The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for a Board/Administration retreat on February 23, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. in the High School conference room. Board members present were Jacque Collison, Ted Krienke, Kent Hanlin, Dave Lienemann, Dan Unseld, and Robert Hoffmann. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Sharen Luhr, Activities Director/Assistant Principal Gary Timm, and Secondary Principal Mark Brahmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was a new member orientation provided by Superintendent Steffensen. Topics covered were the annual report, budget, finance, negotiations, policy, and state aid overviews. Also discussed was administration array, community use of school district buildings, early separation incentive program, meeting time, patient protection and affordable care act, public participation at meetings, and a policy review committee.

It was decided to start a review committee for policy. Mrs. Collison, Mr. Krienke, and Mr. Lienemann will initially be on the committee. It will be a one to two year process.

There was a discussion of short-term and long-term district goals. Added to the short-term goals was "Obamacare". In the long-term was making class sizes smaller.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be March 11, 2013 at the High School conference room at 6:00 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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