

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
TO THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 18, 2013**

Tour – 6:15 pm

Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

BUILDING TOUR

We will do the beginning of the year tour at 6:15. Our tour will involve a tour of some of the areas that have a facelift and labs with some interesting new equipment.

As usual the maintenance and custodial staff has done a wonderful job this summer getting the building ready for the beginning of a new school year. They are to be commended for the job that they do – everything sparkles, especially the floors.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We are ready to start the new school year to graduate our 47th class. The senior students will not be attending the first day of school. Only first year students to Pioneer will attend on the first day, Monday, August 25, 2014.

The staff has planned a very active schedule and exciting activities for our new students. These special activities allow us to pay special attention to first year students and orient them to Pioneer. Senior students will attend the second day.

APPROVAL OF HANDBOOKS

I have asked our administrators responsible for changes in the handbooks to present the changes at the Board of Education meeting.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Due to the new days to hours, our professional development delayed start days have to be eliminated; therefore we had to become creative with our professional development schedule. Greg Nickoli, Director of Operations; and Dena Kirby, Academic/Student Services Supervisor; have designed a self-guided schedule so the staff can fulfill the professional development requirements that they need by selecting various training opportunities. They also have scheduled many in-services to meet the mandatory training that is required by law. I am pleased to recommend the schedule.

CENTRAL REGION OSBA FALL CONFERENCE

Central Region OSBA Fall Conference will be held on September 24 at the Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center in Columbus. Social hour will begin at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. To date, the keynote speaker has not been announced. If you wish to attend, we will have a sign - up sheet at the board meeting.

OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (OSBA) CONFERENCE

We need to have confirmation about housing for the Ohio School Boards Association Conference which is going to be held November 9 - 12.

We will have a sign - up sheet at the Board meeting for the dates you will be requiring lodging at the conference. We need to log into housing to make our reservations on September 4 when the housing website is available. It is extremely important that we have accurate dates because after 5 pm on September 5 there is a \$100 cancellation fee for a reservation.

POSTSECONDARY OPTION/DUAL ENROLLMENT/COLLEGE NOW COURSES

Every year our students have the opportunity to participate in several post-secondary programs, such as, Post-Secondary Education Option/Dual Enrollment/College Now, for college credit at Pioneer. This is a wonderful convenience and savings for our students. We are including the Post-Secondary schedule for your approval.

BOARD GOALS

We are asking you to approve the Board Goals for the 2014 – 2015 school year. The process went very smoothly and we were able to develop substantial goals for this school year.

I appreciate all the board members that were able to attend the retreat and help us craft out these goals.

These goals will help us move forward with the many changes that are on the horizon. Administrators will provide continual updates on their progress toward meeting those goals at our Projects Meetings on the third Monday of every month. We will periodically provide you with a compiled update. At the beginning of the year, we share the Board Goals with the staff so they understand the vision of the board. We also provide the staff with updates toward those goals.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

We are recommending the following people be hired at this board meeting:

Lori Love, as the Developmental Delay Teacher's Aide for our new Developmental Delay Unit. Lori was the teacher's aide last year for Galion High School for two students that are enrolled at Pioneer. She retired from Department of Developmental Disabilities where she supervised the direct care staff. She has a wealth of knowledge and will be of great assistance to the instructor. This is a new position that was created when we acquired the MOESC Developmental Delay Program.

We are recommending Caleb Nolen for the position of Custodial/Security. Caleb is a graduate of Mansfield City Schools and has had experience working at Meijers and Jones Potato Chips. He is a very hard worker and quickly moved into a variety of positions in both companies. He will be taking the position vacated by Richard Lyon's retirement.

All other personnel items are common for this time of year.