

Monday, August 10, 2015

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present were Kevin Flesner, Ron Woslager, Robert Hoffmann, Dan Unseld, Dave Lienemann, and Ted Krienke. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, and sixteen guests.

A welcome was extended to the public and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Act was pointed out. Communication from the public was Max Unseld talking about concern for the rough road by the school. Donovan Ellis asked whether the county could pay for some of the cost and the added cost to taxpayers with an \$850000 loss in state aid. Dan Unseld had concerns about an inappropriate internet safety meeting.

Unseld moved and 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.

The FCCLA Report given by Mariah West and Leslie Dohmen included the summer incentive activity, officer team training, and kick-off meeting.

The e-mailed High School Report by Brahmer was about parent/student meetings, dual credit class meeting, start of school, PHS Scholarship Golf Tourney/Ribfest, teacher workday, class schedule pickup days, community service day September 24th, MAP achievement testing days, 33 students in the Teammates Mentoring Program, fall sports practices, and the blue/white Gatorade scrimmage.

The e-mailed Elementary School Report by Patrick included current PK-6th grade enrollment of 349 students, 29 preschool and 43 kindergarten students, staff development day, Elementary School open house, first day of school, and DIBELS and MAP testing.

Steffensen's Superintendent Report was about office staff absence, budget preparations, summer maintenance, elementary bathroom remodel, surveillance system install, kitchen dishwasher install, thanks to PATS for purchasing iPads, hiring of paraprofessionals and kitchen staff, and thanks to Robin Sutherland and girls youth sports program for donation of volleyball standards, nets, padding, and referee stands.

A BOE/Administration retreat was planned for Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

High School north and west road paving was discussed with estimates of \$184,000-\$206,000. Chad Anderson provided cost estimates and timelines for paving. If paving districts, plans, and bids are approved by the city of Pierce, construction may begin as early as next spring.

Attendance at the state education conference and NASB area meetings were discussed.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to have a budget request hearing set for Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and a tax request hearing set for 6:15 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Woslager moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to update the policy changes as recommended. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Woslager moved and Unseld seconded a motion to encourage the city to proceed with the paving district process. Voting as follows: Woslager-yes, Lienemann-yes, Hoffmann-no, Krienke-yes, Unseld-yes, and Flesner-yes. Motion passed 5-1.

Unseld moved and Woslager seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Executive session entered at 7:22 p.m. and ended at 8:11 p.m.

Topics for next month include the finalized budget and tax requests, superintendent evaluation reminder, and superintendent vacation and sick log.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be a BOE/Administration retreat at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2015. A budget request hearing will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015. A tax request hearing and a regular meeting will follow. All meetings will be at the High School Conference Room and are open to the public. A current agenda is available in the Superintendent's Office at the High School.

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