

Monday, November 11, 2024

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, Ryan Collison, Adam Venteicher, Todd Wragge, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal/Activities Director Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and four 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.

Venteicher moved and Wragge 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.

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

Brody Knox reported on behalf of the FFA. The FFA will host a project and service auction November 14 and prepare for Leadership Development Events (LDE contests) this month.

Shaylee Gardner reported for the FCCLA as they have completed their fall fundraiser of Poppin Delights Popcorn. Members will be preparing for the Community Memory Tree event and finalizing STAR projects.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen congratulated Dan and Lisa for being reelected to the Board of Education and welcomed Stefanie Dvorak. He also spoke of the meetings that he has attended and will be attending including Nebraska State Activities Association, as well as, working with the Region 11 Emergency Manager to conduct a tabletop active shooter drill for the school district. Friday there will be an onsite meeting for prospective construction managers.

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

For the second discussion item, the board discussed having the gymnasium floor refinished during the summer of 2025 and replacing the cooling tower. The board also relayed to get quotes for bleacher replacement in the gymnasium.

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

For the second action item, Wragge moved, and Collison seconded to appoint Chad Theisen and Shawn Koehler to the role of individuals having special expertise relevant to

selection of a construction manager under the Act on the construction manager selection committee. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Collison moved and Wragge seconded to appoint Roger Koehler and Brian Blecher to the role of a resident of the school district other than an individual included in subdivisions (1) through (4) on the construction manager selection committee. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the third discussion item and third and fourth action items to take place, Wragge moved and Venteicher seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest and the school district's bargaining position 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. The board went into executive session at 7:11pm and came out at 7:58pm.

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

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

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

Collison moved and Freeman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

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