

Monday, January 8, 2024

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

Superintendent Steffensen assumed duties of the chair.

Steffensen asked for nominations for president. Collison nominated and Freeman seconded Dan Unseld for president. Peters moved and Unseld seconded Adam Venteicher for president. Wragge moved and Collison seconded for nominations to cease. Voting Unanimous, motion carried. A written vote was taken, and Unseld was elected president.

Unseld assumed duties of the chair. Unseld asked for nominations for vice president. Wragge nominated and Freeman seconded Ryan Collison for vice president. Venteicher moved and Wragge seconded for nominations to cease. Voting Unanimous, motion carried. A voice vote was taken with Collison being unanimously elected vice president.

Unseld asked for nominations for secretary. Wragge nominated and Freeman seconded Adam Venteicher for Secretary. Wragge moved and Collison seconded for nominations to cease. Voting Unanimous, motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and Venteicher was elected secretary.

Unseld appointed Wragge as the treasurer.

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

During communication and correspondence from the public, Gary Shada spoke on new updates to the IEP option enrollment and Pierce's class size limits on option enrollment.

Venteicher 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.

Written reports were given to the board from the high school principal, elementary principal.

Superintendent Steffensen relayed that the legislature is in session and as of now there are two education related bills introduced but there will likely be more by the end of the ten day introduction period. The board retreat is scheduled for January 15th at 6:30pm.

Each board member signed the annual conflict of interest statement.

Collison moved and Wragge seconded to approve the annual Board of Education calendar. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded to authorize the superintendent as the local agency representative for local, state, and federal programs. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to authorize the superintendent to dispose of unwanted items in an appropriate manner. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Wragge moved and Venteicher seconded to approve two early separation incentive program applications. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the fifth action item of teacher negotiations, Collison moved and Venteicher seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest and the school district's bargaining position. Voting unanimous, motion passed. The board went into executive session at 7:13pm. The board came out of executive session at 7:25pm.

Collison moved and Wragge seconded to accept the negotiated BCBS insurance coverage, increase the base salary by \$950 for the 2024-25 year, compensate ticket taking at \$30 per event, adjust 10 sick and 2 personal days to 9 sick days and 3 personal days, and create a special education extra duty assignment on column 1 of the extra duty salary schedule. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

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

Collison moved and Venteicher seconded to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Adam Venteicher, Secretary
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