

Monday, April 11, 2022

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the board room. Members present were Ted Krienke, Dan Unseld, Kevin Flesner, Adam Venteicher, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, Activities Director Darren Sindelar, and twenty-two guests. Notice of the meeting was printed in the Pierce County Leader and posted on Pierce Public Schools website.

A welcome was extended to the public, the open meetings act pointed out, roll call taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was communication or correspondence from the public consisting of information brought forward to the board from Les Painter, Chantel Carlson, Katie Prince, and Dave Lienemann.

Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the approval of minutes from the previous meeting, approval of claims and payment of bills, and financial reports. Voting Unanimous, motion carried.

Ayden Thelen reported on the FFA happenings and thanked the board for support over the years. He invited all of the board to the FFA Banquet on April 23.

Alexis Sindelar gave the Student Council report. They had a dodgeball tournament and March Madness basketball tournament with prizes. Student council received a \$3000 Pierce Q150 Grant to help the Student Council create a city pickleball court.

Mr. Steffensen relayed a report on behalf of the FCCLA. They have completed the election of new officers and the STAR competition.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 356 students with 23 preschool registrations for next year and 33 for kindergarten. NSCAS and MAP assessments will be coming up and the spring concert will be May 10<sup>th</sup>.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of state tests, ACTs, Teammates mentoring, and walk through evaluations. The seniors last day will be Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> with the graduation ceremony on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar's report included a list of all the upcoming activities and games for the month of April. Pierce competed in scholastic contests in March and took 1<sup>st</sup> place in both Class C and the Mid-States Conference.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature and updated the board on the progress of getting the parking lot project approved.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board chose to have a Board of Education/Administration retreat Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30pm.

For the first action item, Unseld moved and Flesner seconded to approve a resignation for Trent Simpson. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second action item, Freeman moved and Unseld seconded to approve a teaching contract for Jack Shadley. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second discussion item and third action item to take place, Unseld moved and Freeman seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest as the board discusses non-certified employee and administrative compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered into executive session at 7:05pm and came out of executive session at 8:59pm.

For the third action item, Unseld moved Flesner seconded to incorporate a one-time increase of \$.07 per hour for each year of service for non-certified staff. This years of service increase does not apply to heads of departments(Food service, transportation, nurse, kitchen, and custodian). Head of custodians wage increased to \$20.00 per hour. Head of kitchen wage increased to \$22.00 per hour. These increases are to be incorporated for the May 2022 payroll. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the professional growth opportunities coming up and the topics for next month's meeting.

Unseld moved, Venteicher seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

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