

## **Board of Education Special Meeting**

Monday, November 16, 2020 7:00 PM

Media Center at the Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools

425 F Street

Palmyra, NE 68418

### **District Mission:**

**“Together we prepare our students to successfully meet the challenges of the future.”**

**Strategic Goal 1:** District OR-1 Public Schools will provide the facilities needed to be competitive with other area schools in athletics and fine arts programs.

**Strategic Goal 2:** District OR-1 Public Schools will foster a unified community.

**Strategic Goal 3:** District OR-1 Public Schools will continuously implement (academic) programs and the curriculum needed to remain competitive with other area schools.

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.

Jaimi Calfee: Present

Doug Church: Present

Brandon Desh: Present

Clayton Maahs: Present

Lisa Wilen: Present

### 1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Maahs at 7:00 p.m.

### 2. Announcement of the Open Meetings Act Posting

- A copy of the updated Executive Order relating to the Open Meetings Act and board members impacted by COVID-19 is attached.

### 3. Discussion Item

- The discussion revolved around the committee interview process.

### 4. Action Items

#### 1. Appointment of New Board Member

Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to appoint a qualified registered voter of the Otoe County School District 66-0501 a/k/a District OR-1 Public School District, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education of this district created by the resignation of Susan Royal, a member of the Board of Education. Passed with a motion by Jaimi Calfee and a second by Brandon Desh.

Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Doug Church: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Clayton Maahs: Yea, Lisa Wilen: Yea

- Board members listened to the results of the different interviews conducted by the Board Vacancy Committee and discussed options for appointing a new board member.
- The discussion centered around the recommendation process and qualifications for new members of the board.
- The decision to make a final recommendation was very difficult as the applicant pool was very strong and each candidate had their own unique talents and gifts.
- Board Vacancy Committee members used a rubric of essential board characteristics to determine their final recommendation.
- After much discussion, applicant Josh Penterman was recommended for appointment to the open board seat.
- All applicants will be personally notified of the recommendation after the decision and those not selected will be encouraged to consider future board service.
- The board was very pleased to have such quality candidates and expressed appreciation for the work of the committee and the interest from the applicants.
- No further discussion occurred on this action item.

5. Closed Session

- The board did not go into closed session during the meeting.

6. Next Regular Meeting

- The date and time of the next board meeting will be Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Palmyra High School in the media center.

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8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent



STATE *of* NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20-34

**CORONAVIRUS – PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIREMENT LIMITED  
WAIVER FOR ALTERNATIVE PARTICIPATION FOR ELECTED  
OFFICIALS**

**WHEREAS**, a state of emergency was declared in Nebraska on March 13, 2020, to control the spread of the coronavirus known as COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, recommendations to slow the spread of this disease include social distancing and avoiding large public gatherings;

**WHEREAS**, state and local governmental boards, commissions and other public bodies must comply with the Open Meetings Act to provide Nebraskans the opportunity to exercise their democratic privilege of participating in meetings of public bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirement to isolate or quarantine is immediate and can prevent attendance at public meetings preventing a quorum of elected officials attending.

**WHEREAS**, continued participation by elected officials that have been ordered to isolate or quarantine by the local public health agency is beneficial to ensure continued government operations and continued representation of constituents.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, hereby issue this limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

1. This executive order applies to public bodies as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1409(1) that are elected and to public meetings as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1409(2).
2. Elected officials who have been ordered to quarantine or isolate by the local public health agency due to exposure to COVID-19, in conformance with guidance from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, may fully participate, vote, and be counted as part of a quorum in meetings when attending by videoconference or by telephonic conferencing or by conferencing by other electronic communication without having the meeting site where that elected official is located open to the public as required in §84-

1411 so long as the public body has at least one physical location that provides access to members of the public and to members of the media.

3. For any videoconference location, telephonic conference location, or a conference location held by other electronic communication that is used solely for an elected official ordered to quarantine or isolate the following requirements are hereby waived:
  - a. Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411(2)(a) and Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411(3)(b) which requires reasonable advance publicized notice of the conference location.
  - b. Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411(3)(c) that requires a telephone conference meeting sites must be in a public building.
  - c. Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411(2)(c) and Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411(3)(e) which require the public body to provide at least one copy of all documents being considered to the public.
  - d. Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411(3)(g) which requires that a telephone conference call can last no more than five hours.
4. For purposes of §84-1413(2), votes by videoconference or by telephonic conferencing or by conferencing by other electronic communication shall be recorded in the minutes. Such minutes shall reflect the method of voting if the individual is not physically present.
5. Public meetings of an elected public body where one or more elected officials participate by videoconference, telephone conference, or conference by other electronic communication solely due to orders to isolate or quarantine shall not be subject to the one-half limitation contained in §84-1411(2)(e)(i) or §84-1411(3)(h).
6. The advanced publicized notice and the agenda requirements for meetings that are set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411 and the remaining provisions of Nebraska's Open Meetings Act shall continue to be complied with by all public bodies and are not waived by this executive order.
7. This waiver shall apply to all public governing body meetings that occur from today through December 31, 2020.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 30th day of October, 2020.

**ATTEST:**



Pete Ricketts, Governor

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State

**District OR-1 Board Agenda Item: November 16, 2020**

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**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of this school district, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §32-570 and §32-574 that based upon the ballots/votes publicly cast by the members of the Board of Education Board of Education should and does hereby appoint **Josh Penterman**, a qualified registered voter of the Otoe County School District 66-0501 a/k/a District OR-1 Public School District, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education of this district created by the resignation of Susan Royal, a member of the Board of Education and public servant; said appointment is effective upon the passage of this resolution and shall commence upon administration of the oath of office, and shall continue for the remainder of the unexpired term of Susan Royal, which ends on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January, 2023.

The above Resolution having been read in its entirety, member **Jaimi Calfee** moved for its passage and adoption. Member **Brandon Desh** seconded the same. After discussion and roll call vote, a vote was taken:

The following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of said Resolution:

- Brandon Desh: **Yes**, Clayton Maahs: **Yes**, Doug Church: **Yes**, Jaimi Calfee: **Yes**, Lisa Wilen: **Yes**

The following members voted against the same:           None          

The following members were absent or not voting:           None          

The above Resolution having been consented to by a majority of the members of the **Board of Education** was declared as **[passed and adopted]** / [not passed and not adopted].

**DATED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OTOE COUNTY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 66-0501 A/K/A DISTRICT  
OR-1 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By:           Clayton Maahs            
President

**ATTESTED:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Board Member

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

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Board Member