the school page on the web had a link to the entire report.

Warneke moved, Stelling seconded, that all staff members and students who had a part in making the exemplary rating possible be commended and thanked for their effort. Upon motion, the ayes were unanimous. Scranton absent.

BOARD RETREAT

A digest of the day-long retreat held by the Board the previous Friday was given to Board members. All were asked to comment on the retreat and all had excellent comments about it. Supt. Hamm also indicated that he was very happy with proposals for the future that the Board members had developed during the day, feeling the Board had done an outstanding job.

The Board requested the administration to come up with suggestions for plans of action.

MATH PEER REVIEW

Three members of the faculty, Dean Boyer, Lori Klooz and Jessica Strope, presented a brief report in which they shared their experiences with the math peer review process that took place last week. Michelle Beringer was also on the team. They indicated that the Nebraska Department of Education representatives that were here for the review gave high compliments to the work in the math department at Plainview. The team members also commented on how math instruction had improved in recent years as the result of the process, such as more communication between levels of teaching and various other factors.

Supt. Hamm also expressed the opinion that the team represented the school well.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Corey Dahl, elementary principal, reported on the status of the Safe Routes program for which an application is being made for a grant to cover the program. While it was not granted a year ago, the new request is for a much lesser amount, \$90,000, to provide sidewalks in areas where there are none on which students could walk or ride their bikes to school. Deadline for the application is December 7 and the committee will make their selection on Feb. 7, 2008, after which the local school will be informed. He commented on the "Step Up To Writing" workshop, teachers making a donation of \$340 to the Food Pantry for the privilege to wear jeans on Fridays and that Shirley Bernecker would have a student teacher from Wayne State College for the second semester.

Randall Klooz, secondary principal, asked the Board if they had any objections to the one-act play cast making their presentation for the public on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 5:45 p.m., since no evenings could be found free for the event. The Board had no objections. He also recommended that a student, Casi Bales, whose father will be moving at the end of the semester, be permitted to receive her diploma at the end of the semester since she had met all graduation requirements. There were no objections.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Zuhlke thanked all Board members for taking time to attend the retreat on Friday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Hamm indicated that he hopes to have representatives from the elementary and secondary departments alternate in presenting some phase of their teaching efforts to the Board each month. He reported that the audit had been sent in but no final copy received. He said the activities entrance was now ready and that the Veterans' Day program was very good.

He was questioned on the status of board policies and he said it was now ready for Board input and suggested that subcommittees work periodically on various parts of the manual.

Stelling, commenting that technology had been a priority established at the retreat, wondered how to go about accomplishing it. It was suggested that the school's technology committee meet with the faculty committee to be acquainted with what was going on and then further steps could be taken.

The Board viewed a video on student changes in education.

The president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Several of the Board members were given a tour of the heating system of the school by custodian Leon Miller after the meeting.

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 November, 2007, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Leonald Warneke, Recording Secretary