

Monday, March 9, 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 Dave Lienemann, Ron Woslager, Ted Krienke, Robert Hoffmann, Kevin Flesner, and Dan Unseld. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Johnnie Ostermeyer, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, and nine guests.

A welcome was extended to the public and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Act was pointed out. In the correspondence and communication from the public, Max Unseld talked about concern for the condition of the flags by the school and wishing to hear more patriotic songs and music from the students.

Dan Unseld had questions about bills of mileage and Krienke wanted itemized credit card bills.

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

Courtney Hansen and Desirea Druyor gave the FCCLA report about attendance of the State Leadership Conference in Lincoln in April by eighteen members and three adults, an all member meeting, fourteen members interviewing for next year's officer team, and planning for the annual Family Night Banquet.

The FFA report by Bailey Tinker told about district and state proficiency contests, two students will be receiving state degrees, national FFA week, tractorcade, junker/show vehicle day, faculty breakfast, farmer Olympics, raising \$827 for the Children's Miracle Network, career development events with the Floriculture team advancing to state, state convention, and the Work-A-Day Auction.

Sydney Silhacek and Collin Freeman gave the High School Student Council report about healthy drinks in the pop machine with proceeds going toward a scholarship, the spirit committee working on themes, and the March Madness contest with proceeds used to donate food items to the needy.

Krienke reported about attending the board president's retreat. He mentioned time limits for speakers, motion policy, meeting with the superintendent once per week, relaying board votes by the secretary, making agendas and budgets, members speaking up at meetings, and member communication with staff.

Mr. Brahmer's e-mailed report was about parent-teacher conferences, Teammates Mentoring program, state science tests, class registrations, ACT results, no school on March 16, an additional day of school added to the calendar, and the motivational speaker Mike Smith assembly on February 23.

Mr. Patrick's e-mailed report was about students reading "The World According to Humphrey", parent-teacher conferences, no school days and make up days, fifth graders attending H2O Daze at NECC, free after school science camps by Mr. Don Wood, and no school on March 16.

Mr. Ostermeyer's e-mailed report included boys golf, track, wrestling, boys basketball, cheerleaders and dance teams, speech team, All-School Play, FCCLA, FFA, choir and band, winter awards night on March 20, winter sponsorship evaluations, making \$3600 by sponsoring sub-district and district finals basketball, new padded

chairs that the booster club helped purchase, hosting district speech contests on March 16 and district track on May 14, congratulating the girls basketball team for winning state for the third straight year, and congratulating all the students and adults at the tournament for winning the sportsmanship award.

Mr. Steffensen's report was about vacation and sick leave log, \$2500 donated to the FFA, numerous legislative updates, and a safety report including snow broom, cameras, door locks, and curb and step repairs.

Discussion items included a reminder of the BOE/Administration Retreat March 16 and state aid certification. Due to valuations rising this year, for the year 2015/2016 State Aid will drop \$808,620. The district will receive \$225,828 generated from net option funding, allocated income tax, teacher education fund, and instructional aid.

Action items included 2015/2016 School calendar and a offering a teaching contract to Zach Weber to fill our English teacher position.

Unsel moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to approve the 2015/2016 School calendar. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Woslager moved and Flesner seconded a motion to offer a teaching contract to Mr. Weber. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Board professional growth opportunities were discussed. Topics for next month's meeting include scheduling a summer retreat and June superintendent's evaluation.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

The next meeting will be a BOE/Administration Retreat on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 13, 2015 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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