

Pioneer Regional School Corporation
School Board Meeting Minutes
Pioneer Regional Administration Building

February 9, 2021

The Pioneer School Board met on February 9, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at the Pioneer Regional Administration Building. Board members present were Lisa Kesling, Denny Herd, Brad Swartzell, and Chandra Felker. Also present were Charles Grable (Superintendent), Jeff Brooke (HS Principal), Catherine Sparks, Deb Swartzell, Hollie Brown, Doug Cox (Corporation Attorney), and Lori Kimbrell (Business Affairs Manager/Corporation Treasurer). Present using Zoom were Brad Swartzell (Board Member) and Beth Stansbury (ES Principal).

Lisa Kesling, School Board President, called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Charles Grable recommended the following addition to the Agenda under Action Items 7.I. Approval to Create a COVID Coordinator Position. The Board approved the Agenda with the recommended change with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the January 12, 2021 Executive Session Minutes with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved claims with dates of 1/13/21 to 2/9/21 and voucher numbers of 3501 to 3613 with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved to hire Sarah McKaig – JH Girls' Basketball Coach (7th Grade) with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved to hire Edna Crume – Food Service with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved to hire Amanda Cox – Food Service with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Susan Holcomb – Food Service with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Jody VanMeter – ES Custodian with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Austin Harmon – JH Baseball Assistant Coach with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the 1st Reading of the Neola Policies with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the 2020-2021 noncertified salary schedule with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the accounts payable voucher resolution with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the Prom Venue to be at Meadow Springs Manor in Francesville from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. on March 13, 2021 with a vote of 4-0. There will be a check-in table where attendees will be asked the same COVID questions as sporting events. All appetizers and desserts will be pre-packaged and served by the venue.

The Board approved Activity Bus 309 as Surplus Equipment with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. in March 21-25, 2022 with a vote of 4-0. Due to COVID-19 we were unable to take students during Spring Break in 2020 and 2021, this is why we want the trip in 2022 to be open to current 7th and 8th grade students. There is a lot of planning and fundraising that goes into

a trip such as this. Laura Duke will hold an in-person informational meeting on February 24 at 6 p.m. in the HS auditorium for parents. A zoom meeting link will also be provided for parents that would like to participate that way.

The Board approved the purchase of an Activity Bus (Spec #36627) for \$60,038.00 and a 72 Person Bus (Spec #36597) for \$105,429.00 with trade-in allowances of \$3,500 for B209 with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the following donations with a vote of 4-0.

1. Stephen & Jennifer Smith - \$200.00 to Athletics
2. Fraternal Order of Police - \$300.00 to Robotics
3. Network for Good - \$20.00 to FFA

The Board approved creating a new temporary position at Pioneer titled COVID Coordinator with a vote of 4-0. This position would be responsible for contact tracing, tracking quarantines, parent notifications, and state COVID reporting. Preferably the individual will have a LPN or RN license. Funding for this position will be from the second round of CARES Act funds. The position will pay \$17/hour for 5.75 hours/day and will receive compensation for making evening and weekend phone calls.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 P.M.








