Monday, December 9, 2024

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the boardroom of Pierce High School. Members present were Dan Unseld, Todd Wragge, Ryan Collison, and Lisa Freeman. Adam Venteicher and Craig Peters were absent.

Wragge motioned and Collison seconded to excuse Venteicher and Peters. Voting Unanimous with two absent, motion carried.

Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, 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.

Samantha Beltz expressed her thoughts regarding a bus route not being provided from Zion Lutheran School to the public elementary building after school.

Collison moved and Wragge seconded a 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 with two absent, motion carried.

Bailee Thelen and Lillian Stern reported for FFA. This month the group conducted fruit sales, hosted a plant sale, and constructed gingerbread houses with nursing home residents.

Alyssa Cooper reported for FCCLA. This month the group hosted a memory tree, hosted a holiday party, and are planning for competitive events that will be held in January.

Reports were provided by the high school and elementary principals.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen relayed that five construction companies have submitted proposals in hopes of becoming our school district's Construction Manager at Risk and that Construction Manager at Risk selection committee meeting will take place on December 12th.

The only discussion item was teacher negotiations. Wragge moved and Collison seconded to enter executive session to protect the public interest and the school district's bargaining position. Voting unanimous with two absent, motion passed. Executive session began at 7:06 p.m. and ended at 7:28 p.m.

For the first action item, Collison moved and Wragge seconded to approve the annual report. Voting unanimous with two absent, motion passed.

For the second action item, Wragge moved and Freeman seconded to approve the annual review of the district's safety and security plan. Voting unanimous with two absent, motion passed.

For the third action item, Collison moved and Wragge seconded to regretfully accept the resignation of Madison Schueller. Voting unanimous with two absent, motion passed.

For the fourth action item, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to authorize the purchase of bleachers for the high school gymnasium. Voting unanimous with two absent, motion passed.

For the fifth action item, Collison moved and Wragge seconded to update policies 2008 and 3004.1 as recommended by KSB School Law. Voting unanimous with two absent, motion passed.

Wragge moved and Freeman seconded to adjourn. Voting unanimous with two absent, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Kendall Steffensen on behalf of Adam Venteicher, Secretary Pierce Public Schools Board of Education, District 2 Pierce, NE 68767