

Monday, April 12, 2021

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:31 pm in the high school gymnasium. Members present were Ted Krienke, Dan Unseld, Kevin Flesner, Adam Venteicher, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, Activities Director Darren Sindelar, and several 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 meeting act pointed out, roll call taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no communication or correspondence from the public.

Venteicher moved and Unseld 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.

Brielle Unseld and Hayden Magnussen reported on the activities of the FFA Chapter. The FFA work-a-day auction was held and over \$17,000 was raised. They competed in CDE and LDE contests at State FFA Convention which was held virtually but our district put on a local convention at divots where the area schools attended. Many students received medals in their competitions. The FFA officers gave the Board of Education and guests a tour of the greenhouse as well.

Cali Arnold gave the Student Council report. They had 6 teams compete in the dodgeball tournament on March 27. They also conducted a March Madness basketball tournament with prizes. Ideas that they could do for school improvements were also presented.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 357 students with 23 preschool registrations for next year and 50 for kindergarten. NSCAS and MAP assessments will be coming up and the spring concert will be May 11th.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of state tests, ACTs, Teammates mentoring, and walk through evaluations. The seniors last day will be Tuesday, May 4th with the graduation ceremony on Saturday May 8th at 2 pm.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar's report included a list of all the upcoming activities and games for the month of April. Pierce competed in scholastic contests in March and took 1st place in both Class C and the Mid-States Conference.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature, reported that the Cognia school improvement review went well and we were approved.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board chose to not have a Board of Education/Administration retreat this spring.

For the first action item, Unseld moved and Flesner seconded to approve teaching contracts for Brock Bretschneider, Katie Leapley, and Amy Barnhill. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second discussion item to take place, Unseld moved and Freeman seconded to go into executive session to discuss administrative compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered into executive session at 7:15pm and came out of executive session at 7:46pm.

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

Unseld moved, Venteicher seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

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