

Monday, July 12, 2021

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, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, Activities Director Darren Sindelar, and a few 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.

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.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl reported that the current projected enrollment of preschool through sixth grade is 340 and class lists for 2021-22 school year have been made and teachers, students, and parents are being notified.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of changes being made to the student handbook, the new student orientation on August 4, the class schedule pickup for students, laptop checkout, teacher work days, and the start of school on August 13.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar reported that the auditorium and high school floors have been refinished, weight training has been continuing throughout the summer, and extra duty assignments for the 2021-22 school year have been made.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of repairs and maintenance going on at the school including the steel roofs put on the out buildings. He will begin to plan the budget for the 2021-22 school year. He would like to have a retreat August 23.

There were no discussion items.

As the first action item directed, Flesner moved to approve the handbooks for the 2021-2022 school year. Unseld seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second action item, Venteicher moved to accept the milk bids from Hiland Dairy, Unseld seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the third action item, no action was needed to set meal prices as meals will be reimbursed from the federal government.

As the fourth action item directed, Unseld moved to accept the yearly policy reviews of the multicultural policy, parent involvement policy, Title I parent involvement policy after conducting a hearing, and Federal Inventory. Venteicher seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the fifth action item, Unseld moved to accept the yearly policy update from legal council as presented in a memorandum from KSB School law excluding policy 3058. Peters seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

The sixth action item consisted of discussion of the parking lot project. Flesner moved to authorize the superintendent to solicit bids for a parking lot project on the east side of the high school as drawn up earlier with the addition of an entrance on the south end of the parking lot. Unseld seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

The seventh and final action item consisted of much discussion about the authorization of girls' wrestling. Flesner moved and Freeman seconded to authorize girls' wrestling. Five voted in favor, one against. Motion passed.

Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the professional growth opportunities coming up and the topics for next month's meeting.

Unseld moved and Venteicher seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

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