

PIERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, [December 12, 2011](#)

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular meeting on Monday, [December 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, Klint Arnold, Ruth Jaeger, and Kent Hanlin. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Secondary Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Sharen Luhr, Activities Director Gary Timm, and guests.

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

Arnold made a motion to accept the consent agenda with a second by Hanlin. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Elementary Stuco Report: Steph-anie Rinkel: Door decorating, movie nights, Funky Friday, [December 16](#).

High School Stuco Report: Robyn Werner: [Christmas](#) decorations, [Christmas](#) party after break; visit nursing home after [Christmas](#); concessions to help Cheerleaders; fundraisers for Children's Miracle Network.

FCCLA Report: Amy Venteicher: Blue jeans for Bucks, \$300 for high school, \$100 elementary to no kid hungry; Bluejay statues fundraiser to Children's Miracle Network; Holiday Open House parade; Memory Tree ceremony; STAR projects competitive events; [Christmas](#) party, package food and party.

FFA: Lexi Nuesch: FFA Blood Drive; Fruit Sales; Fun Activity-Show & Bowl.

Secondary Report: Mr. Brahmer: ACT Results; End of the Semester on Thursday, [December 22](#); Teacher Evaluations; FFA Blood Drive; One Act Play won districts; History Day, local contest is Wednesday, [December 16](#); Winter Sports and Activities; Christmas Concert for vocal and instrumental, Thursday, [December 15](#).

Activities Director Report: Mr. Gary Timm: Winter Activities; One Act won third at State competition; Fall Awards Night held [November 18](#); Bluejay Speech team begins competitive season; Parents' Nights.

Elementary Report: Mrs. Sharen Luhr: Holiday program, Tuesday, [November 29](#); two student teachers; DIBELS; Charitable projects by several classes; First Semester ends Thursday, [December 22](#); L to J process for increasing reading comprehension through building vocabulary. MAP tests begin [January 9-13](#).

Superintendent Report: Mr. Steffensen: Three Pierce School Board terms will expire in 2012; use of line of credit; meeting Senator Kate Sullivan on [December 13](#); attended legislative preview conference concerning state aid; new messaging system called School Beacon.

Discussion items: Essential finance planning, report compiled by Brian Hale; NASB/NSBA Conference report; Early separation incentive program. Ashton Johnson, student from Pierce High School, was a presenter at the conference in the student panel seminar.

Action Items:

Motion by Arnold, second by Jaeger, to waive the second reading and accept Concussion Awareness Policy (508.15). Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, second by Hanlin, to waive the second reading and accept Textbook Loans to Children Enrolled in Private Schools Policy (606.09). Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, second by Wort-man, to accept the Early Separation Incentive Program as

recommended by the superintendent. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Wortman, second by Hanlin to accept the Annual Board of Education Calendar as proposed with the possibility of future changes. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Board of Education self-evaluation will be reviewed at the School Board Retreat on Saturday, [January 7](#), at the high school conference room from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The board entered executive session at 7:31 p.m. for the purpose of personnel and superintendent evaluation.

The board re-entered regular session at 7:48 p.m. .

Motion by Jaeger, second by Arnold, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, [January 9, 2012](#), 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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