

Monday, September 11, 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, Todd Wragge, Adam Venteicher, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal 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.

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.

Izzy Streff and Alexandria Huwaldt updated the school board on the happenings of the FFA chapter. They have had their new member meeting and this week will be setting up for the Pierce Threshing Bee, and competing in the district tractor driving contest.

Alyssa Kuper reported for the FCCLA Chapter. They held their kick off meeting last month and are planning for the district leadership conference. Currently there are 26 members enrolled in the chapter for this school year.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl reported of DIBELS and MAP testing being completed at the elementary as well as the PATS sponsoring their annual cookie dough sale this month.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of the new instructors, fall activities, testing, and homecoming.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen updated the board on the need of replacing the heat exchanger at the high school and possible concrete work that will need to be completed next year. Dana F. Cole Company will be conducting our school district's audit as the end of the fiscal year has arrived.

The first discussion item concerned a facility study. The discussion included what types of items should be included in the study and the concept of using an architect as a consultant to look at our repair needs as well as future updates of facilities. The superintendent was given direction to contact architect firms to arrange presentation interviews.

As the first action item directed, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to accept the 2023/24 budget as reported earlier this evening in the hearing. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the second action item, Collison moved and Wragge seconded the motion to adopt the Property Tax Request Resolution No. 2023-24 Tax Request as read by the superintendent at .823448 per \$100 valuation. Voting in Favor were Peters, Freeman, Unseld, Wragge, and Collison. Voting against was Venteicher. Motion passed.

Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the professional growth opportunities coming up and the topics for next month's meeting.

For the second action item concerning groundskeeper compensation, Freeman moved and Venteicher seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest and the school district's bargaining position. The board went into executive session at 7:50pm and came out at 8:16pm.

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Adam Venteicher, Secretary
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