

Monday, January 10, 2022

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

Superintendent Steffensen assumed duties of the chair. Steffensen asked for nominations for president. Venteicher nominated and Peters seconded Ted Krienke for president. Flesner moved and Unseld 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. Peters seconded. Flesner moved and Unseld seconded for nominations to cease. A voice vote was taken and Unseld was elected vice president. Steffensen asked for nominations for Secretary. Krienke nominated Adam Venteicher for secretary. Unseld seconded. Peters 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 Freeman to the Negotiations Committee. Flesner, Venteicher, and Peters were appointed to the Committee on American Civics.

There was no communication or correspondence from the public.

Venteicher moved and Unseld 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.

Ayden Thelen reported for the FFA. This month they have district LDEs and livestock judging. February they will proficiency applications judged and state degree interviews.

Alexis Sindelar reported for the student council. Student council did not receive the grant for the sign. Winter Royalty dance was held last week.

Reports were given to the board from the high school principal, elementary principal, and activities' director.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen spoke of the need to increase the general fund balance in order to not need to borrow money for the month of April before May tax receipts

come in. He also spoke of the continuation of clean up of the parking lot from the Lexington bus fire and waiting on the finalized blueprints for the parking lot.

For the first discussion item each board member signed the conflict of interest statement.

As the second discussion item directed, February 7 was selected for the board of education retreat.

For the first action item, Venteicher moved and Unseld seconded to approve the annual Board of Education calendar. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

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

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

As the fourth action item directed, Flesner moved and Unseld seconded to approve three early separation program applications. Five voted for, Krienke voted against. Motion passed.

As the fifth action item directed, Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded to accept with great regret, the resignation of Mr. Edminsten effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the final discussion item to take place, Unseld moved and Venteicher seconded to go into executive session to discuss teacher negotiations. Voting unanimous, motion passed. The board went into executive session at 7:04pm and came out at 7:52pm.

For the final action item, Unseld moved and Freeman seconded to accept PEA offer for 2022/23 negotiated agreement of having a base increase of \$1200 for 2022/23 year and remove 1 step off of the bottom of each column. The 2023/24 year will have a base increase of \$1600 and remove 1 more step from the bottom of each column. Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance to remain the same. Five voted in favor, Krienke against. Motion passed.

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

Flesner moved to adjourn and Unseld seconded. Voting unanimous, Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Adam Venteicher, Secretary

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