

Monday, January 12, 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 Kent Hanlin, Jacque Collison, Ted Krienke, Dan Unseld, Dave Lienemann, and Robert Hoffmann. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Johnnie Ostermeyer, newly elected members Ron Woslager and Kevin Flesner, and fourteen guests.

A welcome was extended to the public and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Steffensen recognized and thanked outgoing board members Collison and Hanlin.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. and Mr. Steffensen welcomed the new board members Woslager and Flesner. The new members recited the Oath of Office and election of officers was held. New officers are President-Krienke, Vice-President-Lienemann, Treasurer-Unseld, and Secretary-Hoffmann. Appointed to the Americanism committee were Unseld, Flesner, and Woslager.

There was no communication and correspondence from the public.

Unseld moved and Hoffmann 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 High School Student Council report by Sydney Silhacek and Collin Freeman included winter royalty plans, council meeting, and the Christmas party.

The FFA report by Emily Lambrecht was about chapter fun night, livestock judging at NECC, proficiencies and interviews, and FFA week February 21-28.

The FCCLA report by Krista Rystrom and Mariah West included STAR events, meeting, speech meet concessions, Valentine candy grams, and FCCLA week.

The e-mailed High School report was about state assessment tests, start of semester, no school on January 22, lockdown and evacuation drills, virtual scholar program, student assembly guest speaker Ron Gustafson on January 14, and the stepping stones to success program.

The e-mailed Elementary School report was about school improvement workshop, second semester resuming, report cards, January 22 teacher workshop, state writing assessment, honor roll breakfast, registration for preschool and kindergarten, and a fourth grade national assessment of educational progress.

The e-mailed Activity Director's report included speech team, parents nights, Pierce wrestling tournament, basketball holiday tournament, FCCLA and FFA, January NSAA meeting, National Honor Society induction meeting on January 30, and Mid State conference basketball tournament.

Mr. Steffensen's Superintendent report was about the 2015 legislative session and purchasing a new truck using a government discount to have it cost less than truck six years old.

As a discussion item the Board of Education/Administration Retreat was planned for January 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the Annual Board of Education Calendar. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unsel moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to authorize the superintendent as the local education agency representative for state and federal programs. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Unsel seconded a motion to authorize the superintendent to dispose of unwanted items in an appropriate manner. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved and Unsel seconded a motion to provide an early separation incentive program for up to three employees. Voting as follows; Krienke-no, Hoffmann-yes, Woslager-no, Flesner-no, Lienemann-no, and Unsel-yes. Motion failed 4-2.

Lienemann moved and Unsel seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations and classified staff employment. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Executive session started at 7:15 p.m. and ended at 8:26 p.m.

Mr. Steffensen talked about professional growth opportunities.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Education/Administration will be a Retreat on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in the High School Conference Room. The next regular meeting will be in the High School Conference Room on Monday, February 9, 2015 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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