

PIERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2009

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009, in the Pierce High School Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by President Collison at 6:00 p.m. Present were board members Klint Arnold, Kent Hanlin, Jacque Collison, Ron Woslager, and Ruth Jaeger. Also present were Superintendent Dan Navrkal, Elementary Principal Sharen Luhr, Secondary Principal Mark Brahmer, Activities Director Gary Timm, instructors Jody Borchers, Cheryl Timm and Ann Daudt, guests and Randee Falter of the Pierce County Leader.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Collison opened the meeting for communications from the public on items not on the agenda.

A motion was made by Woslager and a second by Jaeger to accept the consent agenda including minutes of the last meeting, bills, financial reports, and option requests. Following discussion, voting was unanimous, motion carried. Misty Wortman, absent. A motion to grant Misty Wortman an excused absence was made by Hanlin and seconded by Woslager. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Wortman absent.

Joey Koehn: High School Stuco report-- Sweetheart Dance, Signs for games, Movie Night, Senate fundraiser,

Staff presentation: Jody Borchers and Cheryl Canaday expressed concern over the future of FFA and FCCLA programs at Pierce High due to the impact of the discontinuation of the Perkins Foundation Funds. They also spoke about the pending bill LB476 which supports these programs. The Board will send letters of support to the Unicameral.

Mrs. Daudt—Gave a presentation on computer usage for elementary students, smart boards and green board.

Elementary Report: Sharen Luhr—Kindergarten Registration at 45; Spring pictures; Student Teacher; Pierce Elementary Rtl; Parent-Teacher Conferences; Third Quarter ends March 11; No school Friday, March 13; School dismissal at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 12; School dismissal at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, for staff development; Luebbe and Wood to State Testing workshop; Fine Arts Festival; Terra Nova tests; School dismissal April 10-13, spring break; North Central Accreditation; Early Childhood Education Funding.

Secondary Principal Report: Mark Brahmer—Encore/Failures; Home Show; Parent/Teacher Conferences; Pre-registration; Mrs. Zierke's retirement; Mr.

Soenksen's retirement; Character Education; ACT Prep Class; Dalton White Fundraiser.

Activities Director Report: Gary Timm—Winter sports; FFA & FCCLA contests; Spring activities; Evaluation of coaches.

Superintendent Report: Dan Navrkal—Safe Routes Grant of \$170,797; School Notification System; Career Education Student Organizations; AASA conference in San Francisco; groundskeeper opening; upcoming events.

Discussion Items: Budget considerations; nursing contract.

A motion was made to table the JCI performance contract by Hanlin, second by Woslager. Voting was unanimous, motion carried, Wortman absent.

Elementary Roof Bids—Motion to advertise for replacement of the elementary roof was made by Arnold, and seconded by Jaeger. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Wortman absent.

Motion to accept the proposed 2009-10 school calendar was made by Jaeger, second by Hanlin. Motion carried, voting unanimous. Misty absent.

Motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Zierke with deep regret and her application for early retirement was made Jaeger, second by Hanlin. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Misty absent.

Motion to enter closed session for purpose of negotiations strategies at 7:51 p.m. made by Arnold, second by Jaeger. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Wortman absent.

The board re-entered regular session at 8:21 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. was made by Arnold, with a second by Woslager. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Wortman absent.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 13, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Pierce High School conference room. These meetings are open to the public. A current agenda is available at the superintendent's office at the high school

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