

Monday, February 10, 2025

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 Stefanie Dvorak. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal and Activities Director Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and three 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 public correspondence.

Collison 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. Voting Unanimous, motion carried.

Claudia Riggert reported on behalf of the student council. The student council had a Bluejeans for Bucks fundraiser where they donated the money to a couple families in need. They will be hosting the free throw contest and March Madness.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 332 students. As of now there are 28 students signed up for PreK and 38 for kindergarten. There will be a staff in-service and 1:00pm dismissal on February 12th.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of the Winter Royalty Dance, class registration, Stepping Stones Program, Teammates Mentoring Program, Salute to a Student program, and ACT preparations. He also reported 264 of 343 (77%) students earned Honor Roll and of them 159 earned Principal's Honor Roll.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature. He also presented our school district's short-term goals that the board had discussed at the January retreat. A focus group meeting was held January 19 and the next will be February 12 at 6:30.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board reviewed the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

The first action item was to evaluate the status of the principals' contracts. Venteicher moved and Collison seconded to extend Mr. Brahmer and Mr. Suehl's contracts for the 2025-2026. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

As the second action item directed, Wragge moved and Venteicher seconded to accept the review of Board of Education policy sections 1,000, 2,000, and 3,000. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the third action item, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to enter into a construction management agreement with Hausmann Construction Inc. for the potential school facilities improvement project. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the fourth action item, Collison moved and Dvorak seconded to engage D.A. Davidson as the underwriter for the proposed offering and issuance of bonds in connection with funding the potential school facilities improvement project. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the second discussion item of non-certified employee compensation to take place, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to enter executive session to protect the public interest and the school district's bargaining position. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered executive session at 7:06 pm and came out of executive session at 7:22 pm.

Steffensen relayed Board of Education development opportunities and topics for the next month's agenda.

Collison moved and Venteicher seconded the motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

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