

PIERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, [September 12, 2011](#)

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular meeting on Monday, [September 12, 2011](#), in the conference room at the high school, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Jacque Collison, Misty Wortman, Ted Krienke, Ruth Jaeger and Kent Hanlin. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Secondary Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Sharen Luhr, Activities Director Gary Timm, Randee Falter of the Pierce County Leader, Fred Scarborough of Scarborough Construction, Troy Posipsil of Northeast Nebraska Energy and guests.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a welcome was extended to the public.

A hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m. to review the 2011-2012 budget for the Pierce Public Schools. The meeting was closed at 6:04 p.m.

A 2011-2012 Tax Request hearing was opened at 6:04 p.m. The meeting was closed at 6:08 p.m.

The regular meeting was opened at 6:08 p.m. Wortman made a motion to accept the consent agenda and an excused absence for Klint Arnold, who had previously been in attendance electronically. Hanlin seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Arnold absent.

Secondary Report: Mr. Brahmer: No school October 21, staff development; MAP tests, Tuesday, Wednesday, [September 13, 14](#); school assemblies, Friday, [September 9](#); Homecoming Week; Community Service Day, [September 22](#); Nebraska State Test Results; Parent/Teacher Conference, Thursday, [September 22](#), dismissal 1:15 p.m.

Activities Director Report: Mr. Gary Timm: Fall sports; Angie Schroeder will be freshman volleyball coach; discontinue use of Schedule Star; Speech and Play at rules meetings; instrumental music to participate in march activities; Mid-State Conference kickoff.

Elementary Report: Mrs. Sharen Luhr: Enrollment at 354; DIBELS; NeSA Reading and Math results; student council representatives elected; Constitution Day observed [September 16](#); Lifetouch pictures, Tuesday, [September 20](#); Parent/Teacher Conferences, Thursday, [September 22](#), prescheduled, dismissal at 1:15 p.m.

Elem. Stuco: Stephanie Rinkel: Student Council; 16 members 4-6th; Mrs. Luebbe sponsor; Student Council shirts; Leadership Council, [October 12](#); Greenfiber; yearly projects.

FFA: Lexy Nuesch: Pierce County Fair, 22 FFA students participated with 78 projects; new members picnic in commons; membership drive; Threshing Bee; FFA Alumni will host tractor drive at Threshing Bee; Husker Harvest Days, Wednesday, [September 14](#); Homecoming events; Community Service Day, no shirts this year.

High School StuCo: Robin Werner: New officers; membership drive; first meeting; new committees to be formed.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Kendall Steffensen: Essential Finance Planning.

Action Items:

Motion by Hanlin, second by Jaeger to accept the 2011/12 budgets as presented. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Arnold absent.

Motion by Wortman, second by Hanlin, to approve tax request for the 2011/12 school year. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Arnold absent.

Motion by Jaeger, second by Hanlin, to authorize the superintendent to authorize a line of credit at Midwest Bank. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Arnold absent.

Motion by Wortman, second by Jaeger to review and accept the Student Fee Policy. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Arnold absent.

Motion by Hanlin, second by Jaeger, to recognize the PEA as the sole bargaining agent for the certified staff. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Arnold absent.

Motion by Wortman, second by Hanlin, to discontinue the \$25.00 insurance premium beginning with the 2011/12 school year. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Arnold absent.

Motion by Jaeger, second by Wortman to table the review of acceptable use of computers, technology and the internet policy until the October meeting. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Arnold absent.

Elementary roof discussion followed with Fred Scarborough of Scarborough Construction and Troy Pospisil of Northeast Nebraska Energy Systems.

The board entered executive session for the purpose of the elementary roof at 8:10 p.m.

The board re-entered regular session at 8:28 p.m.

BOE Development: NASB area membership meeting, Norfolk, [September 28](#); NASB/NASA State Conference, Papillion, [November 16-18](#).

Motion by Jaeger, second by Hanlin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Arnold absent.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, [October 10, 2011](#), 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,

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