

Monday, May 8, 2023

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

There was communication or correspondence from the public consisting of information brought forward to the board from Dillon Kraft.

Collison moved and Venteicher 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.

Alexis Sporleder and Trever Montgomery reported on the FFA. They introduced themselves as the new chapter vice president and president and reported that the FFA held their annual banquet on April 24.

Amber Shefl gave the Student Council report. They are celebrating teacher appreciation this week and have held a breakfast honoring the seniors leaving and hosted kickball.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 328 students with 28 preschool registrations for next year and 32 for kindergarten. NSCAS and MAP assessments are being completed. The spring concert will be May 9th, the Elementary Field Day will be May 22nd, and the last day of school will be May 23rd. He also gave a curriculum report for next year. Pierce won the Small Towns Matter contest hosted by US92 and will receive \$2500 as well as every student receiving a bike helmet.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of state tests, ACTs, Teammates mentoring, and walk through evaluations. The seniors last day was May 5th with the graduation ceremony on Saturday May 13th at 2 pm. All other students will have their last day on May 23rd, with the exception of students who aren't required to take semester exams will be finished on May 22nd. He also gave a curriculum report and school improvement update. Added courses for next year include Technical Math, an Entrepreneurship course, Psychology will be taught as a dual credit course, and there will likely be a World Cultures course.

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 the parking lot project.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board discussed to start the May 30 retreat at the board room and then walk around and look at facilities that need repaired.

The second discussion item consisted of visiting about the routine bus purchase and the consensus was to continue this and to purchase a bus this year.

For the first action item, Wragge moved, and Collison seconded to accept the teaching contract for Margarita Flores. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second action item, Venteicher moved, and Collison seconded to approve the school improvement report.

As the third action item directed, Venteicher moved, and Wragge seconded to approve the curriculum report. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the fourth action item, Wragge moved to set the rate of pay for substitute teachers to \$150, Freeman seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For discussion of fifth action item to take place to determine the administrator compensation, Venteicher moved, and Peters seconded to go into executive session to protect the district's bargaining position at 7:21pm. The board came out of executive session at 7:28pm.

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to raise administration salaries of Mark Brahmer, Trent Suehl, and Kendall Steffensen by 3.5%.

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

Collison moved and Venteicher seconded to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:33.

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