

Monday September 9, 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 Adam Venteicher, Dave Lienemann, Robert Hoffmann, Ted Krienke, Dan Unseld and Kevin Flesner. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Activities Director Darren Sindelar and several guests.

A welcome was extended to the public, roll call was taken, the open meetings act pointed out and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

During communication from the public an update was given on the PATS organization's activities and plans for the fall. There were also comments from 3rd grade parents about the class.

Venteicher moved and Lienemann 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.

Student Council representative Maiya Baumann said new officers have been elected, new committees set up and plans for Powder Puff being made.

Mackenzie Richmond and Elena Peters said the FCCLA had their member kickoff meeting on Aug. 26th and making plans for the fall semester.

Abygail Streff said the FFA had their introductory meeting, will be going to Husker Harvest Days and getting ready for land judging.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to approve the 2019/20 budgets as presented during the budget hearing. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Hoffmann moved to approve the tax request resolution as read by Mr. Steffensen. Lienemann seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Flesner-yes; Hoffmann-yes; Krienke-yes; Lienemann-yes; Unseld-yes; Venteicher-yes. Motion passed.

Board president Ted Krienke stated that the next agenda item is to discuss and consider legal advice relating to special education requirements, the district's compliance, and policy considerations. Consideration of this item will include discussion about confidential student information and the board receiving, reviewing, and discussing legal advice from the district's attorneys. I believe discussion of this matter in closed session is appropriate for the aforementioned reasons, to protect student confidences required by state and federal law, and to protect the attorney-client privilege, which is in the public's interest.

The president then asked if there was a motion for the board to enter closed session to discuss and consider legal advice from the school district's attorneys relating to special education requirements, the district's compliance, and policy considerations, all of which is necessary to protect student confidences required by state and federal law and to protect the attorney-client privilege, which is the public's interest. Unseld so moved and Venteicher seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote: Venteicher-yes; Lienemann-yes; Hoffmann-yes; Krienke-yes; Unseld-yes; Flesner-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 from the school district's attorneys relating to special education requirements, the district's compliance, and policy considerations, all of which is necessary to protect student confidences required by state and federal law and to protect the attorney-client privilege, which is in the public's interest. He also stated that discussion will be limited to those items. The board entered closed session at 6:50 p.m. The board convened back into open session at 7:23 p.m.

Several dates for professional growth opportunities were listed.

Topics for next month's agenda include beginning teacher negotiations process, Board of Education self-evaluation, and Superintendent evaluation.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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