

Monday, March 8, 2021

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:33 pm in the high school gymnasium. 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 several 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.

Venteicher moved and Unseld 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.

Brielle Unseld and Hayden Magnussen reported on the activities of the FFA Chapter. They competed in the Cattlemen's Classic and won \$1000 in scholarships. During FFA Week they raised \$500 for a local family in need. On March 15 they will host the FFA Work Auction.

Payten Simmons gave the Student Council report. They are putting on the dodgeball tournament on March 27. They are also putting on the March Madness basketball tournament.

Ella Gaes reported for the FCCLA that they completed their candy gram fundraiser with an estimated 2500 candy grams sold and have State Leadership Conference and the Easter Egg hunt coming up.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 354 students. Parent-teacher conferences took place Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, PreK and Kindergarten roundup are coming up, and NSCAS assessments will take place April 3-6.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported parent teacher conferences were held March 1. State tests, ACT prep, class registration and district speech are all coming up. He also reported the School Improvement Review went very well.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar's report included a list of all the upcoming activities and games for the month of March. The state wrestling medalists were Ashton Schweitzer(3<sup>rd</sup>), Zander Schweitzer(4<sup>th</sup>), and Michael Kruntorad(5<sup>th</sup>). The boys' basketball team are district champions and will play in the boys' state basketball tournament.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature, reported that the Cognia school improvement review went well, and reported that the EMC Insurance site inspection found broken concrete and unmarked steps that will need to be addressed.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board had an overview on State aid.

For the first action item, Unseld moved and Flesner seconded to adopt the school calendar for the successive school year. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the second action item, Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded to accept resignations for Mary Zimmer and Brenda Fleecs with regret and thank them for their many years of service. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the third action item to take place, Unseld moved and Flesner seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss non-certified employee compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered executive session at 6:55 pm and came out of executive session at 7:04 pm.

Flesner moved and Freeman seconded to give the non-certified employees a 3% raise. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

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

Unseld moved, Flesner seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

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