

PENDER PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT MINUTES
Pender Public School – Room #305
January 17, 2018 – 5:15 p.m.

The Pender Public School Board of Education held a retreat at Pender Public Schools on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. President Matt Peters called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. with the following members present: Matt Heineman, Matt Peters, Jean Karlen, Jason Roth, JJ Maise and Dan Wichman. Absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Jason Dolliver, Secondary Principal Eric Miller, Elementary Principal/SPED Director Kelly Ballinger, and Recording Secretary Deanna Hansen.

As required by Nebraska Statute 84-1412(8), President Peters drew the attention of those present to the location of information regarding the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room and accessible to all members of the public.

President Peters reviewed the agenda as presented, affirmed that every board member had received notice of the meeting, and the time and place of the meeting had been published or posted as required by Board Policy 8342.

A motion was made by Maise and seconded by Heineman to approve the agenda as presented. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes; motion carried.

The annual report for 2017 prepared by Superintendent Dolliver was shared. Discussion and reflection on the past year ensued. Dr. Dolliver reviewed achievements on topics including: Strong Academics, Positive Learning Environment, Strong Financial Footing, Transportation & Facilities, Capable and Prepared Staff and Administration, Progressive District/Special Initiatives, School Improvement, Community Participation and Connectedness, Positive Relationships, Policies and Procedures, Extra Curricular Activities and Technology. The report concluded with recommendations for the future. Board members asked questions and discussed the report as presented.

President Peters distributed the list of committee assignments for 2018. Committee assignment and chair changes were reviewed for the upcoming year.

Board members reviewed their 2017-2018 goals and noted progress made. Discussion was held, and District goals for the 2018-2019 school year were written.

Dr. Dolliver led discussion reflecting on the district's current stable financial status and possibilities for continued stability in the future. Discussion on future valuation, the bond repayment plan, budget authority override, property taxes and state aid was conducted. Dr. Dolliver shared an update on proposed legislative bills currently being discussed and the impact they may have on the district.

Personnel for the 2018-2019 school year was discussed. Dr. Dolliver led discussion on possibly adding contract time for the School Psychologist, possible staff changes

including a possible need to expand teacher FTE to serve additional needs at the elementary, maternity leave for Andrea Hansen, office staff for 2018-2019, future para educator needs, extra-duty assignments and elementary class enrollment/sections. Board members reviewed the information, provided input and asked questions.

Superintendent Dolliver shared a list of possible facility, maintenance and transportation projects/needs to be accomplished in the future. Future acquisition of property and how the property may be used was reviewed. The possible need to add an additional bus route was discussed. Board members discussed facility needs.

The Board discussed possible current programs, future programs, sharing opportunities, and the ongoing communication with Emerson-Hubbard. Additionally, participation numbers, possible preschool expansion and the additional of a Close Up program were discussed.

Technology needs for the 2018-2019 year discussed including new laptops for elementary staff, possible expansion of 1:1 to include K-3, interactive white board replacement and digital signage hardware and/or software. Board members reviewed the information, provided input and asked questions.

President Peters reminded Board members of the next regular BOE meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2017, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in Room 305. The NASB Education Forum is scheduled for February 21-22 in Kearney.

A motion was made by Roth and seconded by Maise to adjourn. President Peters stated the motion and the result of the vote being all ayes the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Secretary
Jason Roth

Recording Secretary
Deanna Hansen