

Monday, April 10, 2023

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the board room. Members present were Dan Unseld, Ryan Collison, Adam Venteicher, Todd Wragge, 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 four 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.

Wragge moved and Collison 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.

Ashley Wacker reported on the FFA happenings. Last month they hosted the first annual Career Builder Benefit. Our FFA Chapter had six or seven state FFA degree recipients and many competitors at the State FFA Convention.

Mr. Steffensen relayed a report on behalf of the FCCLA. They attended State FCCLA Conference and had four STAR competitors with Aubree Uribe winning state in Fashion Construction. The banquet will be May 4.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 329 students with 28 preschool registrations for next year and 32 for kindergarten. NSCAS and MAP assessments will be coming up and the spring concert will be May 9th.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of state tests, ACTs, Teammates mentoring, and walk through evaluations. The seniors last day will be Monday May 8th with the graduation ceremony on Saturday May 13th 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 2nd place in Class C.

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 Committee on American Civics had a meeting and opened the meeting up for public comment. There was no public comment. One agenda item of an update that our school district is continuing to meet the requirements of the statute was discussed.

For the second discussion item, the school board chose to have a Board of Education/Administration retreat on May 30 at 2:00pm.

The third discussion item was visiting about the need for a building and grounds committee. The board decided there was no need at this time.

For the first action item, Collison moved and Wragge seconded to approve a resignation with regret for Darren Sindelar. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second action item, Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded to approve the March 2023 district goals. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For fourth discussion item to take place, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest as the board discusses administrative compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered into executive session at 7:14pm and came out of executive session at 8:07pm.

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

Collison moved, Freeman seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

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