

Monday, October 14, 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 Dan Unseld, Dave Lienemann, Ted Krienke, Kent Hanlin, Jacque Collison, and Robert Hoffmann. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Activities Director/Assistant Principal Johnnie Ostermeyer, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, and about eighteen guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Krienke welcomed the public and pointed out the Open Meetings Act.

Lynn Moeller spoke in the public communications period about leadership, direction, reserves, and mastery learning.

Unseld moved and Collison seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meetings, claims and payment of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Madisyn Hamm gave the elementary student council report. She talked about the activities of the eighteen members, their officers, public speaking, recycling, projects, and movie night planning.

Martina Wickett and Taylor Aschoff gave the FCCLA report. They talked about meetings, work nights, District Officer Autumn Baumann, and State Officer Alissa Hoffmann.

Wyatt Polt gave the FFA report. He talked about Impact at NECC, fruit sales, LSE's, and the national convention.

Mrs. Koehlmoos gave the high school student council report. She talked about the color run for Make a Wish, powder puff football, boys' volleyball, and red ribbon week for drug and alcohol abuse awareness.

Mr. Patrick gave his elementary report about parent-teacher conferences, NePAS tests, fire station visit, report cards, Nebraska Game and Parks visit, P.A.T.S. Halloween Bingo Night, no school October 25, Red Ribbon Week, and picture retakes.

Mr. Ostermeyer gave his activities report about sports competitions, parents nights, hosting the Mid States volleyball tournament, honoring the 35th anniversary of our school's first state football championship, marching band, FFA, FCCLA, the one-act play, choral dinner show and clinic, auditions for state vocal and instrumental music, girls' soccer cooperative, and NSAA discussions.

Mr. Brahmer gave his high school report about MAP testing, community service day, parent-teacher conferences, staff development, teacher evaluations, state writing test preparations by Mrs. Muir, and Mr. Hoefener and the girls golf team winning districts and going to state.

Mr. Steffensen gave his superintendent report about bids for controller and computer for the high school heating and air conditioning system, meeting with Zion Lutheran Board of Education, Education Committee Hearing, the federal government shutdown affecting lunch reimbursements, and the student groups making \$8500 from auction parking.

In the discussion items was the talk about soccer cooperative with Lutheran High and Norfolk Catholic. The concerns were with diluting other sports,

transportation liability, cost, and adding teachers versus adding a sport. Mr. Ostermeyer will get more details and report back to the board.

Action Items:

Unsel moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the second readings of sections 1000 and 2000 of the policy book update. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to have the treasurer and superintendent review bills each month as pertaining to section 3007 of the policy book update. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Unsel seconded a motion to amend section 3014, part 1 f to have the superintendent or his designee approve commercial group use of school property. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Unsel seconded a motion to have in section 3016 school property all tobacco free. Voting as follows: Hoffmann-yes, Unsel-yes, Krienke-yes, Hanlin-no, Collison-yes, and Lienemann-yes. Motion carried 5-1.

Unsel moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to approve the first reading of section 3000 of the policy book update. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unsel moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to amend the bond fund tax request and levy by splitting it between 7th and 8th grades and the 9th through 12th grades. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Hanlin seconded a motion to approve the school's membership in the Nebraska Whole Child Project. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved and Collison seconded a motion to waive Commission of Industrial Relations proceedings and authorize a mail ballot for the Pierce Education Association. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Steffensen and Collison will be attending the NASB/NASA State Conference in La Vista November 20-22.

Hoffmann moved and Unsel seconded a motion to go into executive session for staff negotiations. Voting unanimous, motion carried at 7:30 p.m. The board came out of session at 8:33 p.m.

Hoffmann moved and Unsel seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, November 11, 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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