

Monday, December 9, 2013

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 Ted Krienke, Jacque Collison, Kent Hanlin, Dan Unseld, Dave Lienemann, and Robert Hoffmann. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Johnnie Ostermeyer, and 21 guests.

A welcome was extended to the public and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Act was pointed out. Communication from the public was Tatum Rowley speaking about adding soccer and Max Unseld speaking about making the vo-ag/industrial tech shop bigger.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann 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.

Elementary students Halle Peters, Cayce Carlson, and Kyler Peters talked about a door decorating contest, canned food drive, and a movie night.

Kierstyn Wragge and Myles Sudbeck gave the High School student council report about decorating the school, a Christmas party, parking spot raffle, and winter royalty dance.

FFA member Bailey Tinker talked about leadership skills contests, Brianna Attema winning a speech contest, fruit sales, and a fun night.

Mr. Patrick's Elementary School report included student teacher Katie Weidner, DIBELS tests, class charitable projects, end of first semester, no winter MAP tests, and a different late work policy.

Mr. Brahmer's High School report was about ACT test results, end of semester, teacher evaluations, FFA blood drive, One-act play, history day, winter sports, Mrs. Muhs long term mentoring, and the Christmas concert.

The activities report by Mr. Ostermeyer included winter sports participation, One-act play winning district, fall awards night, speech team, parent's night for winter sports, coach Hoefener retiring, blue jay basket food donations, and Carly McElhose being selected for all state choir.

Mr. Steffensen's superintendent report was about state education conference issues of school safety, legislative updates, bullying, legal updates, and the Affordable Care Act.

There was a brief discussion of the board/administration retreat and goal planning session.

Collison moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to approve the district goals from the planning session. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Ostermeyer gave a report on the pros and cons of a co-op in soccer.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to not offer soccer as a sport. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Hanlin seconded a motion to not charge a student fee for participating in activities in Policy 5045. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to charge a \$500 fee to out of state students in Policy 5002.02. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Collison seconded a motion to approve the first reading of Section 5000 of the policy book update. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Unseld seconded a motion to approve the second reading of Section 4000 of the policy book update. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Unseld seconded a motion to go into executive session for negotiations and evaluations. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The time was 7:08 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Collison moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the 2014/15 negotiated agreement offer. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unseld moved and Collison seconded a motion to approve the superintendent evaluation. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Hanlin seconded a motion to approve the board of education self- evaluation. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Upcoming professional growth opportunities were discussed.

Hoffman moved and Unseld seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2014 in 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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