

Monday, August 9, 2021

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the board room of Pierce High School. 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, Activities Director Darren Sindelar, and one guest. 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 no communication or correspondence from the public.

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.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl reported of staff development days and the open house to be held August 12. PATS has funded an addition to the preschool playground. The current enrollment of preschool through sixth grade is 358.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of the upcoming dates of activities as well as the dual credit classes offered and the teaching assignments for staff.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar reported of athletes' meetings, practice dates, and first contest dates. At this time, the NSAA does not have any restrictions for the start of the 2021 fall activities season.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen indicated that there are zero directed health measures in place now and updated the board on the quarantine process. He also spoke of the landscaping out front where the bell tower and flags will be moved and Pierce High School sign replaced. We have been able to fill the position of a part time cook and still looking for some paraprofessionals, custodians, and school bus drivers. Due to reimbursement from the federal government, we will now offer higher quality beef by implementing the "beef for schools program" which is simply purchasing local fresh hamburger as opposed to frozen.

The first discussion item was the draft of the Nebraska Department of Education health standards. State statute dictates that school districts are only required to adopt the core curricular standards (English, mathematics, science, and social science). Superintendent Steffensen relayed that he could not support the first draft health standards and would not have recommended them for approval if they had become official and the board agreed.

For the second discussion item we decided to have the budget and tax request hearings as well as the regular meeting on September 13. The budget hearing will begin at 6:00 pm and will not be limited by time. The tax request hearing will begin at the later of 6:15 pm or the

conclusion of the budget hearing, which is scheduled prior to the regular board meeting. The regular meeting will begin at the later of 6:30 pm or the conclusion of the budget and tax hearings scheduled prior to the regular board meeting.

For the third discussion item, the retreat was set for August 23 at 6:30pm.

The final discussion item was a presentation of the preliminary budget.

As the first action item directed, Unselld moved and Freeman seconded to accept the census report for the upcoming year. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unselld moved and Flesner seconded the to accept the resignation for Angie Schroeder with regret and thank her for her many years of service. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Freeman moved and Peters seconded to approve the contract of Crystal Bradley for the 2021-22 school year. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unselld moved and Flesner seconded to accept the resignation of Crystal Bradley effective May 26, 2022. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

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

Venteicher moved and Unselld seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

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