

## **PIERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Board of Education**

**Monday, February 8, 2010**

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular meeting on Monday, February 8, 2010, in the conference room at the high school, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Jacque Collison, Misty Wortman, Klint Arnold, Ruth Jaeger, Kent Hanlin and Ron Woslager. Also present were Superintendent Dan Navrkal, Elementary Principal Sharen Luhr, Activities Director Gary Timm, Randee Falter of the Pierce County Leader and guests.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a welcome was extended to the public. There was no communication from the public.

A motion was made by Arnold and seconded by Hanlin to accept the consent agenda which includes financial reports, minutes to the last meeting, claims, and the payroll adjustment. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Elementary Stuco Report: Taylor Oestreich, 4th grade: Pennies for Patients, cancer charity; Green Fibre; Pop Tops for Ronald McDon-ald; Funky Friday.

High School Stuco: Stefanie Koehler—Recycle plastics bin; Haiti fundraiser; Sweetheart Dance, Saturday, February 13; Stu-Co Exchange, trade another school for ideas.

Sing-Around-Nebraska for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students on February 27, at Pierce Elementary. State-wide event. Pierce is one of six schools across the state to be hosting the event. Concert at 4 p.m.

Elementary Report: Mrs. Sharen Luhr—Rtl Team at training session; State Writing Assessment, February 10 & 11; spring pictures; science program (3rd grade) at Norfolk Arts Center, February 17; no school February 19; Kindergarten registration-parents only Monday, February 22, 7 p.m., children at later date; Eva Heckens as temporary position for Title I Math; no school, Monday, March 1.

Secondary Report: Mr. Mark Brahmer—Failure rate at 5.2 percent, first semester, lowest since 1999-2000 school year; honor roll, 62.3 percent, principal's honor roll at 93, regular honor roll at 122; highest since 2003-2004 school year; State Writing Assessment for grades 8 and 11; Principal's Honor Roll Breakfast, February 5; State Reading Assessment for grades 7, 8, and 11, March 31, and April 1; Football schedules; freshman parent registration, February 8; student assemblies, Barry Carlson, February 17, Ron Brown, March 15.

Activities Director Report: Mr. Gary Timm—Winter activity season ending; Speech Team; FCCLA and FFA in National Recognition Weeks; Honor Choirs and Bands; Spring Sports begin March 1; update on NSAA issues.

Superintendent's Report: Dan Navrkal—School calendar for 2010-2011; AASA Conference in

Phoenix.

**Action Items:**

**Motion by Arnold, second by Wortman to accept the resignation of Tory Nixon, with regret. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion by Arnold, second by Hanlin to hire Eva Heckens for Title 1 math, 72-day contract at a salary of \$180/day, paid for with a Title I AYP grant. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion by Jaeger, second by Hanlin to recognize the PEA as the bargaining agent for all certified staff. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion by Woslager, second by Jaeger to adopt the NSAA Resolution as follows:**

**RESOLUTION**

***WHEREAS, the Pierce Public School District is, and has been, a member of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA); and***

**WHEREAS, the Pierce Public School District is a member of the NSAA for a variety of purposes: to provide an opportunity for the students of our school district to participate in interscholastic activities using uniform rules regarding competition, participation and student eligibility; assistance in focusing on citizenship and sportsmanship as an extension of our school district's overall educational program; and to create a positive and enriching experience for our students on a level playing field with other school districts on a statewide basis; and,**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pierce Public School District feels it is essential that all member schools have an equal voice regardless of classification in the establishment and maintenance of uniform rules regarding competition, participation and student eligibility and the location and scheduling of statewide contests of individual activities; that as members of the association, they may, by majority vote, enact rules to govern their interaction; that chaos would result without such rules; that the school members of the NSAA are in the most advantageous position to appreciate the regulations under which they must act to achieve desired goals; and, that such decisions are best made by the educators who are the elected members of the district meetings, Representative Assembly, the Board of Directors of the NSAA representing the six NSAA districts that collectively represent all high schools in the State of Nebraska, and the Executive Director of the NSAA; and,**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pierce Public School District has reviewed the provisions of LB 1021, and find that the provisions therein either reflect pre-existing, long-standing practices of the NSAA, or unnecessarily expands the governance structure in a manner that will create an unequal voice among member schools potentially resulting in inconsistent and unequal application of NSAA competition, participation and student eligibility bylaws, rules and regulations, and thereby divisiveness among member schools; and,**

**WHEREAS, the responsibility, control and supervision of extracurricular activities should be**

left to the schools of Nebraska incorporating such activities into their overall educational program; and implicit in the responsibility for these activities is the power to make reasonable rules and regulations.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of this School District that such Board of Education should, and does hereby, express its opposition to LB 1021 in its entirety, and hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and President of the Board of Education to deliver a copy of this resolution to the State Senator representing the district in which the Pierce Public School District is located, to Senator Greg Adams, Chairman of the Education Committee of the Legislature of Nebraska, and others as they deem appropriate.

The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member Ron Woslager moved for its passage and adoption. Member Ruth Jaeger seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution, Misty Wortman, Ron Woslager, Kent Hanlin, Klint Arnold, Ruth Jaeger, and Jacque Collison. The following members voted against the same: None. The following members were absent or not voting: None.

The above Resolution having been consented to and approved by more than a majority of the members of the Board of Education of this School District was declared as duly passed and adopted, effective immediately, at a duly called and lawfully held meeting of this School District in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

DATED this 8th day of February, 2010. PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 70-0002, A/K/A Pierce Public School District

By: Jacque Collison, President, Board of Education

Attest: Ruth K. Jaeger, Secretary, Board of Education

Motion by Jaeger, second by Arnold, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, March 8, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pierce High School conference room. These meetings are open to the public. A current agenda is available in the superintendent's office at the high school.

Ruth K. Jaeger, Secretary,

Pierce Public Schools

District 2 Board of Education

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