

Monday, August 10, 2020

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

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

During communication from the public Scott Magnussen spoke about a coop with Wayne for baseball.

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

Mr. Suehl reported the number of students enrolled in the elementary school is 357. Open house at Pierce Elementary will be August 12th from 6:00 - 7:00p.m.

Mr. Brahmer reported that 7th grade and new student orientation was held August 6th. Community Service Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. The Teammates Mentoring Program has 32 students from grades 5 - 12.

Mr. Sindelar listed the 2020 NSAA Fall Season Guidelines in his report.

In his Superintendent report, Mr. Steffensen spoke about the planning that has gone into the opening of school during Covid-19. He said the administration is making the best plans they can for the opening of school and keeping students and staff safe but the guidelines change often and things need to be adjusted.

The first discussion item was to select a date and time for budget and tax request hearings. The time and date are 6:00 p.m. for the budget hearing and 6:30 p.m. for the tax request hearing on September 14th.

During the second discussion item the date and time for a retreat to review the budget after the release of valuation was set for Monday August 24th at 6:30 p.m.

The third discussion item was a preliminary budget presentation by Superintendent Steffensen.

For the first action item Lienemann moved and Flesner seconded a motion stating that the board had reviewed the census report. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

The second action item was a motion by Lienemann and seconded by Hoffmann to update our Title IX policy as recommended by the legal council. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

There are no professional growth opportunities scheduled.

Topics for next month's agenda include a finalized budget presentation, adopt tax request, and adopt the budgets.

Lienemann moved and Venteicher seconded the motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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