

Monday, January 9, 2023

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the board room of Pierce High School. Members present were Dan Unseld, Lisa Freeman, Craig Peters, Ryan Collison, and Todd Wragge. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, 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 meetings act pointed out, roll call taken with a motion by Freeman, second by Collison to excuse Adam Venteicher. Voting Unanimous, motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Superintendent Steffensen assumed duties of the chair. Steffensen relayed there is no requirement in the State of Nebraska to recite an oath of office, with Collison and Wragge declining.

Steffensen asked for nominations for president. Collison nominated and Wragge seconded Dan Unseld for president. Wragge moved and Collison seconded for nominations to cease. Voting Unanimous, motion carried. A voice vote was taken with Unseld being unanimously elected president.

Unseld assumed duties of the chair. Unseld asked for nominations for vice president. Freeman nominated and Peters seconded Ryan Collison for vice president. Wragge moved and Freeman seconded for nominations to cease. Voting Unanimous, motion carried. A voice vote was taken with Collison being unanimously elected vice president.

Unseld asked for nominations for secretary. Peters nominated and Wragge seconded Lisa Freeman for Secretary. Unseld nominated and Collison seconded Adam Venteicher for Secretary. Wragge moved and Collison seconded for nominations to cease. Voting Unanimous, motion carried. A written vote was taken with Venteicher being elected secretary by a vote of 4-1.

Unseld appointed Wragge as the treasurer.

Unseld appointed Unseld, Collison, and Venteicher to the Negotiations Committee. Freeman, Peters, and Wragge were appointed to the Committee on American Civics.

During communication and correspondence from the public, three representatives from Midwest Bank relayed information regarding a rate proposal and a patron relayed information regarding bus routes.

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.

Alex Meier reported for the FFA. This month the group participated in the parade of lights, hosted a holiday party, and will be preparing for career development events.

Dalton Svoboda reported for the student council. This month the group is working toward installing a snack machine in the commons area, hosted a holiday party with pizza and bowling, and are preparing for the winter royalty dance.

Morgan Schnoor reported for FCCLA. This month the group hosted a holiday party, participated in the memory tree celebration, and are preparing for candy grams.

Written reports were given to the board from the high school principal, elementary principal, and activities' director.

Superintendent Steffensen relayed that the legislature is in session and as of now there are no education related bills introduced but there will likely be several by the end of the ten day introduction period. Steffensen relayed that the general fund bank balance included a \$300,000 internal loan from the lunch fund and that January tax receipts would be needed to fund January payroll.

Each board member signed the annual conflict of interest statement.

January 25th was selected as the date for the board of education retreat.

Freeman moved and Collison seconded to approve the annual Board of Education calendar. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Wragge moved and Freeman seconded to authorize the superintendent as the local agency representative for local, state, and federal programs. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to authorize the superintendent to obtain an operating loan/line of credit in the amount necessary to cover expenses. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Collison moved and Wragge seconded to authorize the superintendent to dispose of unwanted items in an appropriate manner. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Wragge moved and Peters seconded to approve three early separation incentive program applications. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Freeman moved and Collison seconded setting option enrollment capacity limits of 50 students in each elementary grade, 55 students in each junior high and high school grade, and 35 students in the special education programs of each building. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Steffensen relayed Board of Education development opportunities and topics for the next month's agenda.

Wragge moved and Peters seconded to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Kendall Steffensen on behalf of Adam Venteicher, Secretary
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