

BOE Dec. 8,2008

PIERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2008

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 2008, in the Pierce High School Conference Room beginning at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Jacque Collison, Misty Wortman, Ron Woslager, Kent Hanlin, and Dominic Hoffmann. An approved absence was granted to Ruth Jaeger due to weather concerns. Also attending were Superintendent Navrkal, Elementary Principal Sharen Luhr, Secondary Principal Mark Brahmer, Activities Director Gary Timm, Randee Falter of the Pierce County Leader and guests.

President Jacque Collison opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome was extended to the visitors.

A motion was made by Wortman and seconded by Hoffmann to accept the consent agenda, which includes minutes of the previous meeting, claims and financial report.

Voting unanimous, motion carried. Jaeger absent.

The Softball Backers, represented by John Jenkins, Miriam Krueger, and Mike Krueger, asked the Board to consider including softball as a JV/varsity activity for Pierce High School, beginning in the 2009/2010 school year. Another option they asked for the Board to consider is to co-op with Battle Creek. Any action will be tabled until the February 9 Board meeting. A meeting to discuss the future of the softball/baseball complex with the Softball Backers, Baseball Backers, City of Pierce, and the Board/Superintendent, is scheduled for January 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

Elementary Principal—Sharen Luhr highlighted the Holiday Music Program, Middle School Informational Meeting December 11, DIBELS Testing and student charitable projects.

Secondary Principal—Mark Brahmer acknowledged two teachers, Mary Birch, Nebraska Counselor of the Year, and Cheryl Timm, FCS Teacher of the Year for their accomplishments. He also highlighted the following: staff/student selection of a school theme based on mission/vision statements; Standards Assessment Report completion for School Improvement in preparation for the Quality Assurance Review on April 16-17; student selection for second semester 8th grade reading class; and overall attendance and student achievement for first semester.

Activities Director—Gary Timm reported on participation levels for winter sports; One-Act competitions; Fall Awards Night; Speech Team; Robotics Team Championship and Dance Team Champions.

Superintendent—Dan Navrkal's report highlighted Middle Level Education; NASB Magna Award update; State Education Conference Reports; Leadership Team Retreat January 31; and Holiday Celebrations December 11 and January 31.

Discussion items: Performance Contract—Matt Leaper, representing Johnson Controls, was on hand along with project engineers to provide information regarding

the timeline and potential project scope and budget options that will be discussed in detail at the January 12 Board meeting.

Action Items:

Pierce Education Association—representing certificated staff for negotiations purposes. Motion by Hanlin, second by Woslager, to accept letter. Voting was unanimous, Jaeger absent, motion carried.

Board of Education Self Evaluation—Motion by Hoffmann, second by Hanlin to accept the evaluation results. Voting was unanimous, Jaeger absent, motion carried.

Motion by Hoffmann, second by Hanlin to enter into closed session at 7:34 p.m. for discussion of personnel. Voting was unanimous, Jaeger absent, motion carried.

Motion by Hoffmann, second by Hanlin to re-enter regular session at 8:35 p.m. Voting was unanimous, Jaeger absent, motion carried

Superintendent Evaluation—Motion by Wortman, second by Woslager, to accept the evaluation results. Voting was unanimous, Jaeger absent, motion carried.

BOE Development—State Education Conference Reports; National Conference Registration due December 30. Motion by Hoffmann, second by Hanlin, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Voting was unanimous, Jaeger absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, January 12, 2009, 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.

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