

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION JANUARY 14, 2015

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 our new appointed Board Members appointed by the Bucyrus City Schools Board of Education and the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center Board of Directors. We greatly appreciate your service to Pioneer.

They will be sworn in at the Organizational Meeting.

FY 15 BUDGET

Treasurer Linda Schumacher has done an excellent job putting the budget together. She will provide a detailed explanation at the meeting. We continue to put money into the Permanent Improvement Fund to investment in to upgrade technology and major equipment purchases.

NEW STUDENT VISITATION

Prospective students will tour our labs January 27, 28 and 29, 2015. Thursday night, January 29th, 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 24 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

CENTRAL REGION OSBA SPRING CONFERENCE

The OSBA Central Region Spring Conference is March 11 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

Kimball 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 until we close on the renovation, retain the services of Sylvia Gillis.

ALL BOARD DINNER

The All Board Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2015. We will begin at 6:00 pm with appetizers followed by dinner at 6:30 pm.

RALPH PHILLIPS BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR

The Business Partner of the Year Award evening will be held on March 4, 2015 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. I am pleased to announce that we already have some outstanding nominations.

EMERGENCY FUND DONATION

Last month we received a very generous donation from the Gorman Family for use as an Emergency Loan fund. Per the family's directions we have established criteria by which the funds may be accessed for use by economically disadvantaged students.

PERSONNEL

Due to the vacancy left by the appointment of a new Superintendent, I am very excited to recommend that you approve the hiring of Kris Kowalski as the Director of Operations. In addition to working with Mr. Kowalski for the past 8 ½ years, I have conducted a thorough interview and find him to be highly qualified for the position. Mr. Kowalski has been with Pioneer since 2005, serving as both a Supervisor and the Assistant Director, High School. He consistently meets or exceeds all expectations for his position and will provide outstanding leadership for our high school staff and students.

All other personnel items are common for this time year.

