

Monday, April 8, 2024

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the board room. Members present were Dan Unseld, Ryan Collison, Adam Venteicher, Todd Wragge, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmaer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and eleven 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.

Communication and correspondence from the public consisted of Rob Marshall from Columbus Community Hospital giving a quick overview of the athletic trainer position and answered any questions.

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.

Trever Montgomery and Evelyn Skrdla reported on the FFA happenings. The FFA Chapter had two state FFA degree recipients and many competitors at the State FFA Convention. This month they will host plant sales and their annual banquet.

For the consideration of time of the presenter, the board began with the first discussion item followed by reports and information. Bob Soukup from CWP presented the progress of the facility study.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 342 students with 40 preschool registrations for next year and 39 for kindergarten. NSCAS and MAP assessments will be coming up and the spring concert will be April 26th.

High School Principal Mark Brahmaer reported of state tests, ACTs, safety drills, and walk through evaluations. The seniors last day will be Friday May 3rd with the graduation ceremony on Saturday May 11th at 2 pm.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen spoke about option enrollment students and gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature.

As the second discussion item directed, the Committee on American Civics had a meeting with one agenda item consisting of a report relaying our school district continues to implement statute 79-724 by incorporating the required items. The committee opened the meeting up for public comment. There was no public comment.

For the third discussion item, the school board chose to not have a Board of Education/Administration this spring.

For the first action item, Collison moved and Freeman seconded to approve a teaching contract for Danielle Steinkraus. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the fourth discussion item of administrative compensation and discussion of the second action item of contract negotiation to take place, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest and the districts bargaining position. The board went into executive session at 7:50pm and came out at 8:20pm

For the second action item of contract negotiation, the board chose to take no action.

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. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

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