

Saturday, December 7, 2013

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for a planning session with administrators at 8:05 a.m. in the High School conference room. In attendance were board members Jacque Collison, Dan Unseld, Ted Krienke, Dave Lienemann, Robert Hoffmann, and Kent Hanlin. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, Activities Director-Assistant Principal Johnnie Ostermeyer, and High School Principal Mark Brahmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. General thoughts of those present included assets of the district: Students excelling-in the top third of the state in test scores, character education-preparing the students for life, academic rigor, quality staff-no child left behind and Blue Jay Room assistance, and technology. Challenges to the district include: Finance, maintenance of facilities, roads and parking, Obamacare, and the growth in numbers of social, academic, and special needs kids. The consensus was that our greatest asset is our quality staff. Our greatest challenge of the district is finance and kid's needs.

Discussion included classified staff, certified staff, administration, the board of education, community, facilities, athletics, activities, curriculum, school improvement, state testing, academic programs, budget, revenue, and expenses.

The short term goals are Obamacare, reducing the elementary student to teacher ratio, managing dollars efficiently, and reviewing and revising curriculum.

The long term goals are updating the bus fleet, updating the aging facilities, establishing a cash reserve, and constructing a building addition.

The planning session was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

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