

Monday, April 8, 2013

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular board meeting on April 8, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the High School conference room. Board members present were Dave Lienemann, Jacque Collison, Ted Krienke, Kent Hanlin, Robert Hoffmann, and Dan Unseld. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Sharen Luhr, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, and Activities Director/Assistant Principal Gary Timm, and numerous guests.

President Krienke extended a welcome to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Craig Kuehler addressed the board about an option student. Sam Halsey addressed the board about an Eagle Scout project.

A motion was made by Collison and seconded by Lienemann to accept the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meeting, claims and payments of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Aubrey Herbolsheimer gave the elementary student council report of raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Nebraska, movie nights, saving pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha, and Funky Friday.

Caleb Lohrberg gave the high school student council report about a dance marathon for the Make a Wish Foundation, a Fun Run, and activities for teacher appreciation week.

Kim Carlson gave the FFA report about the State FFA Convention, FFA Banquet, election of officers, and co-hosting a dance marathon.

Mrs. Luhr's elementary report covered student registration, Honor Roll, spring field trips, student testing, spring concerts, P.A.T.S. activities, preschool graduation, track field day, talent show, and 6th grade recognition.

Mr. Brahmer's high school report was about Summer School, failure rates, walk-through evaluations, athletic fundraising, state tests, and teacher assignments.

Mr. Timm's activity report told of winter awards night, state speech, the all-school play, district music contests, Pierce Honor Band day, FFA convention, FCCLA convention, track, boys golf, staffing assignments, and the NSAA Delegate Assembly.

Discussion Items:

Policy 1006.1 Community use of the school district buildings, sites, and equipment: The pros and cons of a \$300 deposit were discussed along with commercial groups using the facilities.

Policy 204.12 Public participation at board meetings: The third paragraph of the policy will need to be deleted to conform to state law.

Options for review/revision of policy were talked about.

A Board of Education/Administration retreat will need to be scheduled in June to deal with a possible loss in state aid of approximately \$163,000.

Action Items:

Lienemann made a resolution and Unseld seconded to recognize the work of the elementary student council and the cheerleading squad winning state. Voting unanimous, resolution carried.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to post meeting notices on the front door of the high school and elementary schools as well as in the lobby of

the post office. Unseld moved to amend the main motion and Collison seconded by adding Hometown Market as a posting place. Voting unanimous, amendment carried. Voting unanimous, the motion as amended carried.

A motion was made by Collison and seconded by Unseld to authorize Mr. Steffensen to access a line of credit through Midwest Bank if needed. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Lienemann and seconded by Collison to donate an easement to the city along the north side of the elementary school playground for a sidewalk. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Unseld seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Ben Fehringer with regret. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Collison and seconded by Lienemann to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, May 13, 2013 at the High School conference room at 6:30 p.m. 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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