

Monday, September 14, 2015

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the High School conference room. Members present were Kevin Flesner, Ron Woslager, Dave Lienemann, Dan Unseld, Ted Krienke, and Robert Hoffmann. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Adam Patrick, and 11 guests.

A welcome was extended to the public and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Act was pointed out.

Woslager moved and Flesner seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meetings, claims and payments of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

The Student Council report by Derek Ross was about their initial meeting, Blue Jeans for Bucks fundraiser for Kim Martinson, and a Color Run for Make a Wish.

The FCCLA report by Shelby Ronspies and Stephanie Rinkel included a kick off meeting, fall leadership workshop for officers at Wayne, chapter meeting, and STAR competition.

The FFA report by Dean Fleer was about a new member picnic, Husker Harvest, dairy judging, and the national convention.

Emily Lambrecht approached the board and asked for funding to help with expenses. She was selected to the choir at the national FFA convention.

Mr. Patrick's Elementary School Report e-mail included completion of initial student diagnostic tests, picture day, Constitution Day, parent-teacher conferences, and NeSA test results.

Mr. Brahmer's High School Report e-mail was about MAP tests, homecoming week, community service day, Nebraska state test results, ACT results, parent-teacher conferences, and fall activities.

Mr. Steffensen's Report included budgets, property tax request, meetings attended, bookkeeping transitions, applying for a grant, and the activities director position.

Discussion Item was a community softball request. Doug Johnson gave a presentation on the 1999 plans for phase 2 of the softball complex. Another softball diamond will be constructed with no cost to the school for construction, mowing, electricity, or watering. Liability issues were discussed with Johnson proposing a non-profit corporation dealing with construction, maintenance, and liability.

Unseld moved and Woslager seconded a motion to approve the 2015/16 Budgets. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unseld moved and Flesner seconded a motion to approve the 2015/16 Property Tax Request. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to table the softball request. Voting as follows: Hoffmann-yes, Krienke-yes, Unseld-no, Flesner-no, Woslager-no, and Lienemann-yes. Motion failed 3-3.

Unseld moved and Flesner seconded a motion to allow the Softball backers to start to build and maintain another diamond on school property with the stipulation that it cannot be used until a non-profit corporation is formed and contracts are signed with the school. Voting as follows: Lienemann-no, Hoffmann-yes, Krienke-yes, Unseld-yes, Flesner-yes, and Woslager-yes. Motion carried 5-1.

Hoffmann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss Superintendent contract language. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Executive session entered at 7:24 p.m. and ended at 8:16 p.m. Discussion included the pros and cons of multiple contract years, rollover provisions, moving the rollover date, and changes in contracts.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, October 12, 2015 in the High School conference room 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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