

Monday, August 8, 2016

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for their regular meeting at 6:30pm in the high school conference room. Members present were Dan Unseld, Dave Lienemann, Ted Krienke, Ron Woslager, Robert Hoffmann, and Kevin Flesner. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, elementary school Principal Adam Patrick, high school Principal Mark Brahmer, and several guests.

A welcome was extended to the public and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The open meetings act was pointed out.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda of minutes of the previous meetings, claims, and payment of bills and financial reports. Voting was unanimous. Motion carried.

The elementary school report by Mr. Patrick stated the current PK-6 enrollment of Pierce Elementary is 335 students. A decrease of 14 students from last years at this time. Open house at Pierce Elementary will be August 11 from 6:30-7:30. The first day of K-6 is August 15 and Pre-school August 16.

The high school report by Mr. Brahmer included that 7th grade and new student orientation meeting will be August 11 at 6:30pm. Teammates mentoring program currently has 28 student teammates in grades 5-12.

Mr. Steffensen Superintendent report stated he attended Administrator Days in Kearney. He attended 4 sessions: Charting the future, School Finance Update, Poverty and LEP Plans, and Let's get Political. He also attended a session of Today's Greatest Special Education Hits and Misses.

Discussion items included bussing practices and a preliminary budget. September 12th at 6pm was selected for the budget hearing and 6:15pm for the tax request hearing. August 24th at 6:30pm was selected for a budget retreat.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to table action item of bussing practices till more information is received. Voting was 5 yes and 1 no. Motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to accept the updated faculty/staff handbook. Voting was unanimous. Motion carried.

No action was taken in regards to purchasing a water wheel for the elementary playground.

Unseld moved and Woslager seconded a motion to accept a bid from Jenkins Electric to install LED lighting in the gym, commons, and library. Voting was 5 yes and 1 no. Motion carried.

Professional growth opportunities were discussed. Topics for next month's agenda are finalizing the budget, adopt the tax requests, and adopt the tax request, and adopt the budgets.

Lienemann moved and Unselde motioned to adjourn. Voting was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

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