

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 19, 2013

Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

BUILDING TOUR POSTPONED

Due to the early start of the school year and the labs and equipment that we want you to see the tours will be postponed until the September Board Meeting. 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 45th 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, Thursday, August 22, 2013.

The Administration and PRESS (Advisor/Advisee) committee have 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

As usual, Greg Nickoli, Director of Operations; and Dena Kirby, Academic Supervisor; have done an excellent job planning an outstanding Professional Development Schedule for our staff. I am pleased to recommend the schedule.

CENTRAL REGION OSBA FALL CONFERENCE

Central Region OSBA Fall Conference will be held on September 25 at the Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center in Columbus. Social hour will begin at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00 pm Tina Thomas Manning, Associate Superintendent, Ohio Department of Education will be the keynote speaker. 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 Capital Conference which is going to be held November 10 - 13.

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 August 29 when the housing website is available. It is extremely important that we have accurate dates because after August 30 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 2013 – 2014 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. Each administrator will provide an update 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 will be evaluating the administrative staff following the new Ohio Principal Evaluation System.

RESOURCE OFFICER

We are presenting to you a resolution to accept a contract with the city of Shelby for a School Resource Officer. Both, Shelby and Pioneer are very excited about having a Resource Officer at Pioneer. We feel that this will strengthen our Security and Safety at Pioneer and allow Shelby Police Department to better know the students that come to Pioneer from other districts.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

We are recommending the following people be hired to fill vacated positions:

Daniel George – Criminal Justice Instructor – Dan has his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Ashland University and has been a Security Officer, Juvenile corrections Officer, Retail Detective, Campus Security Officer, Parole Officer and for the last 10 years an ISP Officer for the Richland County Court Services. Dan's experiences will be a great asset to the new curriculum in the Criminal Justice Program.

Linda Bellomy – Receptionist – Linda will be hired to take the position vacated by the retirement of Pat Keen. Linda has worked as the Parent Coordinator for our Early Childhood Education program since 2009. She has done an excellent job and is very well qualified to take on the duties of Receptionist for Pioneer. Linda is a graduate of Pioneer and has a very welcoming personality. She will be a wonderful addition to our front office.

Catherine Spayde – Library Media Aide – Catherine will be taking the Library Media Aide position that has been vacated by Jessica Ross who resigned to pursue a Nursing Career. She comes to us from Willard City Schools where she was the Special Needs Aide/Secretary. She works well with students and will be a nice addition to the Library.

We will have one more new hire for your approval at Monday's meeting and I will update you at the meeting as final interviews will be completed today for the Parent Coordinator for Early Childhood Education position.

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