

Monday, May 12, 2025

The Pierce Public School Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 pm in the board room. Members present were Dan Unseld, Todd Wragge, Adam Venteicher, Ryan Collison, Lisa Freeman, and Stefanie Dvorak. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, and no 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's report stated the current PK-6 enrollment is 331 students with 33 preschool registrations for next year and 45 for kindergarten. NSCAS and MAP assessments are being completed. The spring concert was May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Elementary Field Day will be May 16<sup>th</sup>, and the last day of school will be May 19<sup>th</sup> at . He also gave a curriculum report for next year and a school improvement report.

High School Principal Mark Brahmer reported of state tests, ACTs, summer school, and planning next year's class schedules. The seniors last day was May 2<sup>nd</sup> with the graduation ceremony on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. All other students will have their last day on May 19<sup>th</sup>, except for students who aren't required to take semester exams will be finished on May 18<sup>th</sup>. He also gave a curriculum report. Next year a Basic English course will be added for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students so that it will be offered at all high school levels.

In his report Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview of the happenings in the Nebraska state legislature.

As the first discussion item directed, the school board scheduled a Board of Education/Administration retreat for May 20, 2025 at 6:30pm.

For the second discussion item, the school board scheduled a special Board of Education meeting May 19, 2025 at 6:30pm to hear the results from the focus group presenting a school bond proposal.

For the first action item, Venteicher moved, and Collison seconded to approve the school improvement report. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

For the second action item, Wragge moved, and Venteicher seconded to approve the curriculum report. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

The third action item was to determine the rate of pay for substitute teachers. Wragge moved and Collison seconded to increase to \$160 per day. Voting unanimous, motion passed.

Wragge moved and Collison seconded to raise administration salaries of Mark Brahmer, Trent Suehl, and Kendall Steffensen by 4.12%. Five voted in favor, Venteicher voted no. Motion passed.

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

Collison moved and Venteicher seconded to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

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