

Monday, August 14, 2023

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 Dan Unseld, Ryan Collison, Todd Wragge, Adam Venteicher, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and 6 guests. Notice of the meeting was printed in the Pierce County Leader and posted on Pierce Public Schools website.

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to excuse Lisa Freeman from the meeting. Voting unanimous, motion passed. 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 Katie Prince presenting on part of the PATS as they are going to work on updating the elementary library.

Venteicher 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. Five voted in favor, one absent, motion carried.

Trayton Christiansen reported for the FFA. They are hosting their kick off barbeque on August 14. The plant science kids will be attending an event hosted by Farmer's Pride this month as well.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl reported of staff development days and the open house was held on August 10. The current enrollment of preschool through sixth grade is 340.

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.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen relayed that parking lot project is nearing completion as it is able to be used and only the lighting, sidewalks, and landscaping need to be finished. In addition, he visited about the need for the press box at the football field to be updated internally.

For the first discussion item, the retreat was set for August 22 at 6:30pm.

For the second discussion item, Superintendent Steffensen went through a preliminary budget presentation.

As the third discussion item directed, the board decided to have the tax request and budget hearings as well as the regular meeting on September 11. The hearings will begin at 6:00pm and 6:15 pm, 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.

For the first action item, Collison moved and Venteicher seconded to approve the review of policy sections 4000, 5000, and 6000. Five voted in favor, one absent, motion carried.

As the second action item directed, Wragge moved to approve the census report, Venteicher seconded. Five voted in favor, one absent, motion carried.

Collison moved and Venteicher seconded to discontinue the census report going forward. Five voted in favor, one absent, motion carried.

For the final action item, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to approve the Resolution of the Board of Education to increase base growth percentage in an amount of 6% to determine its property tax request authority as read by Superintendent Steffensen. Five voted in favor, one absent, motion carried.

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

For the final discussion item of maintenance compensation, Wragge moved and Venteicher seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest and the district's bargaining position. Five voted in favor, one absent, motion carried and went into executive session at 7:48pm and came out at 8:43pm

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

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