

Monday, March 13, 2023

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the high school board room. Members present were Dan Unseld, Ryan Collison, Todd Wragge, 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 eight 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.

The meeting was opened to communication or correspondence from the public. There was no communication from public.

Venteicher moved and Freeman 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.

Morgan Schnoor gave the FCCLA report. Four members will be STAR competitors in Lincoln in April. In addition, the chapter is putting together details for their annual Easter egg hunt.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 333 students. Twenty-seven students are currently signed up for next year's PreK and 28 for Kindergarten. Parent-teacher conferences will be March 23, PreK and Kindergarten roundup are coming up, and NSCAS assessments will be taking place.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported parent teacher conferences will be held March 23. State tests, ACT prep, class registration and prom are all coming up. He also is continually looking for potential male mentors from the community to volunteer with the Teammates Mentoring Program.

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 Jayden Coulter (State Champion), Dawson Raabe(State Champion), Blake Bolling(3rd), Brenden Bolling(6th), Isabelle Kuehler(5th), and Maggie Painter(6th). District Speech took place on March 4 where they finished 4th with 3 students qualifying for state. The ATOM 13 robotics team competed at state and qualified for the World Championship in Dallas, TX by earning the Excellence Award at the Nebraska State Robotics Championship.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature, and spoke of the progress towards getting the parking lot project started. The current general fund bank balance is \$1,438,970 including a \$300,000 internal

loan. Prepaid taxes were \$1,605,855 and may be enough to avoid external borrowing. All teaching positions are filled except for Spanish and may need to find an alternative.

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

For the second discussion item, the school board reviewed the remaining retreat item of goals.

The final discussion item was a review of the transportation committee report.

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

As the second action item directed, Collison moved and Wragge seconded to accept the resignations of Jack Shadley and Marta Victor. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the third action item, Collison moved and Freeman seconded to accept teaching contracts for Rebecca Kesting, Kaleb Anderson, Darin Suckstorf, Diana Kuehler, and Allie Spence.

As for the final action item, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to increase non-certified employee compensation by 3%. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

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

Venteicher moved, Freeman seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

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