

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 16, 2012

BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

On behalf of the staff, students, and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support and dedication to Pioneer. We appreciate all that you do to continually provide the students in the Pioneer district with quality education and training for the future. You are to be commended for the progress that Pioneer has made toward increasing student learning and improving student achievement.

SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD MEETING

The **Organizational Meeting** will be held at 7:00 pm. At this meeting re-appointed Board members will be sworn into office. We will also need to elect a President and Vice-President and make appointments for Legislative Liaison, Student Achievement Liaison, and Finance Audit Committee.

Throughout the year the Board President may appoint other committees as deemed necessary. Other routine annual business will be handled during this meeting. If you have any questions concerning any of the items please call me.

The regular Board of Education meeting will be held immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

RE-APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

I would like to congratulate Howard Koons, Mary Jean Theaker, MOESC, Tom Clutter, Crestline Exempted Village, Dennis Long, Galion City, and Tom Showman, Willard City on their re-election and Mary Jean Theaker and Sandra Stone on their re-appointment to the Pioneer Career and Technology Board. We are glad to have you as part of the Pioneer team and appreciate your continued service to Pioneer.

Re-appointed Board members will be sworn in at the Organizational Meeting.

NEW BOARD ROOM

We are excited to welcome you to your new Board Conference room. I think you will be very pleased with your new room. Not only is it a bigger space, but it also has new furniture and new technology. What a great place to conduct our monthly Board meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS GO HIGH TECH

As stated in at the last Board meeting, with our new Board conference room, we now have the ability to computerize our board meetings. We will be piloting a computerized Board meeting program, Blue Sky, at our January meeting.

The computerized system will only be tried during the regular January meeting, not the Organizational meeting. There will be laptops at the Board meeting for your use. Please bear with us as we field test this system.

If you do not have internet capabilities, we will continue to mail copies of the Board agenda. Jerry and I are excited to be able to provide you with this computerize system for the Board meetings. Please send us input about your experiences with the new system.

FY13 BUDGET

Treasurer Jerry Payne has done an excellent job putting the budget together. He will provide a detailed explanation at the meeting. For several years, we put money into the Capital Improvement Fund to investment in renovation of our facilities and equipment for our labs, now we are drawing down those funds to help support our renovation project.

NEW STUDENT VISITATION

Prospective students will tour our labs January 24, 25 and 26, 2012. Thursday night, January 26th, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm will be the Open House for new students and their parents. This is a very important time and the beginning of the recruitment cycle for next year.

As in the past, we have scheduled an additional Open House on Parent Teacher Conference Night on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

31st ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

On January 25 and 26, Greg Nickoli, Jerry Payne, Howard Koons, Mary Jean Theaker, Doug Theaker and I will be attending the Ohio Association for Career Technical Education (ACTE) Legislative Seminar. I have arranged legislator visits for Wednesday concluded by a reception for legislators and their aides from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. It is important that we meet our new legislators and inform them of the great strides Career Technical Education has made to train our students to meet the demands of the future workforce.

CENTRAL REGION OSBA SPRING CONFERENCE

The OSBA Central Region Spring Conference is March 21, 2012 at the Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. We will have a sign up sheet at the next Board meeting.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The professional organization memberships I am recommending are similar to last year. We are actively involved with our community organizations and chambers. I appreciate the extra time that our Administrative staff dedicates to attending community meetings/events and participating in the community activities.

SCHOOL ATTORNEY

Kimbel Carey, a school attorney with Bricker and Eckler LLP has been our legal consultant for a number of years. It is my recommendation that we continue to employ the services of this firm and continue to retain the services of Sylvia Gillis as our Construction Consultant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

We will enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

PERSONNEL

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