

Monday, November 11, 2019

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 were Kevin Flesner, Adam Venteicher, Dave Lienemann, Robert Hoffmann, Ted Krienke, and Dan Unseld. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, High School Principal Mark Brahmer, Elementary Principal Trent Suehl, Activities Director Darren Sindelar, and several guests.

No communication from the public.

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

FCCLA report from Mason Sindelar mentioned the district leadership in Norfolk, selecting topics for STAR events, fundraising items to be delivered, and community memory tree.

Elementary report from Principal Trent Suehl said Honor Roll students were recognized on October 31st. No school on Nov.13 for school improvement, staff will be learning about the Marzano Instruction Model. Donuts with Dudes will be November 20th with 550 people signed up.

Mr. Brahmer's High School report mentioned Pierce High Marching Band earned a superior (top) ranking at state band marching competition, Veteran's Day program Nov. 11th, Average composite ACT score from last year's graduating class is 20.5 compared to state average of 20.0.

Activities Director Darren Sindelar listed many upcoming activities.

Superintendent Steffensen said he has been attending meetings in regards to ESU 8 administrators, Nebraska Council of School Administrators, early childhood development, special education, Nebraska State Activities Association, and Chamber of Commerce. He also said the HVAC project will be closing out this month.

The first discussion item was to select a date for a Board of Education/Administration retreat. It will be January 7, 6:30 p.m.

The next discussion item is teacher negotiations and will be discussed in executive session.

Superintendent Steffensen gave an overview and highlighted a few items from the annual audit as the first action item. Unseld moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to accept the annual audit from Dana F. Cole and Company. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

The second action item was to review insurance costs. Chuck Micek from Town and Country Agency gave an overview the our current coverages and any changes from the previous year. He mentioned considering adding cyber insurance to our policy. ALICAP did not submit a bid. Hoffmann moved and Flesner seconded a motion to accept the bid of \$67,994 for the upcoming policy term of Jan 7, 2020 to Jan 7, 2021. Voting: Linemann-no; Hoffmann-yes; Krienke-yes; Unseld-yes; Flesner-yes; Venteicher-yes. Motion carried 5-1.

Lienemann moved and Hoffmann seconded a motion to enter executive session for teacher negotiations, board self evaluation, and superintendent evaluation. Voting unanimous, motion carried. The board entered executive session at 6:58 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Hoffmann moved and Lienemann seconded a motion to accept the Board of Education self-evaluation. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Lienemann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to accept the superintendent's evaluation. Voting unanimous, motion carried.

Superintendent Steffensen listed Board of Education development opportunities and topics for next month's agenda.

Lienemann moved and Venteicher seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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