

Monday, March 9, 2020

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the High School boardroom. Members present were Ted Krienke, Dave Lienemann, Robert Hoffmann, Adam Venteicher, Kevin Flesner, and Dan Unseld. 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 was pointed out. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No communication from the public.

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

Abbey Streff reported for the FFA. They had FFA week, CDE contests and are planning for state FFA convention and their annual work auction.

Ritter Oestreich reported for the Student council saying their March Madness proceeds would go to the Pierce Food Pantry, going to have a committee to decide what they could purchase for the school with some of their savings. Also will be having an activities committee.

Mr. Suehl's, Mr. Brahmer's, and Mr. Sindelar's reports said that 96% of elementary and 78% of high school families attended parent teacher conferences. Both principal's presented results from a short survey taken by parents at the conferences. The survey was about the culture and climate at both schools. Mr. Brahmer also had proposals for a new school mission statement and vision statement. He said that he is continuously looking for male mentors from the community for the Teammates Mentoring Program.

Superintendent Steffensen's report said that he has spent the majority of time on the hiring of elementary teachers. The general consensus from the board was to hire two elementary teachers due to class sizes. He updated the board on the legislative session and provided a copy of his vacation and sick log.

The only discussion item was state aid certification and since there are no dollars available there is no update.

Hoffmann moved and Flesner seconded a motion to adopt the school calendar for the successive school year. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Venteicher moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to accept the resignations of Sydney Yosten (high school special education) and Emily Franzluebbbers (6th grade). Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to approve the teaching contract for Allison Koehler for an elementary teaching position. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved and Flesner seconded a motion to give a 3% raise to the non-certified employees. Voting unanimous with Venteicher and Lienemann abstaining, motion carried.

Mr. Steffensen listed upcoming professional growth opportunities and listed topics for next month. Those being to schedule a Board of Education/Administration retreat, discuss administrator compensation and conduct a Committee on American Civics meeting.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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