

Monday, September 8, 2025

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 Stefanie Dvorak. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and fifteen 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.

Collin Wessendorf reported that the FCCLA had over twenty students at their kickoff meeting August 21. They strive to help students gain leadership skills through their organization.

Evelyn Skrdla reported on behalf of the FFA. Last month they held their new member BBQ in which they had eighty-four students attend. They are currently preparing for range judging and the tractor driving contest.

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 relayed that 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. He also relayed that a joint public hearing hosted by Pierce County will take place September 16th at 6:15 pm. at the Plainview Public Library. A special meeting to approve the budgets and tax asking will be held September 22nd. The budget hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the special meeting beginning at 6:45 p.m. or the conclusion of the budget hearing.

The first discussion item concerned a review of policies 2001 Role of the Board of Education, 2012 Board Code of Ethics, and 2013 Violation of Board Ethics.

The second discussion item consisted of a review of the bond election process and options of how to proceed forward. There will be a school board retreat Sept 29 at 6:30 p.m.

For the final discussion item, a school board facility committee was formed consisting of Wragge, Collison, and Venteicher.

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

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

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