

Monday, November 11, 2013

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, Jacque Collison, Kent Hanlin, Robert Hoffmann, Dave Lienemann, and Dan Unseld. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Johnnie Ostermeyer, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, and about twenty -one guests.

A welcome was extended to the public and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The open meetings act was pointed out. There was no communication from the public.

Mr. Hoffmann moved and Mr. Lienemann seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meeting, claims and payments of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

There was no report by the FFA.

The FCCLA report by Alissa Hoffman told of district competition, buddy walk for Down's syndrome awareness, mercy meals, memory tree, national meeting in Omaha, and assisting with gym cleanup after basketball games.

Kristin Arens and Kierstyn Wragge gave the High School student council report about Bingo, powder puff football, boy's volleyball, parking lot raffle, and color run for Make a Wish. The Make a Wish Foundation sent a plaque to the student council for their efforts and donation.

The Elementary School student council report given by Payton Simmons and Allie Koehler was about movie nights and upcoming meetings.

Mr. Brahmer reported the first term conclusion, student of the week program, state writing preparation, state science, reading, and math reviews, student assemblies, ACT results, and Thanksgiving break.

Mr. Patrick told about early school dismissal, the holiday program, Veteran's Day programs, honor roll breakfast, and a staff development/work day.

Mr. Ostermeyer's report included girl's golf, state cross country, football, one-act play, dance team, senior choir, national FFA convention, robotics team, and fall awards night.

Discussion Items:

Soccer Cooperative;

Mr. Ostermeyer investigated Title IX requirements. We would need a bus to transport students to daily Norfolk practices. Cost and diluting other sports were discussed. Chad Miller talked about opportunities to open doors for kids.

BOE/ Administration Retreat;

A retreat was planned for December 7 at 8:00 a.m. to talk about board goals.

Negotiations;

Teacher negotiations discussion was moved to the end of the meeting.

Action Items:

Mr. Unseld moved and Mr. Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the second reading of Section 3000 of the policy manual. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Mrs. Collison moved and Mr. Hanlin seconded a motion to approve the first reading of Section 4000 of the policy manual and have Policy 4015 supported by

Nebraska Law 79-554 not allow teaching staff to seek election for the board and allow all other employees to seek election for the Board of Education of Pierce Public Schools. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lynn Laible of Christensen-Brozek-Faltys presented the financial audit report to the board. Mrs. Collison moved and Mr. Unseld seconded a motion to accept the financial audit as presented. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Unseld moved and Mr. Hoffmann seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss teacher negotiations. Voting unanimous, motion carried at 7:44 p.m. At 9:04 p.m. the board came out of executive session.

For professional growth the state conference in LaVista is November 20-22, understanding NEPAS tests on January 14 in Norfolk, and Legislative Issues conference on January 27.

Mrs. Collison moved and Mr. Unseld seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be a BOE/Administration Retreat on December 7, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the High School conference room. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, December 9, 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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