

Monday, August 12, 2024

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, Adam Venteicher, Todd Wragge, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl and four 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.

There was no communication from the public.

Wragge moved and Venteicher 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.

Veronica Orona & Kaylee Olson reported on behalf of the FFA. They had their Ribfest at the county fair and will have their FFA back to school barbeque this month.

The order of the meeting was changed to accommodate the presenter. For the first discussion item, Bob Soukup from CWP Architects presented facility study results.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl reported of staff development days and the open house that was held August 8. The current enrollment of preschool through sixth grade is 336 students.

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. The high school has two student teachers this fall from Wayne State. One will be teaching in the Social Studies department and one in Family-Consumer Science.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen relayed that concrete replacement has been completed at both buildings. He's working on the budget for the 2024-25 school year. Also, he relayed happenings of the Nebraska legislature's special session.

For the second discussion item, the retreat was set for August 20 at 6:30pm.

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

For the fourth discussion item, until the valuations are known, a date cannot be selected for budget and tax request hearings and if the joint public hearing needs to be attended it will be September 17 at 6:15 in Plainview with at least one board member attending.

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

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

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

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