

Monday, January 13, 2020

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the High School boardroom. Members present were Dave Lienemann, Robert Hoffmann, Ted Krienke, Dan Unseld and Kevin Flesner. Absent was Adam Venteicher. Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to excuse Venteicher. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Also present Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, Activities Director Darren Sindelar, and several guests.

Superintendent Kendall Steffensen briefly took over the meeting for the election of officers. Krienke was reelected President. Hoffmann then moved to reelect all officers to the same positions as the previous year. Flesner seconded the motion. Voting unanimous with Venteicher absent. Remaining officers are Lienemann-Vice President, Hoffmann-Treasurer, Unseld-Secretary. Hoffmann, Flesner, and Venteicher make up the Americanism committee. Krienke, Lienemann, and Unseld are the negotiations committee.

Nicole Konert speaking on behalf of the PATS organization during communication from the public said they had back to school gifts for the elementary students, fundraising snacks sales coming up and planning grandparents day.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda consisting of the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, approval of claims and the payment of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous with Venteicher absent, motion carried.

Student Council representative Miaya Baumann said they had their Christmans party, having a free throw contest, and winter royalty dance on Jan. 18th.

Sydney Ericson said the FCCLA is working the concession stand for the speech meet, preparing for district STAR contest at Wayne, and will be doing candy grams in February.

Abbey Streff said the FFA said they also had their Christmas party and participated in the Parade of Lights. They are preparing for LDE's and will be having their burger bash.

Mr. Suehl said elementary student's report cards were sent home with students on Jan. 7th. Honor roll students will be recognized at the Jan. 29th student assembly and registration is now taking place for preschool and Kindergarten for the 20/2021 school year.

Mr. Brahmer reported that there are upperclassmen students taking classes through the Virtual Scholar Program with the University of Nebraska. Nucor's Creation Station will be at the high school again this year for junior high students. The school is in the first year of the 5-year school improvement cycle.

Mr. Sindelar listed many dates for the activities happening at high school.

In his superintendent report Mr. Steffensen listed and explained the predicted key issues for the 2020 legislative session, They include property taxes, business tax incentives, prisons, budget, redistricting, and student discipline.

The first discussion item was an explanation of the conflict of interest statement by Mr. Steffensen. All board members signed a copy of the statement.

The other discussion item teacher negotiations which will be held in executive session.

The first action item was a motion by Lienemann to approve the annual board of education calendar. Flesner seconded the motion. Voting unanimous with Venteicher absent, motion carried.

Next Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to authorize the superintendent as the local education agency representative for state and federal programs. Voting unanimous with Venteicher absent, motion carried.

Third, Unseld moved and Flesner seconded a motion to authorize the superintendent to dispose of unwanted items in an appropriate manner. Voting unanimous with Venteicher absent, motion carried.

The fourth action item was a motion by Hoffmann and a second by Flesner to approve 5 early separation applications. Voting unanimous with Venteicher absent, motion carried.

At 6:47 p.m. Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss the 2020/21 negotiated agreement. Voting unanimous with Venteicher absent, motion carried. The board entered executive session at 6:47 p.m. and came out of executive session at 6:51 p.m.

Unseld then moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to approve the 2020/21 Negotiated Agreement with a \$650 base increase and no changes to health insurance. Voting unanimous with Venteicher absent, motion carried.

Mr. Steffensen listed professional growth opportunities and topics for next month's agenda. He explained the Legislative Issues Conference.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous with Venteicher absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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