

Monday, August 11, 2025

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 Ryan Collison, Adam Venteicher, Todd Wragge, Lisa Freeman, and Stefanie Dvorak. Wragge moved and Venteicher seconded to excuse Dan Unseld. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl and five 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 Jim Wachter speaking on behalf of the school bus drivers and Mike Wagner speaking against a possible 6% override of revenue increase.

Venteicher moved and Wragge 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 and authorize any special education invoices that come for this fiscal year. Five in favor, one absent, motion carried.

Bailee Thelen and Dierck White reported on behalf of the FFA. They had their Ribfest at the county fair, attended COLT conference and will have their FFA back to school barbeque this month.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl reported of staff development days and the open house that was held August 7. The current enrollment of preschool through sixth grade is 329 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.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen relayed that the bus routes have been reduced to four from five because of the lack of drivers. He's working on the budget for the 2025-26 school year.

For the first discussion item, the retreat was set for August 18 at 6:30pm in conjunction with a special meeting including an action item of overriding the 3% revenue cap by an additional 6%.

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

For the third discussion item, until the valuations are known, a date cannot be selected for budget hearing. The tax request hearings will take place at the joint public hearing September 16 at 6:05 pm at the Plainview Public Library.

For the first action item, Wragge moved and Dvorak seconded to approve the review of policy sections 4000, 5000, and 6000. Five voted in favor, zero against, one absent, 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 Wragge seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

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