

## **Plainview Public Schools Board of Education Meeting**

**Monday, November 9, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the high school media center by Alden Zuhlke, president. Roll call was answered by Zuhlke, Krista Hanks, Kent Friedrich and Jeremy Hampton. Dan Stelling and John Anderson were absent and excused. Also present were Superintendent Richard Alt, Principals Randy Kort and Randall Klooz, and recording secretary, Imogene Wacker. Those who had signed the visitor roster were Duane Dean, Cory Friedrich, Elaine Hampton and Corey Dahl. Zuhlke indicated that the rules for open meetings were posted at the back of the room.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Consent items included the minutes of the October 12, 2009 regular meeting, the financial reports, the November claims and approval of the agenda.

The financial report (with last month's figures in parentheses) showed a balance of \$765,828.47 (878,648.95) in the General Fund. CDs total \$1,000,000.00 (1,000,000.00), Special Building Fund \$105,297.95 (94,375.85), Petty Cash \$2,367.28 (694.49), Activity Account \$57,837.06 (60,257.92), Lunch Account \$24,239.68 (23,265.60), Employee Benefit Fund \$52,359.00 (52,314.28), Depreciation Fund \$465,459.92 (465,043.29), Payroll Account \$1,050.23 (1,029.05), Custodial/Section 125 Account \$21,176.38 (22,370.33). Total assets were \$2,398,257.18, compared to \$2,532,674.59 a month ago and \$1,942,123.84 a year ago.

October receipts totaled \$248,419.01. That compares to \$1,011,373.76 in September. Disbursements totaled \$361,306.84, including \$65,325.17 for claims and \$295,981.67 for payroll. Building Fund receipts totaled \$10,922.10. There were no building fund expenditures.

Claims to the General Fund totaled \$97,358.79. Claims to the Building Fund totaled \$19,311.21. Friedrich moved, Hampton seconded, to approve the consent items. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Dan Stelling and John Anderson absent. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No one asked to speak during the public comment period.

### **SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY 604.02**

Policy 604.02 (Instruction – Adopt Standards) was discussed and approved on first reading at the October 12, 2009 regular board meeting. It was moved by Friedrich, seconded by Hanks, to approve on second reading Board Policy 604.02 (Instruction – Adopt Standards) as presented. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Dan Stelling and John Anderson absent. Motion carried.

### **FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY 505.07**

This policy is necessary as a result of a push by the U.S. Secretary of Education to ensure that students are not mistreated when restraints and/or seclusion are used as a result of negative student behavior. In many instances, these procedures are used within the special education environment, but it is not uncommon for non-special education students to also act in ways that are not acceptable and easily controllable. Although the policy will have negligible effect in Plainview, it will require the district to train some staff members on the proper use of physical restraints. Hampton moved, Friedrich seconded, to approve on first reading Board Policy 505.07 (Restraint and Seclusion). Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Dan Stelling and John Anderson absent. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 AUDIT REPORT**

The 2008-2009 audit was completed by Michael Pommer, CPA and a letter from the auditor and a copy of the Audit Report were in the board packet. Two compliance issues were listed. The first issue results from the district's size since the school does not have personnel to segregate duties according to the state auditor's recommendations. Most school districts in Nebraska are in the same situation. The second issue dealt with not having securities pledged on district deposits at Madison County Bank for amounts in excess of FDIC coverage. That item was remedied prior to the audit, but was not communicated to the school or auditor. Hanks moved, Hampton seconded, to approve the 2008-2009 Audit Report. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Dan Stelling and John Anderson absent. Motion carried.

### **REPLACEMENT OF SPEAKERS AND AMPLIFIER IN PIRATE GYM**

Mid-City Furniture-TV-Stereo-Appliance submitted a bid of \$3,300 for four speakers, an amplifier and a wireless microphone to replace the current sound system in the Pirate Gym. It was proposed to use local volunteers to hang the speakers. The new speakers (sitting on the floor) and amplifier were used for recent volleyball games and appeared to be adequate for use in the gym. The amplifier will allow for pre-setting adjustments for use by at least five different people. It is hoped to move the old gym sound system to the elementary multi-purpose room. Friedrich moved, Hanks seconded, to accept the bid of Mid-City for the replacement of the speakers and amplifier in the Pirate Gym. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Dan Stelling and John Anderson absent. Motion carried.

### **RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF THE TRACK**

One bid was received for the resurfacing/repair of the track, with the official bid opening at 1 p.m. on October 22. Pro Track and Tennis Inc. of Bennington, Nebraska resubmitted a bid, the same as the previous proposal they submitted, with the exception of a five-year warranty instead of three years. The bid for \$59,950 included applying polyurethane structural spray, restriping and repair. Since the board had previously accepted the bid at the September 14, 2009 board meeting and there was only the Pro Track bid, the company was given permission to begin work cleaning and repairing the track. Hanks commented that she felt the company should not have started work until the board had met to re-approve the bid. Friedrich moved, Hampton seconded, to accept the bid of \$59,950 from Pro Track and Tennis Inc. for the resurfacing and repair of the track. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous, with Dan Stelling and John Anderson absent. Motion carried.

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Elementary Principal/Activities Director Kort reported 90 percent attendance at elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences. He is beginning teacher evaluations in his building and is continuing to use the I-Touch system for documenting teaching strategies used in the classroom.

Letters of resignation from volleyball coaching positions were received from Lori Klooz and Jennifer Hodson.

Winter activities are beginning or under way including wrestling, boys and girls basketball, one-acts, speech and FFA fruit sales. Plainview High School's classification enrollment for 11-man football for 2010-2011 is 100.

The district's Response to Intervention (RTI) team has requested to join the consortium of other schools in ESU #8 to work toward developing an RTI plan and ways for intervention.

Secondary Principal Klooz reported on the Veteran's Day program planned for November 11 at 10 a.m. in the Pirate Auditorium and thanked Darrell Keck and the VFW for arranging the program. The one-act play performance for the community will be Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Pirate Auditorium. He congratulated Jacob Proskovec on his selection to the 2009 All-State Chorus and Justin Kluver and Cherise Friedrich as alternates. He

reported on his and Tom Sauser's attendance at a technology conference. Chad Kment and ten students traveled to Indianapolis, IN for the National FFA Convention.

Principal Klooz also reported on updating the teacher evaluation tool, the 1-to-1 Computer for Every Student meeting planned for O'Neill November 11 and 12 and looking at a new student assessment system for 2010-2011. Seventy-one percent of parents attended Parent-Teacher Conferences at the junior-senior high level.

The high school band performed their fall field performance for elementary students recently and many positive comments were heard from students and staff members. Several positive comments were made on the recent NENAC junior and senior high vocal clinics attended by Plainview students. A November 18, 1:45 p.m., grade 7-12 assembly will be held discussing careers in agriculture, with Randy Wolken setting up the program.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Chairman Zuhlke spoke of the loss to the community and school of Nanci Lingenfelter and also spoke of the recent death of Roger Stafford, coach of the 1973 Plainview state championship football team. A brief discussion was held on the Nebraska Legislature's special session.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Alt read two thanks yous.

He, Principal Klooz, Alden Zuhlke and Jeremy Hampton plan to attend the Nebraska School Board Association State Conference November 18-20 in Omaha.

A Nebraska Public Service Commission public meeting will be held in the Pirate Auditorium Nov. 17, concerning proposed gas rate increases by Source Gas.

The administrators invited board questions on the recent parent survey. The preschool playground fence has been installed. Plainview Area Health System has donated an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the school and Superintendent Alt thanked them for the donation and Cory Friedrich for his help in making arrangements for the donation.

Jenny Forker has been hired as a paraprofessional to monitor students in the van during trips to and from the Eastern Learning Center in Norfolk and for work in the elementary school.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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I, the undersigned, the duly appointed recording secretary of the Board of Education of District 5, Plainview, NE, 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, NE, held in open session on the 9<sup>TH</sup> day of November, 2009, which meeting was preceded by public notice published in the Plainview News.

Imogene Wacker, Recording Secretary