



REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 16, 2013

TOUR – 6:15 pm

TOUR OF BUILDING

Due to our recent renovation, we do not have many changes to our building, but we have been able to add some great equipment that we would like to demonstrate for you to show our appreciation for the Board's support. Your support has allowed us to purchase up-to-date equipment that will train students for the 21st century workplace.

Vans will be ready at the Board entrance (please notice the new landscaping that added additional color to this area) to take you to the bullpen area that was blacktopped this summer (this work was covered under the OSFC funding). We will enter our new Industrial Electricity Program (formerly the Building Maintenance Trades lab) to learn about the construction of the robots that the students will use in competition and see some of the new trainers that will be used in the program. Graphic Arts will be our next stop where Bill Dichtl will demonstrate the new embroidery machine and explain the use of the equipment. Next, we will travel upstairs to CAD to watch a demonstration on the new surveying equipment that will allow the students to be more accurate and expand their surveying capabilities. Our last stop is Precision Machining to see the new Doosan CNC machine, the CMM machine and the simulators that will allowed advanced training of our secondary and adult students, as well as, business and industry.

We also were able to purchase a new alignment machine for Industrial Diesel, but will not be stopping to see the equipment because our students and staff are just being trained on its usage.

Finally, we have started to replace the lighting around the building to LED lights. This lighting is still energy efficient and meets the LEED criteria, but provides more lighting than the lighting that was specified in our original OSFC project. We also will eventually replace the parking lot lighting with LED lights.

START OF YEAR

As usual, the school year has gotten off to a great start!! As I was talking to Paul Zehner, our new Resource Officer, I realized how smoothly everything runs in our building. Our staff is to be commended on the swift start to every year!! Like past years, we brought the juniors only in on

the first day to help them get acclimated to Pioneer. That day students and teachers participated in welcoming and team building activities. It is great having the students back in the building and seeing them actively engaged in learning. Our new staff is doing an excellent job!

Enrollment is up by about 60 students (993) from this time last year. Although our projected enrollment was over 1050, as in past years, some students have decided to return to their home schools; do not show up or have moved out of the district. Currently, we still are calculating satellite program enrollment, but numbers are still coming in from those schools.

FINAL APPROPRIATIONS

Linda Schumacher has prepared the final appropriations for your review. Although, we are still trying to sort out the state budget, we think it is important to allocate funds (and are mandated by the state weighted funding formula) to permanent improvement to invest in technology and equipment for our classrooms and labs. This allows us to properly train students for the future workforce.

It is a pleasure working with Linda! She is an outstanding treasurer and works hard to handle the complexities of school finance. Thanks, Linda!

CENTRAL REGION MEETING

Howard Koons has asked me to remind you of the Central Region Meeting on September 25th at the Villa Milano in Columbus. Social hour will begin at 5:00pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. Tina Thomas Manning, Associate Superintendent, Ohio Department of Education will be the keynote speaker.

PROGRAM NAME CHANGES

You will be asked to approve name changes for two programs to accommodate the move from programs to courses, as mandated by the Ohio Department of Education. The Criminal Justice program will split into two programs with four courses each. One program will keep the Criminal Justice name and the second program will be Homeland Security. The Health Academy has been divided into four (4) programs with four (4) courses each, thus the advisory committee for Medical Dental Careers has requested the program name be changed to Dental Assisting to better describe the content of the program.

RENTAL RATES

Jim Grubbs, Director of Business Affairs, has prepared a change of rental rates for your approval. These rates have not been updated in many years. Jim did several comparisons to determine appropriate rates for Pioneer.

PERSONNEL

At this meeting we make the recommendations for personnel to move to another degree level on the salary schedule and for continuing contract status. All information has been reviewed and is in accordance with the Master Agreement.

The remainder of the recommendations is normal for this time of year.

Although, no action is need, I would like to move into executive session at the end of the meeting to update you on a personnel issue.