

Pierce High School District #2

Monday, June 8, 2026- Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

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, Stefanie Dvorak, Ryan Collison, and Todd Wragge. Collison motions to excuse Adam Venteicher from the regular board meeting, Wragge seconds, motion carried 5-0 (1 absent). Also, present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and 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, and roll call taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Communication and correspondence from the Public

Mike Wagner spoke in regards to the upcoming Elementary project.

Consent Agenda

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. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0 (1 absent).

Reports and Information

Written reports were given to the board from the high school and elementary principal. A highlight from the elementary report include the current enrollment at the Pierce Elementary as well as the number of children registered for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Both the pre-school and 6th grade graduations were held. The teachers have received their project class assignments and will be mailed out to the parents and students in July.

Information for the high school included Driver's Education that was held through NECC at the high school. The academic celebration was held on May 13th. The class schedule was finished and teachers were given the class schedule. Summer weight training/summer training has started. Darin Suckstorf and Paul McCawley, an exercise science professor from Wayne State manage the program along with other head coaches and Adam Hervert, our athletic trainer. Mr. Brahmer will be recruiting new student teammates for the Teammate Mentoring Program. Summer school is being taught by Mrs. Shelly Adams and Mr. Les Painter. Extra duty assignments for the 202-2027 school year are close to be completed.

Superintendent Steffensen gave an update on summer maintenance going on such as painting, floor refinishing, and carpet cleaning. The concrete replacement at the high school entrance, high school parking lot, and entrance to the track/football field has been completed. The window and door replacement at the Elementary school should be completed by the start of the August start date for school (except for a few door replacement that may take place once school is in session). The cost of services is starting to come in for the bond project. As these invoices come in, they will be paid with the approved bond money. The board retreat was originally scheduled for June 15th, but the Nebraska Department of Education has not released the 2026-2027 Certification of Property Tax Request Authority. This makes it difficult to determine the number of dollars to be directed to each fund or project without knowing. A discussion was had between the board members and it was agreed upon to move the board retreat until after we have this information.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

Action Items

The first action item, Collison moved and Dvorak seconded to approve DA Davidson to sell bonds as stated in the resolution that was provided. Dvorak questioned about the selling of the bonds to the public. Steffensen stated that he will provide a statement in the newspaper on how the public can purchase the bonds. Wragge asked if Hausmann would provide a comparison to what they projected some of the projects to cost and what the actual invoices are. Steffensen is unsure if this will be provided, but restated that the bond cannot go over the approved amount due to the contract signed. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0 (1 absent)

For the second action item, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to authorize a contract with CWP Architect for profession design services at the elementary school addition and renovation project. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0 (1 absent).

The third action item directed and after a hearing was conducted, Freeman 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 5-0 (1 absent).

Board of Education Professional Development

Steffensen relayed Board of Education development opportunities.

Topics for next month's agenda

Steffensen provided topics for next month's agenda to include: approve handbooks for the successive year, review milk bids, review meal prices, and yearly policy update from legal council.

Adjournment

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Stefanie Dvorak, Secretary

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