

Monday, September 9, 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, 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 three 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.

Alexis Sporleder reported on behalf of the FFA. Last month they held their new member BBQ in which they had nearly sixty students attend. They are currently preparing for range judging and the tractor driving contest.

Claudia Riggert reported for the student council. They have had their kickoff meeting and set up committees. They are going to have pickleball practice days on the new pickleball courts and will have a tournament in the spring. They also are planning for the powder puff.

Mya Johnson reported that the FCCLA had over twenty students at their kickoff meeting. This year they plan to get involved with elementary students. They are planning a reading day/decorating cookies.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl reported of DIBELS and MAP testing being completed at the elementary as well as other tests. From these diagnostic tests, the kids that need more help can be identified and be placed in groups with interventions/enrichment time.

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

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave a brief overview of the NASB area membership meeting in Norfolk last week. In addition, September 1 is the start of a new fiscal year so 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. Each board member will talk to four community members to ask them to be involved in a focus group for the facility study.

As the first action item directed, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to accept the 2024/25 budget as reported earlier this evening in the hearing. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the second action item, Wragge moved and Collison seconded the motion to adopt the Property Tax Request Resolution No. 2024-25 Tax Request as read by the superintendent at .727298 per \$100 valuation. Voting in favor were Venteicher, Peters, Freeman, Unseld, Wragge, and Collison. Zero members voted against. Motion passed.

For the third action item, Wragge moved to enter into a 3-year lease with Turf Tank for \$16,000 per year for a robotic field painter. Motion died for a lack of a second. Discussion continued. No action was taken on the robotic field painter.

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

Collison moved and Wragge seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

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