

Monday, November 14, 2023

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the board room of Pierce High School. Members present were Dan Unseld, Adam Venteicher, Todd Wragge, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Wragge moved and Venteicher seconded to excuse Ryan Collison. 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.

Wragge 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. Collison absent.

Reports were given to the board from the high school principal, elementary principal, and activities director.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen spoke of the meetings that he has attended including the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association, Nebraska State Activities Association, and attending the State Education Conference.

Alexis Sporleder reported on behalf of the FFA

Alyssa Kuper reported for the FCCLA as they have competed in contests in Norfolk and have completed their fall fundraiser of Poppin Delights Popcorn. They currently have 32 members which is a high for 10+ years.

For the first discussion item, we will select a date for the Board of Education/Administration retreat at the December meeting.

For the first action item, Wragge moved and Freeman seconded to hire Bob Soukup from CWP as a consultant to conduct a short term maintenance design/long term overall design study for Pierce Public Schools. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Collison absent.

As the second action item directed, Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded to accept the annual review of audit conducted by Dana F. Cole. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Collison absent.

For the second discussion item and third and fourth action items to take place, Venteicher moved, Unseld seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual as the board conducts a board of education self-evaluation, an evaluation of the superintendent, and

discusses teacher negotiations. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Collison absent. The board went into executive session at 7:26pm and came out at 8:14pm.

Wragge moved and Venteicher seconded to approve the Board of Education self-evaluation. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Collison absent.

Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded to approve the superintendent's evaluation. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Collison absent.

Superintendent Steffensen presented the Board of Education development opportunities and topics for next month's agenda.

Venteicher moved and Freeman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Adam Venteicher, Secretary
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