

Monday, August 8, 2022

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 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.

Communication from the public consisted of Chuck Micek presenting a dividend check from last year's insurance from EMC.

Venteicher moved and Unseld 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 10. The current enrollment of preschool through sixth grade is 343.

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. The NSAA approved the Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer as the recommended measurement practice and device for measuring acceptable heat/humidity levels for practices and contests.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen relayed that the school has been able to fill four paraprofessional positions, a full time custodian, and two people are in the process of obtaining their school bus licenses. The parking lot project is waiting on contractors to be available to begin.

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

For the second discussion item the board decided to have the tax request hearing as well as the regular meeting on September 12. The tax request hearing will begin at 6:15 pm, 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 tax hearing scheduled prior to the regular board meeting.

The joint public hearing will be September 27 with a special meeting September 28 at 6:30 pm to approve the budget and to approve the tax requests.

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

The fourth discussion item consisted of North Fork Area Transit services.

For the first action item, Unseld moved and Flesner seconded to approve the review of policy sections 4000, 5000, and 6000. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

As the second action item directed, Venteicher moved and Peters seconded to accept the census report for the upcoming year. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Flesner moved and Venteicher seconded to approve the contract of Marta Victor for the 2022-23 school year. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the final action item, no action was needed for the food program services.

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

Flesner moved and Unseld seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

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