

Monday, April 13, 2020

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 in the boardroom were Ted Krienke, Dave Lienemann, and Dan Unseld. Superintendent Kendall Steffensen was also present in the boardroom. Members participating in the meeting through video conferencing because of Covid-19 restrictions were Kevin Flesner, Robert Hoffmann, and Adam Venteicher. Also present through video conferencing were High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and Activities Director Darren Sindelar.

A welcome was extended to the public viewing online, roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Venteicher moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda consisting of the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings, approval of claims and the payment of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

No communication from the public.

No student reports.

Mr. Brahmer's high school report explained how they are handling the new instruction for the senior high.

Mr. Suehl's elementary report stated that there are currently 45 students registered for kindergarten and 40 for preschool. The elementary school has been having Review Packet Pickup each Tuesday and attendance has been great.

Mr. Sindelar's activity director report said he is finishing up extra duty assignments and working on next year's activities schedule.

Superintendent Steffensen's report said that he has mailed a letter to all graduating seniors regarding the postponement of graduation. Greenhouse kit has been ordered. Bids being received for flooring in the elementary building. Ceiling grids being painted in the elementary classrooms as part of the ceiling tile replacement project. And the roof on the locker room portion of the auditorium is being replaced.

Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the Covid-19 resolution allowing Superintendent Steffensen the authority to make educational adjustments due to the coronavirus outbreak. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to approve teaching contracts for Brenna Anderson and Grant King to fill the elementary positions. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

The last action item was to decide classified staff compensation until the end of the school year. Hoffman moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to pay all classified staff two thirds of the normal wages until the end of the school year. Abstaining: Lienemann, Venteicher; Yes: Hoffmann, Flesner; No: Krienke, Unseld. Motion failed.

Krienke moved and Unseld seconded a motion to pay all classified staff full pay until the end of the school year. Abstaining: Lienemann, Venteicher; Yes: Krienke, Unseld; No: Flesner, Hoffmann. Motion failed.

Hoffmann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to pay all classified staff  $\frac{3}{4}$  pay until the end of the school year. Abstaining: Lienemann, Venteicher; Yes: Krienke, Unseld; No: Flesner, Hoffmann. Motion failed.

Unseld moved and Kreinke seconded a motion to pay full pay to classified staff who volunteered to come into work and  $\frac{3}{4}$  pay to those classified staff who did not volunteer to come into work. Abstaining: Lienemann, Venteicher; Yes: Krienke, Unseld, Hoffmann, Flesner. Motion passed.

Lienemann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss administrative compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board went into executive session at 7:27 p.m. and came out at 7:40 p.m.

Lienemann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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