

Monday, May 11, 2015

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular meeting at 6:31 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present were Dave Lienemann, Ron Woslager, Robert Hoffmann, Ted Krienke, Dan Unseld, and Kevin Flesner. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Johnnie Ostermeyer, and 31 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 Alicia Kuether talking about purchasing a new dishwasher and counter with funds already in the lunch program. Mrs. Timm talked about the National FCCLA Leadership Meeting and asked the Board for funding for Tristen Sell. Klint Arnold from Pierce Telephone Company gave a presentation on laptop options for the school district. He brought five different computers and talked about servers, firewalls, training, reliability, software, and viruses. He also talked about the school's intercom, phone system, and security system.

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

The High School Student Council report by Tatum Rowley was about the Kiss a Senior Goodbye project raising money for scholarships, the spring picnic, and election of officers.

The FCCLA Report by Tristen Sell covered the awards night and banquet, auction raising \$720 for the Pierce Food Bank and a needy family, the spring highway cleanup, Madison Siedschlag being selected a district officer, and Mrs. Timm and Ms. Sell attending the National Conference in Washington D.C.

Unseld moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to give Ms. Sell \$500 for travel expenses. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

The e-mailed Elementary Report by Mr. Patrick included "Donuts with Dames" honoring students and mothers, year end assessments, P.A.T.S. providing "funflatables", pre-school graduation, elementary field day, last day of school, class assignments for next year, and a teacher work day.

The e-mailed High School Report by Mr. Brahmer was about Senior's last day, state tests, ACT results, MAP testing, academic celebration, last day of school, no summer school, driver's education, and summer weight program.

The e-mailed Activities Report by Mr. Ostermeyer included district and state track, district and state boy's golf, band and choir districts and last concerts, the spring activities banquet, 22 academic all conference students, summer camps and clinics, sponsorship openings, Mike Emory voted conference boys basketball coach of the year, Danielle Goetsch voted conference One-Act Play director of the year, and Mrs. Bauermeister voted conference Quiz Bowl sponsor of the year.

Mr. Steffensen gave updates of trying to fill the position of Activities Director and of meetings attended.

Unseld moved and Woslager seconded a motion to table the School Improvement Process Report until the June meeting. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Unsel moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the Curriculum Report by Mr. Brahmer and Mr. Patrick. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Flesner seconded a motion to increase the 2015/2016 Substitute Teacher daily pay rate to \$110. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Flesner moved and Unsel seconded a motion to divide up the Activities Director work between Mr. Brahmer, Mr. Steffensen, and two to three teachers with stipends for extra duties for one year. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Steffensen gave a presentation of goals, potential purchases, and finances. Discussion was held about the loss of \$800,000 in State Aid and increasing the cash reserve.

Unsel moved and Flesner seconded a motion to fund the One to One Laptop program with \$427,000 from the depreciation fund. Voting as follows: Flesner-yes, Lienemann-no, Woslager-yes, Hoffmann-yes, Krienke-yes, and Unsel-yes. Motion passed 5-1.

Unsel moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to replace the high school kitchen dishwasher and reconfigure the counter. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved and Woslager seconded a motion to replace the auditorium boiler when it breaks down with \$60,000 from the special building fund. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Woslager moved and Unsel seconded a motion to place \$50,000 into the depreciation fund for a bus replacement. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unsel moved and Flesner seconded a motion to not remodel the girl's elementary bathroom at this time. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Woslager moved and Lienemann seconded a motion hold off on voting on surveillance cameras and an intercom until bids are known. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unsel moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to allot \$50,000 for Internet switches pending E-Rate 60% funding. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to hold off purchasing a lawnmower and broom. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unsel moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to replace a regular education van. Voting as follows: Unsel-yes, Flesner-yes, Lienemann-no, Woslager-yes, Hoffmann-yes, and Krienke-no. Motion passed 4-2.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to not increase the depreciation fund reserve, general fund cash reserve, and special building fund reserve this year. Voting as follows: Woslager-yes, Hoffmann-yes, Krienke-yes, Unsel-no, Flesner-yes, and Lienemann-yes. Motion carried 5-1.

Unsel moved and Flesner seconded a motion to approve the updated list of goals. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Steffensen told about upcoming school law and open meetings seminars.

Unsel moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be at the High School Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015. 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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