

Monday, February 12, 2024

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the board room. Members present were Dan Unseld, Ryan Collison, Todd Wragge, Adam Venteicher, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and twenty-one 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.

To prioritize meeting items, the board did not follow the same order as the agenda.

For the first discussion item, Bob Soukup from CWP presented a facility update.

During the public correspondence portion, Adam Hervert, Carl Scholting, Tyler Legate, Les Painter, Kyle Simmons, Lane Handke, Kristi Lubischer, and Mark Brahmer spoke about the athletic trainer position that Faith Regional has discontinued providing to the Pierce School district.

Wragge moved and Collison 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.

Treyton Christiansen reported on Career Development Events, FFA week coming up, and 6th graders coming up to the high school for a preview of ag classes and FFA.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 340 students. There will be a staff in-service and 1:00pm dismissal on February 14th and no school February 16th and March 8th. Donuts with Dames will be held on Wednesday March 13th.

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 253 of 340 (74%) students earned Honor Roll and of them 154 earned Principal's Honor Roll.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature. He also reminded the board that the incumbent filing deadline for the November 2024 election is February 15, 2024 if they would like to run for school board again.

For the second discussion item, the board reviewed the school calendar for the successive school year.

The third discussion item consisted of reviewing the short-term goals.

For the first action item, Freeman moved and Collison seconded to extend Mr. Brahmer's and Mr. Suehl's contracts for the 2024-25 school year. Voting Unanimous, motion carried.

Collison moved and Venteicher seconded to approve the review of the Board of Education policy sections 1,000, 2,000, and 3,000. Voting Unanimous, motion carried.

For the third action item, Venteicher moved and Wragge seconded to approve teaching contracts for Madison Schuller and Jessica Borg.

For the fourth discussion item to take place, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to enter executive session to protect the district's bargaining position and public interest while discussing non-certified employee compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered executive session at 8:54 pm and came out of executive session at 8:57 pm.

Wragge moved and Freeman seconded the motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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