

Monday, February 10, 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 were Ted Krienke, Dave Lienemann, Robert Hoffmann, Adam Venteicher, Kevin Flesner, and Dan Unseld. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, Activities Director Darren Sindelar, and several guests.

A welcome was extended to the public, the open meetings act was pointed out. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No communication from the public.

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

Miaya Baumann said the Student Council had fundraisers at halftime of basketball games, they had to reschedule Winter Royalty because of the weather, and the proceeds from Bluejeans for Bucks will be given to the Painter family.

Alexis Sindelar said the proceeds from the Cupids for a Cause will also be given to the Painter family. Seven FCCLA members competed at the District 8 Star competition at WSC. Six members placed with high rankings and the opportunity to advance to state competition. Over 2000 Candy Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day.

Mr. Brahmer's, Mr Suehl's, and Mr. Sindelar's reports said parent-teachers conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 3. There are 32 students in grades 5-12 in the Teammates mentoring program. A Father Daughter Dance was held at the elementary on Feb. 7 and a science camp will be held in February for the 5th and 6th grade.

In his Superintendent's report Mr. Steffensen said he had 10 applications for the Head of Maintenance position. He also said he has formed a Unity Council. It will consist of the administrative team, two elementary teachers, two high school teachers, two counselors, two special education teachers, two paraprofessionals, two community members, and a Board of Education member. He also updated the board on a few bills in the legislature related to education.

The first discussion item was a review of the school calendar for the successive school year. The only major change was to move parent teachers conferences from tuesdays to wednesdays to allow more teachers to be available.

The second discussion item was a discussion of non-certified employee compensation which was held in executive session.

The only action item was to evaluate the status of the principal's contracts. Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to extend the contracts of Mr. Brahmer and Mr. Suehl. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-certified employee compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. At 6:49 the board entered executive session and came out at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Steffensen listed professional growth opportunities and topics for next month's agenda.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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