

Monday, January 13, 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 Ted Krienke, Dave Lienemann, Dan Unseld, Jacque Collison, Kent Hanlin, and Robert Hoffmann. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmaer, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Johnnie Ostermeyer, and 14 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 Lienemann seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meeting and retreat, claims and payments of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unseld moved and Collison seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

At 6:33 p.m. the Board of Education had election of officers. For 2014 President-Krienke, Vice-President-Lienemann, Treasurer-Hanlin, and Secretary-Hoffmann. Committees are: Certified Staff Negotiations-Krienke, Lienemann, and Hoffmann. Non-Certified Staff Negotiations-Collison, Unseld, and Hanlin. Americanism and Textbooks-Collison, Hanlin, and Unseld. Curriculum and Instruction-Krienke, Lienemann, and Hoffmann. Community Relations-Collison, Hoffmann, and Hanlin. Finance-Hanlin, Krienke, and Hoffmann. Technology and Equipment-Lienemann, Unseld, and Collison. Facilities and Transportation-Unseld, Lienemann, and Krienke.

The communication from the public was Gerald Hixson thanking the Board for buying a new bus.

Kristin Arens and Miles Sudbeck gave the High School Student Council report. They talked about the winter royalty and dance, spirit committee, and parking lot raffle winners.

Bailey Tinker gave the FFA report about livestock judging, proficiency awards, and state convention.

Martina Wickett and Shelby Ronspies gave the FCCLA report. They talked about quiz bowl, workshops, memory tree, gym cleanup, concession stand, and candy grams.

Mr. Patrick's Elementary Report covered teacher workshops, ESU helping prepare for CIT, Brittany Hibbard student teaching, DIBELS, report cards, Honor Roll breakfast, state writing assessment, preschool and kindergarten registration, and parent interaction through "Donuts with Dudes" and movie nights.

Mr. Brahmaer's High School Report was about state assessments calendar, start of the semester, fall academic all-staters, school improvement review hosted by Mrs. Baurmeister, lockdown and evacuation drills, and a virtual scholar program.

Mr. Ostermeyer's Activity Report included January activities, Pierce wrestling tournament, basketball holiday tournament, FCCLA and FFA programs, NSAA meeting, Rule 10 adding more junior high contests, activity limits, and Trenton Allen being selected to the NCDA Honor Band.

Mr. Steffensen's Superintendent Report covered legislative education bills, the Pierce Education Association approving the offer to the Board of Education,

Irene Gleason retiring after 25 years of service, heat pump compressor failures, the intercom temporarily fixed, and incumbent filing for the Board of Education.

Action Items:

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

Unseld moved and Collison seconded a motion to approve the second reading of Section 5000 of the policy book update. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to authorize the Superintendent as the local agency representative for state and federal programs. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hanlin moved and Unseld seconded a motion to approve up to five applications for the early separation incentive program. Voting as follows: Hanlin-yes, Lienemann-yes, Hoffmann-yes, Krienke-no, Unseld-yes, and Collison-yes. Motion carried 5-1.

Unseld moved and Collison seconded a motion to approve the annual Board of Education calendar and change the January retreat to December. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the annual district report. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

At 7:23 p.m. Collison moved and Unseld seconded a motion to go into executive session for litigation. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

At 7:47 p.m. the Board came out of executive session.

Collison talked about the state NASB Conference.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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