

Monday, August 12, 2019

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the High School boardroom. Members present were Robert Hoffmann, Dave Lienemann, Adam Venteicher, Kevin Flesner, Dan Unseld and Ted Krienke. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Activities Director Darren Sindelar and Elementary Principal Trent Suehl. Several guests were present.

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

Public communication included third grade class size, update on the PATS group at the elementary building and inclusion of all the children in 4th grade in activities.

Lienemann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda including the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the approval of claims and payment of bills and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

In her FCCLA report Sidney Ericson spoke about her new position as state president of FCCLA and thanked the board for their support.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl introduced himself as the new elementary principal and said there are 359 students enrolled, an increase of 7 students from last year.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer included information about student orientation, dual credit classes, PHS Scholarship Golf Tourney and Ribfest, Community Service Day is Thursday, September 26th. And there are 29 students in the Teammates mentoring program.

Darren Sindelar included dates for the beginning of fall activities and noted that NSAA requires coaches/sponsors to take courses on Concussions in Sports, Heat Illness & Prevention and Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

Superintendent Kendall Steffensen said he has been preparing the budget, gave an update on the HVAC project and said the carpet project at the high school was completed on July 26th.

Jacob Hurla updated the board on the HVAC project.

During the first discussion item the board selected a selected September 9th at 6:00 p.m. for the budget hearing and 6:15 p.m. for the tax request hearing.

Next August 21st at 6:30 p.m. was selected for a board retreat to review valuation.

Third discussion item was a preliminary budget presentation.

The last discussion item was to select a Committee on American Civics. Venteicher, Flesner and Hoffmann are the committee members.

The only action item was to review the census report. Lienemann moved and Flesner seconded a motion to accept the census report. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Professional growth opportunities were listed.

Topics for next month's agenda include finalized budget presentation, adopt tax requests, adopt budget, remind board of superintendent evaluation, provided superintendent vacation and sick log and disclose board members who purchase EHA insurance.

At 7:19 p.m. Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Dan Unseld, Secretary
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