

Monday, June 8 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 Ted Krienke, Dan Unseld, Robert Hoffmann, 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, open meetings act pointed out, roll call taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

No communication from the public.

No student reports.

Lienemann 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.

Elementary principal Trent Suehl reported that they had drive by graduations for PreK and 6th graduation and also an end of year drive by parade. The teachers have received the class assignments and the master schedule for the next school year.

High School principal Mark Brahmer reported that the high school class schedule is complete. He met with the teacher advisory council to discuss how the online instruction worked and possible scenarios for the start of the school year.

Mr. Sindelar's report had a copy of the weight room update from the NSAA on summer guidelines in accordance with Governor Ricketts directed health measures.

Superintendent Steffensen said graduation will be held on June 13th and listed many health measures that will be taken to comply with the directed health measures. Also informed the board that the Department of Education has provided a waiver for not meeting the required 1080 classroom hours.

The only discussion item was about facility use. The consensus of the board was that the facilities only be used by Pierce Public School students as long as there are directed health measures and a waiver is signed by a parent of the student.

Robert moved and Flesner seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Terri Haselhorst (vocal music instructor) with regret and thank her for her service. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Venteicher moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the teaching contract for Caleb Nihara to fill the vocal music instructor position. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion indicating that the board has reviewed policies 5054 student bullying, 5045 student fees, 5001 compulsory attendance and excessive absenteeism, and 5052 school wellness for the 2020-21 school year.

Hoffmann moved and Flesner seconded a motion to adopt the standards in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Fine Arts, Physical Education, Social Studies, World Language, Career Education, and English Language Proficiency. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

No action was taken on the facility use item and was only a discussion item.

The last action item was to determine administrator compensation. At 6:47 p.m. Lienemann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss this item. The board came out of executive session at 7:04 p.m. Flesner then moved to give a 2.25% raise. Unseld seconded the motion. Voting yes: Krienke, Flesner, Venteicher, Hoffmann, Unseld; Voting no; Lienemann. Motion carried.

All professional growth opportunities have been cancelled.

Topics for next month's agenda include approving handbooks and reviewing milk bids, meal prices, district's multicultural policy, district's parent involvement policy, district's Title I parent involvement policy after conducting a hearing, and district's fiscal management for purchasing and procurement using federal funds policy. Also yearly policy update from legal council.

Lienemann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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