

Monday, October 13, 2014

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, Ted Krienke, Dan Unseld, Jacque Collison, and Robert Hoffmann. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, Activities Director/Assistant Principal Johnnie Ostermeyer, and eighteen guests.

A welcome was extended to the guests and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Act was pointed out. Crystal Bauermeister talked during the correspondence from the public portion of the meeting about a library grant. The grant was used many different ways benefitting the kids and library.

Collison moved and Unseld seconded a motion to excuse the absence of Kent Hanlin from the meeting. Voting unanimous, Hanlin absent, motion carried.

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

The Elementary Student Council Report given by Mark Venteicher included ordering shirts, Funky Friday, collecting box tops, and movie nights.

Ann Daudt gave an Ipad demonstration with the help of Mr. Venteicher. The teachers and students are excited about using them every day.

The FCCLA Report by Breane Hoffman and Shelby Ronspies was about an all member meeting, Fall Leadership Workshop at Lincoln, district contests, promoting National Down Syndrome Society Buddy Walk, Leadership Conference in Norfolk, a bonfire and sleep over, monthly member meeting, and working in the concession stand.

The Elementary School Report by Mr. Patrick included parent-teacher conferences, younger grades visiting the fire station, Red Ribbon Week, P.A.T.S. sponsoring a Halloween bingo night, Donuts With Dudes, the One School-One Book program, a computer based program implemented for struggling readers, and an academic achievement Hall of Honor being created.

The High School Report by Mr. Brahmer was about MAP testing, community service day, parent-teacher conferences, teacher evaluations, and state writing test preparations by Mrs. Kristine Muir.

The Activities Report by Mr. Ostermeyer included golf district meet, cross country district meet, softball district tournament, volleyball parents night, girls golf and cheerleaders parents night, football and cross country parents night, honoring the twenty fifth anniversary of the class B state runner-up football team, Mid-State volleyball tournament, marching band competitions, FFA and FCCLA activities, One-Act Play practice, vocal and instrumental state music auditions, and NSAA district meetings.

The Superintendent's Report by Mr. Steffensen was about the Nebraska Department of Education not agreeing with the No Child Left Behind and Adequate Yearly Progress systems, attending the Northeast Nebraska School Superintendent Association meeting, attending a meeting with Senator Sullivan, and board and superintendent evaluations.

The board discussed an overview of the area membership meeting. Professional growth opportunities included the State Education Conference.

Collison moved and Unseld seconded a motion to approve Policy 4044 Early Separation Incentive Program. Voting unanimous, Hanlin absent, motion carried.

Collison moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation and negotiations. Voting unanimous, Hanlin absent, motion carried. Executive session entered at 7:10 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to accept a roof litigation arbitration settlement of \$31,000. Voting unanimous, Hanlin absent, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, Hanlin absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be in the High School Conference room on Monday, November 10, 2014 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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