

## **Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting Monday, October 8, 2007**

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

Also present were Supt. David Hamm, Principal Randy Klooz, Reporting Secretary Lee Warneke, Cory Friedrich and Jan Hoegh, staff member of the Nebraska Department of Education, who had discussed education programs with staff members earlier in the day.

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 Sept. 10 meeting and hearings, the financial report and the September claims.

Krista Hanks arrived a 5:32 p.m.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$42,318.18 (\$11,451.11) in the general fund, CDs \$1,569,000 (\$1,200,000), Special Building Fund \$924.60 (\$32,551.60, Petty Cash Fund \$1,597.71 (\$2,038.96), Activity Account \$54,077.68 (\$56,950.98), Lunch Account \$33,723.96 (\$38,820.79), Employee Benefit Fund \$50,555.60 (\$50,420.06), Depreciation Fund \$224,200.57 (\$223,500.31), Payroll Account \$1,372.99 (\$1,351.11), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$9,747.28 (\$8,061.97). Total assets were \$1,943,793.35, compared to \$1,535,670.41 a month ago. September receipts totaled \$753,855.50, compared to \$1,153,670 at the end of August. The receipts included nearly \$700,000 in taxes collected in the three counties in District 5, along with state aid and other income. Disbursements totaled \$722,968.43, including \$89,476.48 for claims, \$264,511.95 for payroll and \$369,000.00 for CDs. Building Fund receipts totaled \$30,611.00 with \$62,238.00 in expenditures. It left a Building Fund balance of \$924.60, compared to \$32,551.60 a month ago. 8.42 percent of budget had been expended by the end of September, compared to 7.35 percent expended a year ago.

Claims to the General fund totaled \$43,725.22 and there were no claims for the Building Fund. Supt. Hamm explained some of the expenditures and pointed out that some expenditures will end up with aid, bringing money back into the district.

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

### **MIMIO PRESENTATION**

A demonstration on the usage of the Mimio was presented by Lori Klooz and Jessica Strope. The District has purchased five units along with projectors at a savings as a larger order was made combining orders of several area schools.

The new technology permits teachers to turn any 4'x8' area, floor, wall or ceiling, into an interactive smart board capable of providing increased opportunities for teachers and students to improve or expand education.

### **BOARD RETREAT**

Lengthy discussion occurred on setting a date and place for a Board retreat when the board members would study future steps to enhance teaching, yet with lower numbers of students expected in the future. It was indicated that many school boards hold periodic retreats to discuss

the future of their schools. They first agreed that holding such a retreat in conjunction with the state school board convention in Lincoln was not workable and instead opted for a day retreat, possibly at the lodge at Niobrara State Park. Discussion also occurred on the expense of the project, and it was indicated that it would be much cheaper at the Niobrara location instead of conducting it in conjunction with the state convention.

It was announced that the proposed board policy manual would be shipped later this week and be distributed to board members as soon as the proposed units arrive. The manual's update was turned over to a professional firm subject to the Board's final approval.

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Secondary Principal Klooz commented on Michelle Mosel and Lori Klooz working with students who plan to take the ACT this year. He indicated that a Department of Education team would be here to review the math assessment process with Dean Boyer, Lori Klooz, Jessica Strobe and Shirley Bernecker. He reported that Lt. Gov. Sheehy would be speaking at the Veterans' Day program on Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. An assembly for grades 9 to 12 is scheduled to help students on "Where is your life headed?" He reported positive feedbacks on the recent parent-teacher conferences, also that with the band winning a first place at Wayne State College, a \$200 scholarship is available for a student planning to attend Wayne. He also recognized Tammy Schindler for being asked to be a speaker at the Nebraska Speech Communication and Theatre Association and being chosen to assist with rewriting the state's Language Arts standards, and Lori Klooz who has been elected co-chair of the online assessment consortium made up of 32 area schools and to also serve as a teacher-leader for the Nebraska Mathematics Professional Development. Board members complimented their willingness to reach out in other education circles.

In a written report, Elementary Principal Corey Dahl reported that Nadene Chavet had been hired to be a long-term, substitute for fifth grade, leaving a vacancy in her paraeducator duties. He indicated successful parent-teacher conferences and that the book fair was a success.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Zuhlke shared several thank you notes the Board had received and expressed condolences to Krista Hanks on the accidental death of her father.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Supt. Hamm indicated that an audit had been conducted and that enrollment appeared to now be down by 12 from a year ago, showing 406 students in the summary. He also indicated that this year there were more option enrollment students in the Plainview school system than there were optioning out. Christi Boyer and Lori Klooz are now serving as volleyball coaches. He also reported that word from the ESU administrator indicated that the cost of sending students to Special Education Learning Centers had increased an additional \$51,000 with that word received after the school's budget was accepted for the coming year.

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 6:51 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Leonald Warneke, Recording Secretary