

Monday, March 11, 2024

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, and sixteen 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 meetings act pointed out, roll call taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was opened to communication or correspondence from the public. Gary Shada, Adam Hervert, Mark Brahmer, Les Painter, Aaron Zimmerman, Tyler Legate, Dr. Lane Handke, Kristi Lubischer, and David Cone spoke of their concerns regarding athletic training and optioning in of students.

Venteicher moved and Wragge 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.

FCCLA reported that three 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 342 students. PreK and Kindergarten roundup was held March 5th. Thirty-eight students are currently signed up for next year's PreK and 39 for Kindergarten. Parent-teacher conferences will be March 21.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported parent teacher conferences will be held March 21. State tests, ACT prep, class registration and prom are all coming up. Two student assemblies will be held addressing the issues teens face growing up today. Pierce's robotics team comprised of Tate Reinke, Makayla Shefl, Amber Shefl, and Travis Emory qualified in Omaha to compete at the Worlds Competition held in Dallas, Texas.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature, he's applying for a Nebraska Department of Education School Safety and Security-Related Infrastructure Grant, and a van from Woodhouse Ford has been ordered.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board had an overview on state aid and property tax request authority.

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 adopt the change in Policy 3030 Automatic External Defibrillator Program.

For the third action item, Wragge moved and Freeman seconded to accept with regret the resignation of Presley Young. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Unsel moved and Freeman seconded to go into executive session to protect public interest to determine non-certified employee compensation. The board went in executive session at 7:12pm and came out at 7:46

As for the final action item, Collison moved and Freeman seconded to increase non-certified employee compensation by 3.9%. Venteicher abstained, five in favor, motion carried.

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

Wragge moved, Collison seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

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