

Monday, May 10, 2021

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:33 pm in the multipurpose room. 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 a few 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.

Unseld 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.

Brielle Unseld reported on the activities of the FFA Chapter. April 24th was the FFA banquet. They had greenhouse plant sales last month where they raised \$400-\$500.

Cali Arnold gave the Student Council report. Candy kisses were handed out to the seniors and they presented some scholarships to seniors. The school improvement committee had met.

Samantha Fischer reported on the happenings of the FCCLA Chapter. Ten members attended the Nebraska FCCLA State Leadership Conference in April. Six of them were STAR competition competitors. There are plans underway to help with children events for Pierce's 150th celebration this summer.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 357 students with 24 preschool registrations for next year and 52 for kindergarten. NSCAS and MAP assessments are being finished and the spring concert will be May 11th. The last day of school is May 21st.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of state tests, Academic Awards Assembly, and Drivers Education. Summer School will start May 24th. There were 11 students who score 30 or higher on the ACT, which is an all time high for our school. The seniors last day will be Tuesday, May 4th with the graduation ceremony on Saturday May 8th at 2 pm.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar's reported that Mark Brahmer and Rick Adams were honored with the Mid-State Conference Coach of the Year award. A few items that will need attention in the near future are the press box at the track and football field and the gym floor will need to be sanded and repainted. We are on year 11 and it is typically done every 12-15 years. Also included was a list of upcoming events for the month of May.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature, and the US Supreme Court.

As the first action item directed, Principal Brahmer reported on the progress of the Cognia school improvement cycle. Mrs. Legate is heading a reading, writing, and research program for the students. The unity council has been created and have been meeting. Venteicher moved to accept the Cognia school improvement report. Unseld seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second action item, Mr. Brahmer and Mr. Suehl provided an overview of curriculum changes. Unseld moved and Flesner seconded to accept the curriculum report. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Unseld moved and Peters seconded to keep the substitute rate the same for the 2021-22 school year at \$120 per day. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Freeman moved and Peters seconded to go into executive session to discuss administrative compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered into executive session at 7:06 pm and came out of executive session at 7:08 pm.

Unseld moved to give a 3% raise to all three of the administrators. Flesner seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

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

Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

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