

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 15, 2014

BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

During the Board of Education Appreciation Month, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continual support of our students and staff. 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, MOESC, on his re-appointment to the Pioneer Career and Technology Board. We appreciate your continued service to Pioneer.

Howard will be sworn in at the Organizational Meeting.

Currently, Shelby City Schools has not made a decision on the appointment for the Shelby Board seat.

FY 15 BUDGET

Treasurer Linda Schumacher has done an excellent job putting the budget together. She will provide a detailed explanation at the meeting. For the last several years, we have put money into the Permanent Improvement Fund to investment in renovation of our facilities and equipment for our labs. With the renovation of our building complete, the permanent improvement fund will be used to upgrade technology and major equipment purchases.

NEW STUDENT VISITATION

Prospective students will tour our labs January 28, 29 and 30, 2014. Thursday night, January 30th, 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 “Second-Look” Open House on Parent Teacher Conference Night on February 25 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

CENTRAL REGION OSBA SPRING CONFERENCE

Currently we have no information concerning the date of the OSBA Central Region Spring Conference.

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 Brickler 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 until we close on the renovation, retain the services of Sylvia Gillis as our Construction Consultant until we close out the renovation project.

ALL BOARD DINNER

The All Board Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014. We will begin at 6:00 pm with appetizers and dinner at 6:30 pm.

RALPH PHILLIPS BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR

The Business Partner of the Year Award evening will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 6:30 pm. I am pleased to announce that we have some outstanding nominations.

PERSONNEL

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