

PIERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, [January 9, 2012](#)

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular meeting on Monday, [January 9, 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, Activities Director Gary Timm, 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 Wortman. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned in *sine die* at 6:02 p.m.

Meeting was reopened at 6:02 p.m.

Reorganization of the Board. Motion by Jaeger, second by Arnold to waive election of new officers and re-install present officers. Voting was unanimous, motion carried. Board officers are Jacque Collison, president; Kent Hanlin, vice president; Ruth Jaeger, secretary; Misty Wortman, treasurer.

2012 Standing Committee assignments were presented by President Collison: Committee of the Whole, Hanlin; Americanism & Textbooks, Collison; Curriculum Coordinating Council, Wortman; Community Relations, Collison, Krienke (City/County/Chamber/BOE); Patron Advisory Committee, Wortman; Finance, Wortman; Certified Staff Negotiations, Collison, Krienke, Jaeger; Classified Staff Negotiations, Hanlin, Arnold, Wortman; Technology & Equipment, Hanlin, Arnold; Facilities & Transportation, Arnold, Krienke.

FCCLA report, Amy Venteicher: [Christmas](#) Party, prepared 7,500 Mercy Meals; STARS; Candygrams.

FFA, Amy Flee: Fruit sales; Garrett Wickett, student of the month; Show & Bowl; Livestock judging contest; proficiencies.

High School StuCo, Marcus Blunck: [Christmas](#) Tree in Commons; Sweetheart Dance; School Spirit Committee; Silent Auction for Children's Miracle Network.

Secondary Report: Mr. Brahmer: State Assessment Calendar; Spring Semester Student Teacher from USD, Sean Fitzsimmons in biology, physiology, life science; start of semester, Wednesday, [January 4](#); fall season academic all-staters; Teammates Mentor-ing Program update; December ACT; Installation of L to J Quizzes.

Activities Director Report: Mr. Gary Timm: Winter activities; Pierce Speech competition, [January 14](#); Dual Wrestling Tournament, [December 30](#), and basketball teams at Wisner-Pilger Tournament over Christmas break; FCCLA and FFA programs; January NSAA, [January 11](#).

Elementary Report: Mrs. Sharen Luhr: Tommaso Pagano and Jessica Sauser from WSC, student teachers; MAP tests, [January 10-19](#); Report cards, Monday, [January 9](#); State Writing Assessment, [February 1, 2](#); Preschool & kindergarten preregistration; workshop on MAP, [January 26](#).

Superintendent Report: Mr. Steffensen: Three board positions expire in 2012; line of credit for January expenses; NASB Legislative issues Conference, [January 23](#).

Discussion items: Board of Education Retreat.

Action Items:

Motion by Arnold, second by Hanlin to authorize Superintendent as local agency representative for state and federal forms. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, second by Jaeger to accept 11 applicants for the early separation incentive program for one year. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, second by Hanlin, to accept with regret the resignations of Donald and Phyllis Wood through the early separation incentive program. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, second by Wortman to trim \$400-425,000 from the budget due to budget shortfall reductions with the following reduction in force proposal: Reduce three teachers from the elementary program; reduce one teacher from the art program; reduce one teacher from the vocal music program, reduce one teacher from the technology maintenance program; reduce one teacher from the curriculum/school improvement program. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Jaeger, second by Hanlin, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, [February 13, 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.

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