

Monday, March 14, 2016

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

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 was a group of Pierce Elementary teachers there stating their disappointment and embarrassment on there being a free will offering can at the "Donuts for Dudes" event for our students and their important male figures. They asked for the donation can not be used for the "Donuts for Dames" event. The letter presented to the board was signed by 20 teachers in favor of this.

Two Girl Scout Leaders and four Girl Scouts were there to explain what a Buddy Bench was. Five girls would like to do this Girl Scouts work project and install it at the Elementary Play Grounds.

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

The High School Student Council Report by Shelby Bretschneider and Jaci Brahmer included a March Madness Bracket Fund Raiser with proceeds going to the local food pantry and the possibility of a volleyball tournament in April.

The FCCLA report by Ellie Peters and Shelby Ronspies included sixteen members attended the annual PEER Ed retreat in Kearney, competed in a Survivor competition and own 1st place, the \$650 1st place prize to a charity of the Chapter's choice.

The FFA report by Dean Flee included a Work a Day Auction is coming up with the proceeds used to pay for the annual Banquet. The State Convention is coming up with three teams competing and three members working for Proficiency Awards.

The emailed High School Report by Mr. Brahmer included 75% of our families attended our Parent-Teacher conferences on March 1st, Teammates Mentoring Program has 35 students, State Science Test, Class Registration, December and February ACT results, Two days will be made up because of snow, State Basketball Tourney, District Speech, State FFA and Spring Sports Seasons.

The emailed Elementary School Report included the sixth grade class attended an entrepreneurship/business workshop at Northeast Community College on Feb. 26th, Parent-Teacher Conferences were March 1st, the fifth graders participated in H2O Daze sponsored by the Lower Elkhorn NRD, a successful NCLB Title 1 visit on March 8th, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are invited to a free after school science camp by Don Wood, and the schedule for this year's NESAs assessments.

Mr. Steffensen's Superintendent's Report was about the Nebraska Council of School Administrator's Legislative Conference attended by Ted Krienke, Dan Unseld, and himself. The Legislative Bills on a NCSA Priority Bill watch list was given.

Discussion Item's included a Board of Education/Administration Retreat to discuss classified salaries and how they relate to PPACA (Obama Care) regulations, State Aid certification overview with a calculated \$9,410.00 for 2016-17 school year compared to \$216,418.00 for 2015-16 school year.

Unsel moved and Hoffmann seconded to approve the 2016-17 calendar as presented. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Bob Coakes (High School Science), Kendra Nickeson (Junior High and High School Math and Science), and Jamie Stark (High School Vocational Agriculture) and accept Sandy Helmer (Elementary Counselor), Sharon Shelton (Elementary Classroom), and Lori Wagner (Elementary Special Education) through the early separation incentive program. Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Unsel moved and Woslager seconded a motion to approve the teaching contract to Brittany Case (Elementary Classroom), Amber Engler (Elementary Classroom), and Shelly Garrett (Elementary Counselor). Voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Woslager moved and Unsel seconded a motion to offer the \$4,000 deductible Educator Health Alliance/BlueCross Blue Shield health insurance plan along with providing dollars to eligible employees that complies with the 9.5% of salary provision of the lowest compensated employee. Voting was Unsel-yes, Krienke-yes, Woslager-yes, Hoffmann-yes, Flesner-yes, Lienemann-no. Motion passed 5-1

Professional growth opportunities were discussed.

Lienemann moved and Unsel seconded to adjourn.

Voting was unanimous, meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m.

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