

Public Hearing on Parental Involvement Policy # 6400

Thursday, July 11, 2024 6:55 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 6:56 PM.

Dean Busch: Present
Jaimi Calfee: Present
Tim Cheney: Present
Brandon Desh: Present
Dee Moore: Present
Josh Penterman: Present

This information was posted in the following public formats:

The Voice News (weekly area newspaper)
Farmers' Merchants Bank - Palmyra
Palmyra Post Office
Palmyra High School
Bennet Post Office
Bennet Elementary School
District OR-1 Website - <https://www.districtor1.org/>

1. Call to Order

- Board President Desh opened the hearing immediately after the conclusion of the Student Fees Public Hearing.

2. Announcement of the Open Meetings Act Posting

- Board President Desh identified the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster on the wall in the meeting room.
 - ***Please note:*** *An updated copy of the Open Meetings Act poster will be distributed to public entities for public distribution sometime during the summer of 2024.*

- Until the posters arrive, the attached document will be displayed in the meeting room to accommodate the current changes.
 - ***The changes are reflected in the currently posted materials: revised April 2024.***
3. Open Public Hearing on Parental Involvement Policy #6400 Motion to Open Hearing.
Passed with a motion by Tim Cheney and a second by Dean Busch.
Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Dosh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea
- The public hearing was opened at **6:56 p.m.**
4. In compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 79-2,531 79-532, 79-533, the Board of Education provides this time for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations regarding **Policy #6400** Parental / Community Involvement in Schools.
- No public comment was taken during the Parental Involvement Policy #6400 hearing.
5. Close Public Hearing on Parental/ Community Involvement in Schools: Policy #6400 Motion to close the public hearing on Policy #6400 Parental Involvement in Schools. Passed with a motion by Josh Penterman and a second by Dee Moore.
Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Tim Cheney: Yea, Brandon Dosh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea
- The hearing was closed at **6:57p.m.**
6. Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at **6:57 p.m.**

Chairperson

Superintendent

Instruction**Parental/Community Involvement in Schools**

Otoe County School District 66-0501, a/k/a District OR-1 Public Schools, after having conducted a public hearing concerning parental involvement and participation, declares that it shall be the policy of the District:

1. In the event any parent has a complaint or objection to textbooks, tests, curriculum materials, and any other instructional materials, the parent may request a personal conference with the parent and appropriate school personnel to discuss such concerns as the superintendent or designee may deem appropriate. The Superintendent or designee shall prepare a complaint form which may be used by a parent to express objections to any such instructional material. Such complaint forms shall seek information including, but not limited to, the specific instructional material complained of, the reason for the complaint, and a proposed resolution of the complaint by the parent.
2. Upon reasonable advance request, a parent will be permitted to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities unless the school determines that such attendance would substantially interfere with a legitimate school interest, which includes the interests of the parent's child, other students, and the educational staff.
3. Parents are encouraged to communicate to school staff when the parent believes it to be appropriate for their child to be excused from testing, classroom instruction, and other school experiences that the parent finds objectionable. The Superintendent or designee shall make a provision on the complaint form hereinabove referenced for receiving information from a parent concerning what specific testing, classroom instruction, or other school experience the parent finds objectionable, the basis for the parent's objection, and a proposed solution for dealing with the objection that would be satisfactory to the parent and consistent with the mission of the District and legitimate school interests.
4. Upon request of a parent, the District will provide access to the education records of their child consistent with applicable law. Access will be provided during regular business hours of the school.
5. The District will notify parents when their child may be subjected to a standard norm-referenced or criterion-referenced test or standard tests such as but not limited to the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test. When reasonable to do so or required by

law the parents will be notified of where a sample of such test might be observed and the date upon which such test will be administered. As to all testing by the District, experimental evaluation methodologies, experimental testing instruments and any testing instrument which would tend to inquire into the values, beliefs, or privacy rights of any student, or parent or guardian of such student shall be prohibited unless a parent requests in writing that such tests be administered to their child.

6. Prior to any school sponsored survey being administered to the students of the District, it shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee to notify the parent or parents of each student involved in the survey of the nature of the survey, the date and time when such survey shall be administered, and the purpose for which and the uses of which survey exist from the school’s perspective.
7. As a general matter substantive decision-making processes will be left to the judgment of the professional staff, administration and the Board of Education, subject to an effort to receive information from parents as to any concerns, objections, or other information such parents would wish to provide to the school district concerning a parent’s access, involvement, and participation in activities of the school.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-530 to 79-533
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g
Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, 20 U.S.C. 1232h

Date of Adoption: February 13, 2017
Date of Review: July 11, 2024