

Monday, October 14, 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, 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.

There was no communication or correspondence from the public.

Wragge 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.

Claudia Riggert reported for Student Council. They hosted powder puff competitions of boys playing volleyball and girls playing football as well as they have had a door decorating contest for Homecoming. They also hosted a practice night on the new pickle ball courts where they had nearly thirty people attend.

Ann Reeker presented on behalf of the FCCLA. They just completed their Poppin Delights fundraiser and have had members attend the Fall Leadership Conference at Wayne State College.

Dierk White reported for the FFA. FFA competed in Range Judging and Land Judging this month. In addition, they will be attending National FFA Convention and begin their FFA Fruit Sales later this month.

For the convenience of Bob Soukup, the board started with the third discussion item of review, consider, discuss, and take all necessary actions regarding potential improvement projects. Mr. Soukup with CWP Architects gave an overview to the board on the next steps that need to be taken to proceed with any construction projects.

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

Superintendent Steffensen reported that the annual audit took place and that there is a need for ordering a van from Olathe Ford as the one previously ordered from another dealership was noncompliant and the order was cancelled.

For the first discussion item, the board held a meeting of the Committee on American Civics and asked for public comment during the committee meeting on American Civics.

The second discussion item was moved to later in the meeting as it requires an executive session.

For first action item, the board discussed establishing enrollment option capacity. Venteicher moved and Collison seconded to accept the Resolution on School District Standards for Acceptance or Rejection of Option Enrollment Applications as read by Superintendent Steffensen. This will remain 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.

For the second action item, Freeman moved and Wragge seconded to purchase a robotic field painter. Five voted in favor, Venteicher voted against. Motion passed.

Collison moved and Wragge seconded to accept the Resolution of the Board of Education to Select the Construction Manager at Risk Contract Delivery System as read by Superintendent Steffensen. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to review, revise, and ratify Policy 3042 on Construction Management at Risk Contract Delivery System. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Collison moved and Wragge seconded to authorize the superintendent to create and publish a Notice of Request for Proposals and to create the Request for Proposals and Proposal Instructions. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second discussion item of reviewing classified wages and teacher negotiations comparability array, Collison moved and Wragge 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 8:35 pm. The board came out of executive session at 9:05pm.

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

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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