

Monday, May 9, 2022

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the board room. Members present were Ted Krienke, 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 fourteen guests. Notice of the meeting was printed in the Pierce County Leader and posted on Pierce Public Schools website.

Flesner moved to excuse Dan Unsel from tonight's meeting, Freeman seconded. Voting Unanimous, motion carried.

A welcome was extended to the public, the open meetings act pointed out, roll call taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was communication or correspondence from the public consisting of information brought forward to the board from Carl Martinson, Jozy Piper, and Elly Piper.

Venteicher moved and Flesner 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 Unsel reported on the FFA. They had the FFA Banquet on April 23 and flower sales on May 3 where they made about \$400.

Alexis Sindelar gave the Student Council report. They celebrated teacher appreciation last week. They will work on fixing up the Pickle Ball court. And the sign for in front of the school should be in by end of the summer.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 354 students with 23 preschool registrations for next year and 33 for kindergarten. NSCAS and MAP assessments are being completed. The spring concert will be May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Elementary Field Day will be May 18<sup>th</sup>, and the last day of school will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. He also gave a curriculum report for next year.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of state tests, ACTs, Teammates mentoring, and walk through evaluations. The seniors last day will be Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> with the graduation ceremony on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. All other students will have their last day on May 19<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of students who aren't required to take semester exams will be finished on May 18<sup>th</sup>. He also gave a curriculum report and school improvement update.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar's report included a list of all the upcoming activities for the month of May. Pierce has represented itself well in all of our activities thanks to all our hard working coaches and sponsors and the work that they have done for the students at Pierce High School.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature and updated the board on the progress of getting the parking lot project approved. Immanuel Lutheran inquired about Pierce Public Schools providing lunches to their school.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board discussed facility use for the community.

For the first action item, Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded to accept the school improvement report. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second action item, Flesner moved and Peters seconded to accept the curriculum report. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the third action item, Freeman moved to set the rate of pay for substitute teachers to \$140, Peters seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the fourth action item, Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded to establish the option enrollment class capacity limits of 50 students in grades K-6, 55 students in grades 7-12, and a total of 35 students in the special education programs in each building. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the fifth action item to take place, Peters moved and Flesner seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest as the board discusses administrative compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered into executive session at 7:41pm and came out of executive session at 7:49pm.

Krienke moved and Flesner seconded to give the administrators a 3% raise.

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

Flesner moved and Peters seconded to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:03.

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