

Monday, March 14, 2022

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the high school board room. Members present were Ted Krienke, Dan Unsel, Kevin Flesner, Adam Venteicher, Lisa Freeman, and Craig Peters. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and four 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.

The meeting was opened up to communication or correspondence from the public. Jim Wachter spoke in favor of the elementary classes resuming field trips as this is a great way for many students to learn and see things that they may not otherwise see.

Venteicher moved and Flesner 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.

Alexis Sindelar gave the Student Council report. They are putting on the dodgeball tournament on March 25. They are also putting on the March Madness basketball tournament and going to have a Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser.

Elementary Principal Trent Suehl's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 354 students. Parent-teacher conferences will be March 24, PreK and Kindergarten roundup are coming up, and NSCAS assessments will be taking place.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported parent teacher conferences will be held March 24. State tests, ACT prep, class registration and prom are all coming up. District Speech took place on March 5. He also is continually looking for potential male mentors from the community to volunteer with the Teammates Mentoring Program.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar's report included a list of all the upcoming activities and games for the month of March. The state wrestling medalists were Makinzie Parsons(State Champion), Callie Arnold(5th), Angelina Skrdla(5th), Haylee Miller(6th), Michael Kruntorad(5th), Matt Christensen(6th), and Jayden Coulter(6th). The speech team tied for district runner-up and will have 10 individuals compete in the state speech meet.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature, and spoke of the progress towards getting the parking lot project approved by the city.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board had an overview on State aid.

For the first action item, Unseld moved and Venteicher seconded to adopt the school calendar for the successive school year. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

For the second action item, Freeman moved and Unseld seconded to accept a teaching contract for Molly Haselhorst for the elementary. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the third action item to take place, Unseld moved and Flesner seconded the motion to enter executive session to protect the public interest as the board discusses non-certified employee compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered executive session at 6:46 pm and came out of executive session at 7:19 pm.

Unseld moved and Venteicher seconded to increase wages of the non-certified employees to the greater of a 3% raise or \$16 per hour and \$18 per hour for special education paraprofessionals effective for the April payroll. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

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

Unseld moved, Peters seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

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