Monday, February 8, 2016

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 Dan Unseld, Dave Lienemann, Ted Krienke, and Robert Hoffmann. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary School Principal Adam Patrick, and ten guests.

Lienemann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to excuse the absence of Ron Woslager. Voting unanimous with Woslager absent, motion carried.

A welcome was extended to the public and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Act was Pointed Out.

In communication and correspondence from the public, there were some concerns about charging for preschool.

Unseld moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meeting, minutes of the previous retreat, claims and payments of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous with Woslager absent, motion carried.

The FFA report by Dean Fleer included livestock judging and several members working on local and state degrees.

The High School Student Council Report by Derek Ross and Bryce Bierman included a fund raiser for the food bank.

The FCCLA Report was given by Breane Hoffman and Madison Siedschlag. Members competed in district star events. The candy gram factory is open and they are also celebrating National FCCLA week.

The e-mailed High School Report by Mr. Brahmer was about the state writing tests, winter royalty day, and honor rolls.

The e-mailed Elementary School Report by Mr. Patrick included 4th grade state writing assessment, spring pictures, and donuts with dudes events.

Mr. Steffensen's Superintendent's Report was about the legislative issues and bills regarding school funding.

Discussion items included the 2015-16 calendar and property adjacent to the auditorium. The calendar will be placed on next month's agenda as an action item and Mr. Steffensen was directed to not pursue the property.

Unseld moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to extend new contracts to Mr. Brahmer and Mr. Patrick. Voting unanimous with Woslager absent, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Krienke seconded a motion charge a fee of \$250 per semester for preschool. Hoffmann moved and Unseld seconded to amend the motion to waive the fee for those who qualify for reduced and free lunch program. Voting unanimous with Woslager absent, amendment carried. Voting on amended motion was unanimous with Woslager absent, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Krienke seconded a motion to have the preschool fee paid by the first week of each semester. Voting unanimous with Woslager absent, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to approve the negotiated agreement with PEA. Voting unanimous with Woslager absent, motion carried.

Professional growth opportunities were discussed. Topics for next month's agenda include approving the school calendar, a state aid overview, and superintendent vacation and sick log.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous with Woslager absent, meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school conference room. 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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