

Monday, February 11, 2013

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular board meeting on February 11, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the High School conference room. Board members present were Kent Hanlin, Dan Unseld, Robert Hoffmann, Ted Krienke, Dave Lienemann, and Jacque Collison. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Sharen Luhr, Activities Director/Assistant Principal Gary Timm, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, and numerous guests.

President Krienke extended a welcome to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Collison and seconded by Hanlin to accept the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meeting, claims and payments of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lynn Moeller addressed the board. Gary Shada, Ron Woslager, Chad Anderson, Shanon Stuchlik, Rick Ronspies, Ken Venteicher, Mark Fleer, Gerald Hixson, Tom Maas, and Mark Brahmer spoke both pro and con about paving the road by the High School.

Reports:

Shawn Rinkel, fourth grader at the elementary school, gave the student council report. He talked about the "Pennies for Patients" fundraising program, recycling, "Funky Friday", and planning a movie night.

Caleb Lohrberg gave the High School student council report. One of the activities he talked about was the fundraiser that they are planning for the Children's Miracle Network.

Mr. Brahmer spoke about the state writing test, winter royalty dance, honor roll, principal's honor roll breakfast, failures, parent-teacher conferences, freshman-parent registration meeting, class registration, early dismissal, and a new graduation requirement.

Mrs. Luhr talked about the state writing assessment, honor roll breakfast, spring pictures, parent-teacher conferences, kindergarten registration, preschool registration, staff development, and a M.A.P. meeting.

Mr. Timm gave a report on winter sports activities, state dance and cheer, the speech team, FCCLA, FFA, the music department, spring sports, use of the schools by outside groups, and his election to NSAA District 3 representative.

Discussion Items:

A board retreat was scheduled for February 23, 2013 in the High School conference room at 8:00 a.m.

Mrs. Collison was appointed to the Community Relations Committee and Mr. Lienemann was appointed to the Facilities and Transportation Committee.

Superintendent Steffensen reported to the board about the 2013-2014 School calendar.

Action Items:

Mrs. Luhr tendered her resignation for the end of the school year. Lienemann made a motion and Unseld seconded the motion to accept Mrs. Luhr's resignation with regret. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unsel made a motion and Lienemann seconded to approve the Principals contracts. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adopt the SPED policies 612.1-612.17 as required by state law. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Unsel seconded a motion to delete policies 409.5 and 403.6. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann made a resolution to support the paving of the streets by the High School. Krienke relinquished the president spot to Lienemann and seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Hanlin-no, Lienemann-yes, Collison-no, Krienke-yes, Unsel-yes, and Hoffmann-no. Motion failed. Lienemann relinquished the presidency back to Krienke.

Superintendent Steffensen talked about upcoming board professional growth opportunities.

A motion was made by Lienemann and seconded by Unsel to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pierce Public Schools Board of Education will be a Board of Education/Administration Retreat on Saturday February 23, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the High School conference room. The next regular meeting will be March 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the 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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