

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION November 17, 2014

WE DID IT!!!!

I want to thank the voters for their strong support of the Pioneer Replacement Levy! We won by over 4500 votes! From the records I have, in the last 30+ years, except for a renewal levy, this is strongest positive votes that we have ever received! We are thrilled with the results! Here are the final counts by county (If you are interested in seeing the Precinct counts, I will have at the board meeting):

COUNTY	FOR	AGAINST
CRAWFORD	6897	4850
RICHLAND	9514	7137
MORROW	1100	1319
ASHLAND	298	251
SENECA	169	243
HURON	1477	1074
WYANDOT	166	204
MARION	1	2
TOTAL	19622	15080

OSBA STATE CONFERENCE

It was great seeing many of you at the OSBA conference. As usual, it was an excellent conference with outstanding exhibits. We look forward to any input from the board members about the conference.

Congratulations to Mary Jean Theaker for receiving the ESC Board Member Leadership Award and the OSBA Veteran Board Member Award for twenty-five (25) years of service.

VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION

Our Social Studies Department and several programs did an excellent job remembering our veterans the week of Veterans Day, including from our Media Communications Program 11x17 cardstock calendars for the local vets. 1600 calendars were distributed with 30 different designs, created by Media students, as well as, a special PNN (Pioneer News Network) production honoring our veterans.

Our staff is to be commended for helping our students remember the sacrifices that our veterans have endured for our freedom. Please see a special update compiled by Dena Kirby for details about the activities that our staff and students prepared for this special day.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Our Annual Holiday Open House will be Friday, December 19th, from 7:30 am – 9:30 am in the Pioneer Room. We hope you will be able to join us for some holiday cheer!

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

As a Holiday thank you to our board members, we would like to invite you to a Holiday Dinner in the Pioneer Room at 5:30 pm on December 15, 2014. Our board meeting will be held in the Pioneer Room immediately following the dinner.

JANUARY ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

According to ORC 3313.14, we are supposed to have our organizational meeting on or before January 15th. I know this causes conflicts with many of your other board schedules, but please check your calendars so we can decide on the best date for the organizational meeting at our December board meeting.

PERSONNEL

I will be recommending the approval of the Retirement Resignation of Darren Jackson, Language Arts Instructor, effective June 1, 2015. Darren has been with Pioneer since 1988. He started at Pioneer in the Career Development Department, and then in 1989 became a Social

Studies/Language Arts Instructor. Darren has taught American History, Government and Junior and Senior Language Arts. He is a well-respected instructor and will be missed by the staff and students at Pioneer.

With very mixed emotions, I also will be recommending that you approve my Retirement Resignation. Although, I will have a letter of resignation prepared at the board meeting, I would like to thank this board for the strong support you have provided me during my tenure as superintendent. I could not have asked for a better board of education!! You allowed and expected me to carry out the operations of this institution and supported me in the decisions that I had to make. With the passage of this levy; the completion of the renovation; increased enrollment numbers; increased community support and the make-up of a strong administrative team and licensed/classified staff, I can leave my position feeling I have accomplished the goals that I promised that I would achieve during my Superintendency.

Finally, I just want to say that I appreciate the administrative team, community, business and industry, our staff, our students, our parents, our alumni, media and board of education for the support that they have given me over the years.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

We will provide time on the agenda if the board would like to go into Executive Session to discuss the retirement and replacement of the superintendent.