

Monday, July 14, 2025

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:33 pm in the board room of Pierce High School. Members present were Dan Unseld, Ryan Collison, Adam Venteicher, and Lisa Freeman. Venteicher moved and Collison seconded to excuse Todd Wragge and Stefanie Dvorak. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and six 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.

During the communication or correspondence from the public portion, Shane Classen and Casey Moeller spoke about adding junior high golf. Also Jim Wachter spoke on behalf of the bus drivers and the longer routes.

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, two absent, motion carried.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl reported that the current projected enrollment of preschool through sixth grade is 324 and class lists for 2025-26 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 6, the class schedule pickup for students on August 4th and 5th, laptop checkout on August 8th, teacher work days, and that the start of school will be August 11.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of repairs and maintenance going on at the school. He will begin to plan the budget for the 2025-26 school year. He would like to have a retreat the week of August 18.

The discussion item consisted of track resurfacing.

As the first action item directed, Collison moved to approve the handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year. Venteicher seconded. Voting unanimous, two absent, motion passed.

As the second action item directed, Unseld moved and Freeman seconded to accept the milk bids from Hiland Dairy of 44.5 cents per carton and to keep the price of an additional carton of milk at \$.40. Voting unanimous, two absent, motion passed.

For the third action item, Collison moved and Freeman seconded to keep the meal prices the same for the 2025-26 school year. The prices are as follows: K-6 breakfast at \$2.75,

lunch at \$3.20. Grades 7-12 breakfast at \$2.90, lunch at \$3.40. Voting unanimous, two absent, motion passed.

For the fourth action item, Venteicher moved and Collison seconded to accept the yearly policy review and update from KSB School Law as presented in the memorandum and as discussed. Voting unanimous, two absent, motion passed.

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

Collison moved and Venteicher seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

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