

Monday, July 11, 2022

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 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 eight 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 communication or correspondence from the public including Katie Prince reporting that the PATS have ordered and preschool playground equipment will be delivered.

Unseld moved and Freeman 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.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl reported that the current projected enrollment of preschool through sixth grade is 339 and class lists for 2022-23 school year have been made and teachers, students, and parents are being notified.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of changes being made to the student handbook, the new student orientation on August 4, the class schedule pickup for students, laptop checkout, teacher work days, and the start of school on August 11. He also wrote a recommendation for weighting advanced level courses on a 5.0 scale and determining valedictorian/salutatorian.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar reported that the auditorium and high school floors have been refinished, weight training has been continuing throughout the summer, and extra duty assignments for the 2022-23 school year have been made.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of repairs and maintenance going on at the school and that the parking lot project will be underway soon. He will begin to plan the budget for the 2022-23 school year. He would like to have a retreat August 23.

There were no discussion items.

The board began with the ninth action item listed on the agenda consisting of busing practices. Unseld moved to reduce from 5 routes to four. Flesner seconded. Krienke, Peters, Flesner, Unseld, Freeman voted in favor. Venteicher voted against.

As the first action item directed, Venteicher moved and Unseld seconded to accept the resignation of Juan Lopez with acknowledgement that his resignation is in breach of his 2022-23 teaching contract. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second action item, Freeman moved to approve the handbooks for the 2022-2023 school year. Peters seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the third action item, Venteicher moved to accept the yearly policy reviews of the 6020 multicultural policy, 5018 parent involvement policy, 5057 Title I parent involvement policy after conducting a hearing, and 3004.1 fiscal management for purchasing and procurement using federal funds. Unseld seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

As the fourth action item directed, Unseld moved to accept the yearly policy update from legal council as presented in a memorandum from KSB School law excluding policies 4046 and 6037. Venteicher seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the fifth action item, Krienke moved to accept the milk bids from Hiland Dairy and to increase the price of an additional carton of milk to \$.40. Peters seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the sixth action item, Flesner moved to keep the meal prices the same for the 2022-23 school year. The prices are as follows: K-6 breakfast at \$2.75, lunch at \$3.20. Grades 7-12 breakfast at \$2.90, lunch at \$3.40. Unseld seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

The seventh action item consisted of discussion of weighted grading. Venteicher moved to implement a weighted grading system recommended by Mark Brahmer consisting of weighting Trigonometry, Statistic, Calculus, Chemistry 1, Chemistry 2, Physics, Physiology 1, Physiology 2, Health Science & Medical Terminology, and Senior English on a 5.0 grading scale. Freeman seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the eighth action item, Venteicher moved to revise Policy 6008 Class Rank to reflect a 4.0 grading scale and requiring students to be enrolled at least four semesters to be eligible for valedictorian/salutatorian. See attached edited Policy 6008 Class Rank. Unseld seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

The tenth and final action item consisted of discussion about providing food program services to other schools. Flesner moved to table the item and Unseld seconded. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

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

Venteicher moved and Unseld seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

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## 6008

### Class Rank

Student class rank shall be determined by using a ~~numeric grade point average~~ **4.0 grading scale** derived from all classes graded on a ~~numeric~~ **4.0 grading scale basis**. Activity class grades will not be used to determine the student's grade point average.

To be included in the class ranking, a student must have received a ~~numeric~~ **4.0 grading scale** grade for each core curriculum class in which he/she was enrolled. For the purposes of this policy, core curriculum shall include all courses in the areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Students who transfer into the school district will be eligible to be included in class ranking after two semesters of attendance. Students who transfer into the school district in middle of their senior year will be eligible to be included in class ranking, although a mid-year transfer will not displace the ranking of a student who has not transferred mid-year. In those circumstances there will be two students holding the relevant class ranking.

~~Mid-year~~ Transfer students will not be eligible to receive senior awards such as valedictorian and salutatorian unless the student has been enrolled in the district's high school for the last ~~two~~ **four** semesters.

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