

Monday, April 14, 2025

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 Stefanie Dvorak. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and 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.

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.

Lillian Stern reported on the FFA happenings. Earlier this month members travelled to Lincoln for State FFA Convention. They have been planning their annual FFA banquet that will be held April 26.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 331 students with 33 preschool registrations for next year and 45 for kindergarten. NSCAS and MAP assessments will be coming up and the spring concert will be May 1st.

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 10th at 2 pm.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature and updated the board on the arrival of the new minivan and the robotic field painter, and the scheduled school bus purchase.

As the first discussion item directed, the board decided to set a Board of Education/Administration retreat at the May board meeting.

For the second discussion item, the Committee on American Civics had a meeting and opened the meeting up for public comment. There was no public comment.

For the first action item, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to approve resignations with regret for Dylan Cerny, Industrial Technology; Krista Meyer, elementary; Brenna Mrsny, elementary; and Madison Schuller, special education. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second action item, Venteicher moved and Wragge seconded to approve teaching contracts for Jaxon Daake, business; Elly Hurley, elementary; Katheryn (Katie) Steskal, special education; and Brett Tinker, elementary. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For third 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 executive session at 7:00pm and came out of executive session at 7:11pm.

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

Collison moved, Dvorak seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Adam Venteicher, Secretary
Pierce Public Schools
Board of Education, District 2
Pierce, NE 68767