

PIERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, [February 13, 2012](#)

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular meeting on Monday, [February 13, 2012](#), 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, Chuck Beyer, 2001 Roof Company, and Randee Falter of the Pierce County Leader and guests.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a welcome was extended to the public. There was no communication with the public.

Arnold made a motion to accept the consent agenda with an option request. Second by Hanlin. Voting was unanimous.

FFA Report: Amy Flee: Proficiencies, four members qualified for state FFA; four members earned their state degrees; FFA Week, [March 20-27](#); Children's Miracle Network fundraiser; Work Auction moved to [March 16](#).

High School StuCo: Robin Werner: Sweetheart Dance, [February 25](#); Children's Miracle Network fundraiser; Community Activity at the Manor.

FCCLA: Lori Venteicher, Abby Buettgenbach: WSC District STAR contest; three qualify for State; FCCLA Week; Candygrams, money to Children's Miracle Network, 2,860 candy-grams sold; nine members to Kearney Peer Ed Week; Speech meet concessions.

Secondary Report: Mr. Brahmer: State Writing Test; Sweetheart Dance; Honor Roll, 63% (208); Principal's Honor Roll, 27% (88); Failure rate, 6.6% (22); Parent/Teacher Conferences, Tuesday, [February 28](#); Freshman-Parent Registration meeting; Class Registration; Teammates Program.

Activities Director Report: Mr. Gary Timm: Winter Activity Season coming to end, subdistrict and district action; State Dance and Cheer contest, [February 18](#); Bluejay Speech Team conference meet, [February 26](#); FCCLA and FFA in National Recognition Weeks; Honor choirs and bands; Spring Sports begin practicing [February 27](#); Mr. Timm represented NSAA District 3, at the annual spring Delegate Assembly.

Elementary Report: Mrs. Sharen Luhr: State Writing Assessment, [February 1 & 2](#); Second Quarter Honor Roll Breakfast was held [January 25](#); Spring pictures, [February 14](#); Sing Around Nebraska at Pierce, [February 25](#), 4 p.m. concert; No school, [February 17](#), [March 2](#), [March 9](#); Parent/Teacher Conferences, Tuesday, [February 28](#); Kindergarten registration for parents only, [April 16](#), 6:30 p.m.; Preschool registration for parents only, [April 23](#), 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Steffensen: Principals' evaluations; Arnold, Wortman and Jaeger terms are up; Senator Kate Sullivan and Marlene Uhing, Norfolk, will meet at Mr. Steffensen's home for discussion about state aid issues on [February 20](#); elementary roof leaking; Nebraska Department of Education released state aid model.

Discussion items: Chuck Beyer, 2001 Roofing Company, spoke to the board concerning the elementary roof problem; Special meeting, [March 7](#), 6 p.m., to discuss 2012/13 shortfall, review superintendent evaluation form.

Board of Education Development: NRCSA Legislative Forum, Lincoln, [February 21](#); NASB School Board Leadership Workshop, Norfolk, [February 22](#); NASB School Board as Judge and Jury, Lincoln, [March 13](#); 23rd NSBA Conference, Boston, MA, [April 21](#).

Action Items:

A motion by Wortman, second by Arnold, to accept the early separation incentive program applications of Connie Stubben and Anne Muhs, with regret. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Wortman, second by Hanlin, to maintain the current rate of pay for substitute teachers. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

A motion by Jaeger, second by Arnold, to accept the proposed 2012-13 school year calendar. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, second by Jaeger to accept the recommendation to continue to participate in the Seminole Energy Services inter-local agreement with Nebraska Joint Utilities Management Program (NJUMP). Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

A motion by Wortman, second by Krienke, for Pierce Public Schools to authorize Kendall Steffensen to contract with Nebraska Link to purchase 100 mg of bandwidth for \$2,470 per month plus a \$1,399 non-recurring fee for the next four years totalling \$119,959. Voting yes, Wortman, Krienke, Hanlin, Jaeger, Collison. Arnold abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Jaeger, second by Hanlin to enter executive session at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of roof litigation and personnel. Re-entered regular session at 7:31 p.m.

Motion by Hanlin, second by Wortman to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, [March 12, 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.

Ruth K. Jaeger, Secretary,

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