

Monday, May 11, 2020

The Pierce Public Schools Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the high school boardroom. Members present in the boardroom were Ted Krienke, Dave Lienemann, and Dan Unseld. Superintendent Kendall Steffensen was also present in the boardroom. Members participating in the meeting through video conferencing because of Covid-19 restrictions were Kevin Flesner, Robert Hoffmann, and Adam Venteicher. Also present through video conferencing were High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and Activities Director Darren Sindelar.

A welcome was extended to the public viewing online, roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lienemann moved and Unseld seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda consisting of the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, approval of claims and the payment of bills, and financial reports. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

No communication from the public.

No student reports.

The High School report from Mr. Brahmer included information on the seniors last week, the check in process for the end of school, online learning update, and School Improvement report.

The Elementary report from Mr. Suehl said the last review packet date was on May 5th, teachers have been checking in with parents each week and has received positive feedback.

Activities Director Mr. Sindelar's report said all normal summer activities are being scheduled but will follow the guidelines given by the governor and the NSAA and plan accordingly.

Mr. Steffensen's Superintendent report listed potential graduation dates of June 13th, July 11th, and August 8th. The bid from Scranton Flooring was accepted for new carpet in the elementary. And the existing formula for state aid will be used because the Legislature did not pass a bill changing the state aid formula.

Venteicher moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to approve the teaching contract for Laurel Bailey for our high school special education opening. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Flesner seconded a motion to accept the curriculum report. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Unseld moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to accept the school improvement report. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved to approve the mission statement for Pierce Public Schools which reads as follows. Pierce Public Schools, in conjunction with its community and families, will provide a caring, structured, and challenging learning environment where all students have an equal opportunity to reach their maximum potential and become responsible, productive citizens. Krienke seconded the motion. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to leave the substitute teacher pay at \$120 per day. Voting unanimous motion carried.

At 6:45 p.m. Lienemann moved and Krienke seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss administrator compensation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board came out of the executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Hoffmann moved and Flesner seconded a motion to table the decision on administrator compensation until the June meeting. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Steffensen said there is only one professional growth opportunity still scheduled which is a School Law Seminar in Kearney.

Topics for next month's agenda include reviewing the district's bullying, student fee, attendance, and wellness policies. Superintendent vacation and sick log. Disclose Board of Education members purchasing EHA insurance.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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