

Pierce High School District #2
Monday, August 24, 2026- Annual Retreat

Call to Order

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the annual retreat meeting at 6:30 pm in the boardroom of Pierce High School. Members present were Dan Unseld, Ryan Collison, Lisa Freeman, Stefanie Dvorak, Adam Venteicher and Todd Wragge. Also, present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and eleven 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Communication and correspondence from the Public

There was no communication from the public.

Discussion Items

The board discussed budgetary planning for the 2026–2027 school year, with the goal of providing guidance for completing the upcoming budget. Several improvement projects for the high school property were reviewed and discussed. Steve Dolesch provided insight and recommendations regarding what he felt should be the highest priorities for the property.

After considering the various projects, the board identified three priority projects for the 2026–2027 school year:

1. Centralized clock and IP phone system — Implement a system that will connect with and integrate with the new system being installed at the elementary school.
2. HVAC control system — Replace the existing HVAC control system.
3. Roof repairs — Address and correct the current roof issues.

The board noted that once bids are received for these three priority projects, the available costs and remaining budget capacity can be evaluated to determine whether additional improvement projects can be included in the 2026–2027 budget.

The board discussed various options for the 2026-27 property tax asking. Superintendent Kendall Steffensen was directed to complete the budget forms with a tax asking less than the joint public hearing threshold, to match the 2025-26 tax asking in the special building fund, to match the 2025-26 three cent levy in the qualified capital undertaking purpose fund, and to

place the difference in the joint public hearing threshold and qualified capital purpose undertaking fund tax asking into the general fund.

Collison moved and Wragge seconded to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Stefanie Dvorak, Secretary

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