

Monday, June 9, 2024

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, Ryan Collison, Todd Wragge, Adam Venteicher, Lisa Freeman, and Stefanie Dvorak. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and twenty-three 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, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no communication or correspondence from the public.

Collison moved and Wragge 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 of activities that happened at the end of the school year. Projected enrollment for 2025-26 school year is 324 students.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of the Academic Awards Assembly, driver's education, Teammates mentoring program recruiting, and summer school. He is currently working on class schedules for the 2025-26 school year.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an update on the legislative bills related to education, summer maintenance items, and end of year reports.

For the sole discussion item, Andy Forney from D. A. Davidson presented bond and valuation information.

For the first action item, Collison moved and Wragge seconded the resolution to consider and take all necessary action calling a special election in the principal amount not to exceed \$25,995,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing additions and renovations and other site improvements to the existing elementary and high school buildings and related matters. Voting in favor were Dvorak, Freeman, Unseld, Wragge, and Collison; voting against was Venteicher. Motion passed. (See attached resolution proceedings.)

As the second action item, after a hearing was conducted regarding Title I Parent and Family Engagement, Venteicher moved and Dvorak seconded to approve the yearly policy reviews of fiscal management for purchasing and procurement using federal funds, compulsory attendance and excessive absenteeism, student fees, school wellness, student bullying, district Title I Parent and Family Engagement, and multi-cultural education. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the final action item, after a hearing was conducted regarding parent and guardian involvement in educational practices, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to approve the updated policies from KSB School Law consisting of parent and guardian involvement in educational practices policy, and student appearance. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

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

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to adjourn the meeting 7:06pm. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Adam Venteicher, Secretary
Pierce Public Schools
Board of Education, District 2
Pierce, NE 68767

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF
NOTICE OF MEETING**

The undersigned Members of the Board of Education of Pierce County School District 0002 (Pierce Public Schools), in the State of Nebraska, hereby acknowledge receipt of advance notice of a meeting of the Board of Education of said District and the agenda for such meeting held at 6:30 P.M., on June 9, 2025 at Pierce High School, in Pierce, Nebraska.

DATED June 9, 2025

Adam Veteich

Stephen Dink

Lisa Freeman

Daniel J. Hrseld

Mike Perry
Mike Call

I hereby certify that N/A was absent from the meeting but that, to my personal knowledge, such member(s) received advance notice of the meeting and agenda.

Adam Veteich
Board Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Pierce County School District 0002 (Pierce Public Schools), in the State of Nebraska (the "District"), was convened in open and public session at 6:30, P.M. on June 9, 2025, at Pierce High School, in Pierce, Nebraska.

Present were: Dan Unseld, Ryan Collison, Todd Wragge, Adam Venteixe
Stefanie Proszak, and Lisa Freeman
Absent were: _____.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by (posting) (publication), one of the District's designated methods for giving notice, a copy of the (certificate of posting) (proof of publication) being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board and a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of this meeting. The President publicly stated at the beginning of the meeting to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Member Ryan Collison offered the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (THE "BOARD") OF PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0002 (PIERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS), IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA (THE "DISTRICT") AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds and determines that the District is fully organized as a Class III School District under Chapter 79, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 2014, as amended, embracing territory having a population of not more than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants and maintaining both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board of education.

Section 2. The Board further finds and determines that it is necessary that funds be provided for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing additions and renovations and other site improvements to the existing elementary and high school buildings and providing for necessary furniture, technology, apparatus, and safety and security updates for such buildings; for such purposes it will be necessary to issue bonds of the District in one or more series in the total principal amount not to exceed \$25,995,000; and that a proposition for the issuance of bonds for such purpose has not been submitted to the electors of the District within six months preceding the date of the election called for by this resolution.

Section 3. It is hereby ordered that a special election is hereby called and shall be held within the District on August 12, 2025, at which election there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the District for approval or rejection of the following proposition:

"Shall Pierce County School District 0002 (Pierce Public Schools), in the State of Nebraska, issue the bonds of said District in the principal amount of not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,995,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing additions and renovations and other site improvements to the existing elementary and high school buildings and providing for necessary furniture, technology, apparatus, and safety and security updates for such buildings; said bonds to be issued from time to time as may be determined by the Board of Education, to bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined by the Board of Education and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by the Board of Education; and

"Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in said District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as the same become due?"

Section 4. The ballots to be voted upon and cast at said election shall have printed thereon the foregoing proposition, followed by the words: "FOR said bonds and tax" and "AGAINST said bonds and tax" following said proposition. Qualified electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken completely the oval opposite the words "FOR said bonds and tax" following said proposition, and qualified electors voting against said proposition shall blacken completely the oval opposite the words "AGAINST said bonds and tax" following said proposition.

Section 5. Notice of said election shall be given to the qualified electors of said District at least twenty (20) days prior to such election and copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days prior to the election, such notice and sample ballot to be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in said District, and each of the Secretary of the District or Superintendent of Schools be and hereby is directed to cause such notice and sample ballot to be published.

Section 6. The form of ballot and form of special notice of said bond election shall be substantially in the form submitted to this meeting (with any changes as may be necessary or advisable based on information provided by the Election Commissioner or bond counsel), a copy of which forms shall be made a part of the minutes. The Secretary of the District or Superintendent of Schools each is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with the Election Commissioner conducting the election, to arrange for the printing of the necessary ballots for said election and to do all other things and take all other action appropriate or necessary in order to cause said proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District as provided herein. The Secretary of the District or Superintendent of Schools shall furnish the final form of ballot to the Election Commissioner not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the special election.

Section 7. Said election shall be conducted in accordance with Section 10-701 et seq., R.R.S. 2012, as amended, and the Election Act. Pursuant to Section 32-952 of the Election Act it is determined that such special election is to be conducted by mail and the Election Commissioner shall submit to the Secretary of State of Nebraska a written plan for the conduct of the election on the question of issuing the Bonds in accordance with the Election Act.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0002
(PIERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**

Public notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Pierce County School District 0002 (Pierce Public Schools), in the State of Nebraska, that at a special election called and to be held on August 12, 2025, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

“Shall Pierce County School District 0002 (Pierce Public Schools), in the State of Nebraska, issue the bonds of said District in the principal amount of not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,995,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing additions and renovations and other site improvements to the existing elementary and high school buildings and providing for necessary furniture, technology, apparatus, and safety and security updates for such buildings; said bonds to be issued from time to time as may be determined by the Board of Education, to bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined by the Board of Education and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by the Board of Education; and

“Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in said District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as the same become due?”



FOR said bonds and tax



AGAINST said bonds and tax

Electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken completely the oval opposite the words “FOR said bonds and tax” following said proposition, and electors voting against said proposition shall blacken completely the oval opposite the words “AGAINST said bonds and tax” following said proposition.

Election by Mail

This election will be an election by mail. Each registered voter residing within the District will receive a ballot by mail at his/her address as it appears on the voter registration register; and therefore no polling places will be open for voting. Ballots will be mailed by the Pierce County Election Commissioner and the Wayne County Election Commissioner between July 21, 2025 and August 2, 2025.

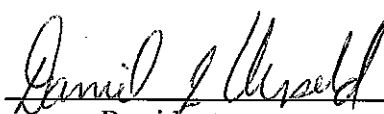
Section 8. The Secretary of the District or Superintendent of Schools each is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Election Commissioner of Pierce County (which County contains the greatest number of electors in the District entitled to vote on the above proposition) no later than June 20, 2025, which Election Commissioner shall conduct the election as provided by law. The District does hereby agree to reimburse said Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the election. Ballots for voting by electors in counties other than Pierce County shall be certified across county lines and voted, counted and canvassed as provided by law.

Section 9. The Election Commissioner is authorized and directed to make all necessary arrangements for submitting said proposition at such election and to mail ballots to the registered voters as provided by law.

The foregoing resolution having been read in its entirety, Member Todd Wragge seconded the motion for its passage and adoption. After consideration, the roll was called and the following members voted in favor of the passage and adoption of said resolution: Stefanie Dvorak, Lisa Freeman, Dan Unseld, Todd Wragge and Ryan Collison. The following members voted against the same: Adam Venteicher. The passage of said resolution having been consented to by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Education, the President declared the resolution duly passed and adopted.



Secretary



President

Voter Registration Deadlines

1. Residents within the District and Pierce County must register at the Pierce County Election Commission.
2. Residents within the District and Wayne County must register with the Wayne County Election Commissioner.
3. July 25, 2025: is the last day for mail-in registrations, registrar registrations, delivered registrations and agency registrations (3rd Friday prior to the election).
4. August 1, 2025: is the last day for in-person voter registration in the office of the Election Commissioner of Pierce County or Wayne County (6:00 p.m.).

Ballot Return Deadline

1. All voted ballots must be received by the respective election office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025.
2. Ballots voted by Pierce County voters must be delivered or mailed to the Pierce County Election Commission at 111 W. Court St., Room 1, Pierce, Nebraska 68767 or placed in the Pierce County official ballot drop box at 111 W. Court St., Pierce, Nebraska 68767.
3. Ballots voted by Wayne County voters must be delivered or mailed to the Wayne County Election Commissioner at 510 Pearl St., Suite 5, Wayne, Nebraska 68787 or placed in the Wayne County official ballot drop box at 510 N Pearl St., Wayne, Nebraska 68787.

Pierce County Election Commissioner

Address: 111 W. Court St., Room 1, Pierce, NE 68767

Phone: (402) 329-4225

Fax: (402) 329-6439

Website: <https://piercecountyne.gov/webpages/election/election.html>

Email: clerk@piercecountyne.gov

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays

Regular Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays

Wayne County Election Commissioner

Address: 510 Pearl St., Suite 5, Wayne, NE 68787

Phone: (402) 375-2288

Fax: (402) 375-4137

Website: <https://www.waynecountyne.gov/113/Election-Commissioner>

Email: clerk@waynecountyne.gov

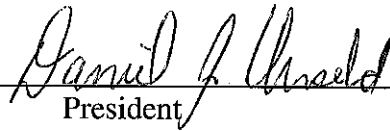
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays

Regular Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SAID DISTRICT.



Secretary



President

District - PUBLISH - 4 Times (July 15, July 22, July 29, and August 5, 2025)

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SCHOOL BOND ELECTION
PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0002
(PIERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025

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PUBLISH - 1 Time (Between August 2, 2025, and August 9, 2025)

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION CALLING ELECTION

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Pierce County School District 0002 (Pierce Public Schools), in the State of Nebraska (the "District") hereby certifies that attached to this certificate is a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution (the "Resolution") adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Board of the District at a meeting of said Board duly called and held on June 9, 2025, pursuant to published notice as required by law and at which a quorum was present. Such Resolution calls for a special election to be held on the question of issuing bonds on August 12, 2025. Such Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been modified.

The undersigned Secretary further certifies that:

1. Pierce County represents the county having the greatest number of electors entitled to vote on the question.
2. The territory of the District also includes electors residing in Wayne County.
3. The Resolution designates the form of ballot for the question to be submitted at such election.
4. For information purposes, the form of notice of election and form of sample ballot which the District will publish are attached to the Resolution.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2025.



Secretary of the Board of Education of
Pierce County School District 0002

RECEIPT OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Receipt of the foregoing Certificate and attached Resolution on this ____ day of _____, 2025, is hereby acknowledged.

ELECTION COMMISSIONER OF
PIERCE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By: _____
Name/Title: _____