

Monday, May 13, 2013

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular board meeting on May 13, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the High School conference room. Board members present were Dan Unseld, Robert Hoffmann, Kent Hanlin, Ted Krienke, Jacque Collison, and Dave Lienemann. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Sharen Luhr, Activities Director/Assistant Principal Gary Timm, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, and about sixteen guests.

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

There was no public correspondence.

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

Mr. Brahmer's high school report was about graduation, state tests, ACT, MAP Testing, academic celebration, last day of school, no summer school, driver's education, summer weight program, school progress reports, and school improvement committees.

Alissa Hoffmann gave the FCCLA report. She told about the dance marathon, state leadership conference, banquet, and summer activities.

Kristin Albrecht gave the FFA report. She told about the banquet, highway cleanup, Monsanto grant, and upcoming leadership training.

Mrs. Luhr report on the elementary school covered DIBELS and MAP testing, assessment results, kindergarten visitation, preschool graduation, track field day, P.A.T.S. help, the last day of school, class assignments, staff development, next year's staffing, and a thank you for supporting the elementary school the past nine years.

Mr. Timm's activities report told about track, golf, district music, spring banquet, new physical education/volleyball coach Katlyn Donovan, coach camps and clinics, NSAA news, and his pleasure working for the district the past seven years.

Mr. Steffensen reported that the district will not need to borrow funds, a once a year payment of \$183,497 for laptops came due this month, and we are budget is 2/3 spent for the year. He also talked about Obama Care regulations that will be in effect for the 2014-2015 school year, applying for a Monsanto grant, unexpected expenses, and state aid updates. He thanked Mrs. Luhr and Mr. Timm for their help as administrators and wished them luck.

Discussion Items:

1. Policy 1006.1 Community Use of School District buildings, sites, and equipment: A discussion was held about simplifying the policy, commercial business use of property, and rules and laws.
2. Elementary Staffing Recommendation: Mrs. Luhr recommends adding an additional teacher in the fourth grade and not replacing two vacated paraprofessional positions.

Action Items:

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to change Policy 204.12 by removing a section that conflicts with the open meetings law. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison made a motion and Unseld seconded to raise the substitute teacher pay from \$90 to \$100 a day. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Unseld and seconded by Lienemann to accept the curriculum report. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to accept the school improvement report. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann made a motion and Unseld seconded to accept the contracts of Activities Director/Assistant Principal Johnnie Ostermeyer, teacher Katlyn Donovan, and teacher Grant Doerr. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

A motion to accept with regret the resignation of Gary Timm and Jenn Scheer was made by Collison and seconded by Hanlin. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to go into executive session for personnel. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Time was 7:37 p.m. At 7:50 p.m. Unseld made a motion and Lienemann seconded to come out of executive session. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

A motion to accept with regret a resignation by Jodi Borchers was made by Unseld and seconded by Lienemann. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lienemann and seconded by Hoffmann. Voting unanimous, meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, June 10, 2013 at the High School conference room at 6:30 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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