

Monday, July 13, 2020

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Members present were Robert Hoffmann, Dan Unseld, Ted Krienke, Kevin Flesner, Dave Lienemann, and Adam Venteicher. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, Activities Director Darren Sindelar and several guests.

A welcome was extended to the public, the open meetings act pointed out, roll call taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

During communication from the public two people spoke. One saying he would like to see the school open as close to normal as possible and did not want the students to have to wear masks. Another said she would like to be kept as up to date as possible about how the school year might start so parents could plan as much as possible.

Hoffmann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the approval of minutes of the previous meeting, approval of claims and payment of bills, and financial reports. Voting Unanimous, motion carried.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer listed adjustments to the Parent-Student Handbook and said the tentative date for 7th grade and new student orientation is Thursday, August 6th at 6:15 p.m.

The Elementary School report for Trent Suehl said that letters are being sent notifying parents of the student's teachers.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar said Jr./Sr. Prom will be held July 17th. He also included the most recent information from the NSAA.

Superintendent Steffensen said maintenance is continuing and the year end reports have been submitted. He is compiling information for the 2020-21 budget.

The first action item was to approve guidelines for the reopening of school for the 2020-21 school year. Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to approve the Pierce Public Schools Reopening of Schools Plan which is based on the spread levels of Covid-19. And to approve the 2020-2021 School Re-opening Resolution based on information from KSB School Law. 1) This states that student instruction will occur in-person in the classroom unless otherwise required by law. All students who are enrolled in the school district must attend school on all days when school is open for in-person instruction unless the student's illness makes attendance impossible or impractical or is otherwise excused by board policy. 2) Students and staff will not be required to wear face covering at all times, but are strongly encouraged to do so. 3) Employees will be permitted to take leave provided by terms of

employment and as provided by law. After some discussion voting was unanimous, the motion carried.

Venteicher moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to accept the milk bid from Highland Dairy Foods which is \$.22 for regular milk and \$.24 for chocolate milk. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Flesner seconded a motion to leave student lunch prices the same for the upcoming school year. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Venteicher moved and Flesner seconded a motion to approve handbooks with updates for the successive year. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unsel moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the update from legal council as presented in the memorandum from KSB School Law and as discussed. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

After President Krienke conducted a public hearing for the Title I Parent Involvement policy Hoffmann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion stating the board had reviewed the Title I Parent Involvement policy, the Multicultural policy, and the Parent Involvement policy. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

All professional growth opportunities have been cancelled.

Topics for next month's agenda include a review of the census report, select a date for budget and tax request hearings, and a preliminary budget presentation.

Lienemann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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