

Monday, May 8, 2024

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, and three 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 no communication or correspondence from the public.

Venteicher moved and Collison 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 Veronica Orona reported on the FFA. They introduced themselves as the new chapter president and vice president and reported that the FFA held their annual banquet on April 20. This year they will host a ribfest at the fair in place of hog wrestling.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 342 students with 39 preschool registrations for next year and 39 for kindergarten. NSCAS and MAP assessments are being completed. The spring concert was May 3rd, the Elementary Field Day will be May 21st, and the last day of school will be May 22nd. 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 was May 3rd with the graduation ceremony on Saturday May 11th at 2 pm. All other students will have their last day on May 22nd, with the exception of students who aren't required to take semester exams will be finished on May 21st. He also gave a curriculum report and school improvement update. Next year an English course will be added for 11th grade students that aren't on the track for a four-year college. This course will focus on real life and workplace English applications.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the laptop one to one program and this year the school is in the cycle of purchasing new ones. They will be purchasing 435 laptops and 90 iPads. He also told of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board discussed the facility study update as Bob Soukup from CWP joined the meeting via Zoom to give an overview and answered questions.

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

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

The third action item was to determine the rate of pay for substitute teachers. No action was taken. The rate of pay will remain at \$150 per day.

Collison moved and Wragge seconded to raise administration salaries of Mark Brahmer, Trent Suehl, and Kendall Steffensen by 3.9%. 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 Wragge seconded to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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