

Monday, August 11, 2014

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present were Jacque Collison, Dan Unseld, Kent Hanlin, Dave Lienemann, Robert Hoffmann, and Ted Krienke. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Johnnie Ostermeyer, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, and ten guests.

A welcome was extended to the guests and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Act was pointed out. There was no public correspondence.

Hoffmann moved and Collison seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meeting, claims and payments of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

The FCCLA report given by Sydney Acklie and Shelby Ronspies included helping host bicyclists, Adventureland trip, Goetsch family benefit, officer training, and upcoming meeting. Mr. Patrick thanked the FCCLA for helping at the pre-school open house.

Mr. Patrick's Elementary School report was about a current enrollment of 346 students, staff development days, open house, first day of school, DIBELS and MAP assessments, and attending administrator days in Kearney.

Mr. Ostermeyer's Activities report included basketball schedules, fall sports practices, cheerleading, dance team, marching band, a fall activities parent meeting, and 329-Blue and Pierce High School web pages.

Mr. Brahmer's High School report was e-mailed to the board. It was about new student and seventh grade orientation, dual class credit meeting, start of the school year, PHS Scholarship Golf Tourney and Ribfest, teacher workdays, school pictures, class schedule pick up days, community service day, teammates mentoring, and the Blue-White scrimmage.

Mr. Steffensen's Superintendent report included summer maintenance, litigation update, joining the executive board of the Chamber of Commerce, and completing year end reports.

Discussion Items:

September 8, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. a budget hearing was scheduled with the tax request hearing to follow at 6:15 p.m.

Professional growth opportunities for the board include NASB Labor Relations Conference, NASB area membership meeting, and NASB/NCSA State Education Conference.

Action Items:

Mr. Steffensen gave his preliminary budget presentation. The different funds included general, special building, bond, qualified capital purpose undertaking, depreciation, activities, school lunch, and student fee.

Collison moved and Hanlin seconded a motion to approve the preliminary budget. Voting as follows; Collison-yes, Unseld-yes, Lienemann-no, Hoffmann-no, Krienke-no, and Hanlin-yes. Motion failed 3-3.

Krienke turned over the meeting to vice-president Lienemann and made a motion to decrease the general fund reserve by \$100,000.00 and decrease the 5% increase of supplies, materials, utilities, etc. by 96,000. Motion died for lack of a second. Lienemann turned the meeting back over to president Krienke.

Hoffmann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to decrease the general fund reserve goal by \$100,000. Voting as follows: Unseld-yes, Lienemann-yes, Hoffmann-yes, Krienke-yes, Hanlin-yes, and Collison-no. Motion carried 5-1.

Hanlin moved and Unseld seconded a motion to accept the preliminary budget as presented with the decrease of \$100,000.00 in the general fund reserve goal as the only change. Voting as follows: Lienemann-yes, Hoffmann-no, Hanlin-yes, Unseld-yes, Collison-yes, and Krienke-no. Motion carried 4-2.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-certified staff. Voting unanimous, motion carried at 8:57 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 9:24 p.m.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

The next meeting will be a budget hearing in the High School Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014. A tax request hearing will follow at 6:15 p.m. and a regular meeting 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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