

Monday, February 8, 2021

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the high school gymnasium. Members present were Ted Krienke, Dan Unseld, Kevin Flesner, Adam Venteicher, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, Activities Director Darren Sindelar, and several 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 meeting act pointed out, roll call taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no communication or correspondence from the public.

Unseld moved and Flesner 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.

Callie Arnold gave the Student Council report. They hosted the Winter Formal Dance and have been working on their school improvement committee.

Morgan Schnoor reported for the FCCLA that they recently competed at STAR contests. In addition, they are in the midst of candy gram sales now and will deliver them on Friday. Next up will be officer interviews and virtual State Leadership Conference.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 355 students. There will be a staff in-service and 1:00pm dismissal on February 17<sup>th</sup> and no school February 19<sup>th</sup>. Parent-teacher conferences will take place Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of the Winter Royalty Dance, class registration, Stepping Stones Program, Teammates Mentoring Program, Salute to a Student program, ACT preparations, and teacher in-services. He also reported 237 of 336 (70.5%) students earned Honor Roll and of them 123 earned Principal's Honor Roll. In addition, 12 of 336 (3.6%) failed a course during the fall semester.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar's report included a list of all the upcoming activities and games for the month of February.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature and reported on their February 3<sup>rd</sup> Unity Council meeting in which they discussed adjustments made during the pandemic, the 2021-22 school calendar, and strategic planning.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board reviewed the school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

The first action item was to evaluate the status of the principals' contracts. Unseld moved and Freeman seconded to extend Mr. Brahmer and Mr. Suehl's contracts for the 2021-2022. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the second action item, Venteicher moved and Flesner seconded to approve the negotiated agreement of an increase of \$450 to the base salary for certified staff.

For the second discussion item to take place, Unseld moved and Peters seconded to enter executive session to discuss non-certified employee compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered executive session at 6:52 pm and came out of executive session at 7:17 pm.

Unseld moved and Flesner seconded the motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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