

Monday, October 9, 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, Ryan Collison, Adam Venteicher, Todd Wragge, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Principal Trent Suehl, Principal Mark Brahmer, and eight 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.

During the communication or correspondence from the public portion, Lisa Freeman brought up traffic flow at the elementary during student drop off.

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.

Amber Shefl from the student council relayed that they will be hosting the powderpuff football and volleyball this upcoming week. The lock-in committee will also begin meeting this month.

Bailee Thelen and Veronica Orona reported for FFA. They competed in the tractor driving contest and range judging and will compete in land judging next week.

For the first discussion item of architectural firm/consultant interviews, three companies were interviewed.

Bob Soukup with CWP Architects presented about their company and projects that they have completed.

Grady Henrichs, Vanessa Schutte, and Todd Kwiecinski with DLR Group presented about their company.

Cleve Reeves, Bryan Solko, Amanda Schnatz, Cynthia Ray, and Jeremy Wagener with BVH Architecture presented about their company and other projects that they have completed.

For the second discussion item a meeting of the committee on American Civics was held with all requirements being met including a request for public input.

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

Superintendent Steffensen reported that the annual audit will be taking place and the need for the refrigerator/freezer to be replaced at the elementary school.

For only action item, the board discussed establishing enrollment option capacity. Venteicher moved and Wragge seconded to keep the option enrollment capacity the same as prior years at 50 students per grade in the elementary school and 55 students per grade in the Jr./Sr. High School. Voting unanimous, Motion passed.

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest and the district's bargaining position. Voting unanimous, motion passed. The board entered executive session at 8:28 pm. The board came out of executive session at 8:50 pm.

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

The board visited about the architectural firm interviews.

Collison moved and Unseld seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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