

Monday, May 12, 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 Dan Unseld, Ted Krienke, Kent Hanlin, Dave Lienemann, Jacque Collison, and Robert Hoffmann. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Johnnie Ostermeyer, and twelve guests.

A welcome was extended to the guests and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was no public correspondence.

Hoffmann moved and Collison seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meeting, claims and payments of bills, and financial reports. Discussion was about a loan payment of \$183,000 for laptops, recertified football helmets, and a new wrestling mat. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Student Council members Kiersten Wragge and Kristen Arens reported about Hershey's Kisses for seniors, teacher appreciation week, a picnic and officer elections, and school recycling.

FCCLA member Sydney Acklie reported about the family night banquet, raising \$386 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, donating 671 books, highway cleanup and meal, district planning meeting, and summer trip.

Brendan Acklie thanked the board for allowing him to prepare snacks for his project.

FFA members Emily Lambrecht and Bailey Tinker reported about the annual banquet and awards, eight new officers, leadership conference, highway cleanup, and community service projects for summer.

Mr. Brahmer's High School report included graduation, state tests, ACT results, MAP testing, academic celebration, last day of school, driver's education, and the summer weight program.

Mr. Patrick's Elementary School report was about Dibels and MAP testing, reviewing assessment results, new kindergarteners, PATS donations, preschool graduation, field days, and last day of school.

Mr. Ostermeyer's Activity report included track and golf meets, band and choir concerts and awards, spring activities banquet, twelve academic all conference students, new coaches and assistants, coaching clinics, and Connie Jessen's selection as mid-states conference music sponsor of the year.

Mr. Steffensen's Superintendent report was about Mrs. Jessen's resignation letter, calendar updates, construction for the safe routes to school beginning September 1, PPCA[Obama Care] starting in 2015, and Senator Scheer requesting information from schools.

A Board of Education/Administration Retreat will be June 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Brahmer and Mr. Patrick gave curriculum reports about adding a certified nursing class, expanding Saxon Grammar and Writing, welding class, physics class, science class review, trigonometry, creative curriculum, a new reading series for the elementary grades, preschool enhancements, and third grade math and phonics enhancements.

Hoffmann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to accept the curriculum report. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to keep our substitute teacher rate of pay at \$100 per day. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Collison seconded a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Tracy Sporleder. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Professional growth opportunities were discussed.

Topics for next month's meeting were discussed and included the retreat, reviewing the census report, bullying review, student fees review, superintendent evaluation, and administration compensation. With enrollment declining from 440 to 325 in the past twelve years in the High School, it was discussed on whether to be proactive or reactive in mergers/consolidations and activity co-ops.

Collison moved and Unseld seconded a motion to go into executive session for administration compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried at 7:19 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 8:12 p.m.

Hoffmann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be at the High School Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 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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