

Monday, February 10, 2014

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

A welcome was extended to the public and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Act was pointed out.

Hoffmann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meeting and special meeting, claims and payments of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Tyler Race, Tristen Miller, and Chayden Roth gave the elementary student council report. They talked about raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, movie nights, and funky Friday hair day.

Kristin Arens gave the high school student council report. She talked about a winter royalty dance, school spirit basketball game themes, and parking spot raffle.

Emily Bjorklund and Shelby Ronspies gave the FCCLA report. They talked about members competing in STAR events, working at the concession stand, a fundraiser for the Hctor family, gym cleanup, four members attending a legislative workshop, candy gram fundraiser, national FCCLA week, and State Peer Officer conference.

Bailey Tinker gave the FFA report. She talked about eight members moving on to state review in proficiencies, monthly meeting, national FFA week, raising money for Children's Miracle Network, putting on a farmer Olympics, and career development at NECC.

Mr. Patrick's Elementary School report included State Writing Assessments, "Donuts with Dudes", spring pictures, noon dismissal on February 20, no school on February 21, parent-teacher conferences on March 4, and the Girl Scouts project of collecting personal information on kids to give to parents.

Mr. Brahmer's High School report was about State Writing Test, Winter Royalty Dance, Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll breakfast, failures, parent-teacher conferences, freshman-parent registration, class registration, and early dismissal on February 20.

Mr. Ostermeyer's Activities report included basketball games, wrestling, basketball sub-districts, state dance and cheer, the speech team, FCCLA and FFA, honor choir and band, spring sports seasons, and the NSIAAA spring convention.

Mr. Steffensen's Superintendent report included roof litigation, thirty four applications for the elementary teaching position, hiring a high school teacher, our district losing approximately \$153,000 in state aid, LB682 {allied school districts}, LB470 {posting of superintendent contracts}, selling the 1990 bus, and election filing deadlines.

Discussion Items were the tentative 2014/15 School Calendar and the Advanced Education visit. Collison and Hoffmann volunteered to participate in the school improvement visit.

Action Items:

Collison moved and Unseld seconded a motion to approve the second reading of Section 6000 of the policy book update. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the application of Connie Jessen for the early separation incentive program. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Hanlin seconded a motion to approve the Principal's 2014/15 Contracts. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hanlin moved and Collison seconded a motion to expand the faculty by hiring two elementary teachers and one high school teacher. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Steffensen told of professional growth opportunities for the BOE.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be in the High School conference room at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014. 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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