

Monday, October 14, 2019

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the High School boardroom. Members present were Ted Krienke, Robert Hoffmann, Dave Lienemann, Adam Venteicher, Kevin Flesner and Dan Unseld. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, Activities Director Darren Sindelar, and several guests.

The PATS organization representatives updated the board on their fundraisers. They have applied for grants and with the proceeds from the fundraisers and possible help from the district are hoping to purchase smart boards for the elementary classrooms.

Lienemann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda including the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the approval of claims and payment of bills and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Chaden Roth reported that the Student Council is planning for Red Ribbon Week.

FFA report given chapter president Abby Streff said the chapter had participated in land and dairy judging, fruit sales to start soon and will be going to National FFA convention at the end of the month.

FCCLA is working on fundraising, going to help with PATS bingo night and Sydney Erickson will be going to Washington D.C. representing the state of Nebraska.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl reported that 98% of the parents were able to attend their scheduled conference, scholastic book fair had over \$2500 worth of sales and Red Ribbon Week begins October 28th.

Mark Brahmer, High School Principal, reported that 79% of parents attended conferences and the community service day was a success.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar listed dates and times for the various extracurricular activities.

Superintendent Kendall Steffensen gave a brief overview of the district snapshot of the 2018-19 AQUEST classifications. He has also been working with Cornhusker International and Randy Hetrick to order our scheduled purchase of a new bus. HVAC and lighting update is nearly complete.

The only discussion item was teacher negotiations.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss teacher negotiations. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered executive session

at 6:46 p.m. to discuss teacher negotiations. The board came out of executive session at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Steffensen said the next item on the agenda is to discuss and consider legal advice and to discuss strategy relating to pending litigation. Consideration of this agenda item will include discussion about confidential student information and the board receiving, reviewing, and discussing legal advice from the school district's attorneys. He believes discussion of this matter in closed session is appropriate for the aforementioned reasons, to protect student confidences required by state and federal law, to protect the attorney-client privilege, and to allow the board to discuss pending litigation, all of which is in the public's interest.

Lienemann moved that the board enter closed session to discuss and consider legal advice and to discuss strategy relating to pending litigation, all of which is necessary to protect student confidences required by state and federal law, to protect the attorney-client privilege, and to protect the public interest. Venteicher seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll call vote: Flesner-yes; Venteicher-yes; Lienemann-yes; Hoffmann-yes; Krienke-yes; Unseld-yes motion passed 6-0. President Ted Krienke then reiterated that the board has voted to go into closed session to discuss and consider legal advice and to discuss strategy relating to pending litigation, all of which is necessary to protect student confidences required by state and federal law, to protect the attorney-client privilege, and to protect the public interest. He also stated that discussion will be limited to those items. The board entered closed session at 7:04 p.m. The board convened back into open session at 7:26 p.m.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

Professional growth opportunities and topics for next month's agenda were mentioned.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motioned passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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