Monday, October 13, 2025

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, Ryan Collison, Adam Venteicher, Todd Wragge, Lisa Freeman, and Stefanie Dvorak. Also present were Superintendent Kendall Steffensen, Principal Trent Suehl, Principal Mark Brahmer, and nine 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.

Mike Wagner spoke during the communication or correspondence from the public.

Wragge moved and Collison 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.

Eleanor Bauermeister and Lillian Stern reported for the FFA. FFA competed in Range Judging and hosted the district tractor driving contest. They also attended Husker Harvest Days and had LSE and SAE workshops this month. In addition, they will be attending National FFA Convention, hosting Hamburgers for Harvest at the elevator, and begin their FFA Fruit Sales later this month.

Kate Anderson presented on behalf of the FCCLA. They just completed their fall fundraiser and have had members working on their STAR competitor projects.

Josie Painter reported for Student Council. They hosted powder puff competitions of boys playing volleyball and girls playing football. They also have a fundraiser going on where students can "buy" a close parking spot for a month.

Reports were given to the board from the high school principal/activities' director and elementary principal.

Superintendent Steffensen reported of items discussed at the Nebraska Council of School Administrators School Law Update and that the annual audit took place.

For the first discussion item, the board held a meeting of the Committee on American Civics and asked for public comment during the committee meeting on American Civics. There was no public comment.

The second discussion item was moved to later in the meeting as it requires an executive session.

For first action item, the board discussed establishing enrollment option capacity. Venteicher moved and Collison seconded to accept the Resolution on School District Standards

for Acceptance or Rejection of Option Enrollment Applications as read by Superintendent Steffensen. This will remain same as prior years at 50 students per grade in the elementary school and 55 students per grade in the Jr./Sr. High School. Voting unanimous, Motion passed.

For the second discussion item of reviewing classified wages and teacher negotiations comparability array, Wragge moved and Collison seconded to go into executive session to protect the public interest and the district's bargaining position. Voting unanimous, motion passed. The board entered executive session at 7:38 pm. The board came out of executive session at 7:48pm.

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

Collison moved and Dvorak seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting unanimous, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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