

Monday, January 11, 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.

Superintendent Steffensen assumed duties of the chair and welcomed to the board Lisa Freeman and Craig Peters. Steffensen asked for nominations for president. Venteicher nominated Ted Krienke. Unseld moved and Venteicher seconded for nominations to cease. A voice vote was taken and Krienke was elected president. Steffensen asked for nominations for vice president. Krienke nominated Dan Unseld. Venteicher moved and Flesner seconded for nominations to cease. A voice vote was taken and Unseld was elected vice president. Steffensen asked for nominations for Secretary. Flesner nominated Adam Venteicher. Unseld moved and Freeman seconded for nominations to cease. A voice vote was taken and Venteicher was elected Secretary.

Krienke resumed duties of the chair.

Krienke appointed Flesner as the treasurer.

Krienke appointed Krienke, Unseld and Venteicher to the Negotiations Committee. Flesner, Freeman, Peters were appointed to the Committee on American Civics.

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.

Abigail Streff gave an FFA report. They competed in district LDEs and had 7 state qualifiers. In December the FFA completed fruit sales where over \$35,000 worth of produce and products were sold. Career Development Events (CDEs) and State FFA convention are coming up in the next couple months.

Callie Arnold gave the Student Council report. They hosted the Christmas door decorating contest and a Christmas party at the high school. In a couple weeks they will be hosting the winter formal dance.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl said the current PK-6 enrollment is 355 students. January 4 was a teacher workday where the teachers looked at Reading/Dibels data, discussed

intervention groups, and discussed improvement goals. The 2nd semester began on January 5th and report cards will be sent home with students on January 13th. Students named to Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll for 2nd quarter will be recognized at the January 27th student assembly. Registration is currently taking place for the 2020-21 school year.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported on the dates for all the state assessments for the Jr.-Sr. High students. School started back for the teachers on January 4th and January 5th for the students. This spring semester they will be practicing evacuation and lockdown drills. Around 30 students are completing online courses through NECC and UNL. The school is in the 2nd year of a 5-year school improvement cycle in which teachers are implementing mini-units from a program entitled C3WP, led by Mrs. Melissa Legate. There are many activities happening during the month of January for all the extra-curricular activities. Nucor is partnering with us again this year to bring Nucor Creation Station led by Mr. Neal and Mrs. Brodersen in the 8th grade exploratory classes.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar reported on the updated attendance restrictions for Pierce activities to allow six family members to attend per each player and manager. He also updated us with a list of upcoming activities and games coming up for the month of January.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen outlined the NSAA winter guidelines and gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature.

As the first discussion item directed, all board members to signed and completed a conflict-of-interest statement.

During the second discussion item, it was determined to set the Board of Education and Administration retreat for January 18, 2021 @ 6:30.

The third discussion item was teacher negotiations. Nothing was discussed until the board was in executive session.

For the first action item, Unseld moved and Freeman seconded to approve the annual Board of Education calendar. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Attached is a copy of the 2021 calendar.

For the second action item, Unseld moved and Flesner seconded the motion to authorize the superintendent as the local agency representative for state and federal programs. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the third action item, Venteicher moved and Unseld seconded the motion to authorize the superintendent to dispose of unwanted items in an appropriate manner. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

The fourth action item was extending FFCRA leave. Superintendent Steffensen explained the Family First Corona Virus Relief Act (FFCRA) allowed 80 hours of paid leave for COVID-19 related illnesses/quarantine. Access to this expired December 31, 2020. Venteicher moved and Unseld

seconded the motion to extend the FFCRA leave until March 31, 2021. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the fifth action item, Flesner moved and Unseld seconded the motion to offer the early separation incentive program to all of the five eligible employees. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

At 7:00 pm Unseld moved and Flesner seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss teacher negotiations. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered executive session at 7:00 pm and came out of executive session at 7:40 pm.

For the sixth action item, Unseld moved to table the 2021/22 Negotiated agreement and Flesner seconded the motion. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

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

Adam Venteicher, Secretary
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