

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

April 13, 2021

The Pioneer School Board met on April 13, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at the Pioneer Regional Administration Building. Board members present were Lisa Kesling, Denny Herd, Brad Swartzell, Rachelle Pearson and Chandra Felker. Also present were Charles Grable (Superintendent), Beth Stansbury (ES Principal), Jeff Brooke (HS Principal), Deb Swartzell, Jeanie Berkshire, Veda Berkshire, Kristi Hileman, Todd Robertson, Catherine Sparks, Laura Duke, Carrie Cripe, Kinsey Odom, Kynzie Bullock, Brianna Schmaltz, Doug Cox (Corporation Attorney), and Lori Kimbrell (Business Affairs Manager/Corporation Treasurer).

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 Personnel 6.C.2.f. Resignation of Allynn Penn – HS Teacher. The Board approved the Agenda with the recommended change with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the March 9, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved claims with dates of 3/10/21 to 4/13/21 and voucher numbers of 3715 to 3821 with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Haley Gleitz – JH Softball Assistant Coach with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Matt Merrick – JH Baseball Assistant Coach with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Jacob Hardy – Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Darrell Couch – Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Dakota Williams – 6th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Kelly Kollmar – HS Academic Team Advisor with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Martha Roeske – Food Service Assistant with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Mariah Hood – HS Aide with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Brandy LeGrand – Food Service with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Allynn Penn – HS Teacher effective at the end of the 2020-21 SY with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the retirement of Dale Samuels – Jr./Sr. HS Teacher effective at the end of the 2020-21 SY with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the following HS Teachers for Summer School 2021 with a vote of 5-0.

1. RayeAnn Stamper – Supervised Ag Experience
2. Adam Berry – PE
3. Abby Armick – PE

4. Bret Shambaugh – Language Arts
5. Aryn Freels - Math

HS government students including Kinsey Odom, Kynzie Bullock, and Brianna Schmaltz presented to the board their Project Citizen – Weighted GPA. Laura Duke challenged her students to find an area of improvement within Pioneer that they would be able to research and come up with a proposal. Their plan was already presented to Mr. Brooke and Mrs. Shrontz.

The Board approved the adding of a full-time Dean of Students position at the ES with a vote of 5-0. Due to the current number of students and behavioral needs at the elementary, this position is needed to provide consistence discipline. The salary will range between \$55,000 and \$62,000 depending on experience and licensing. The position will also receive the administrator benefits package and have a 194 day contract. It will only be posted internally. If there are no qualified staff candidates, it will then be posted externally. Mr. Bingaman will return to his previous role solely at the HS as Athletic Director and JH Disciplinarian.

Information was given to the board about the new life skills program for special education students that will be held beginning with the 2021-22 SY at Pioneer HS for Pioneer, Caston, and Eastern Pulaski students.

The Board approved the adding of two Special Education Teacher positions and three Aide positions for the life skills program at the HS for the 2021-22 SY with a vote of 5-0. Salary and benefits for these positions will be shared with Caston and Eastern Pulaski.

The Board approved the HS student handbook for the 2021-22 SY with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the following donations with a vote of 5-0.

1. E. Craig Severns - \$200.00 to Girls' Basketball
2. The Andersons - \$20.00 to FFA
3. Waste Management--Liberty Landfill - \$26,500.00 to Baseball
4. Good Oil Company--Good to Go #32 - \$2,500.00 to Baseball
5. Schwarz Law Office, PC - \$500.00 to Baseball
6. Rans Funeral Home & Crematory - \$300.00 to Baseball
7. Caple's Bar & Grill - \$250.00 to Baseball
8. Knebel Insurance - \$100.00 to Baseball
9. Annex Sports & Trophy Center - \$100.00 to Baseball
10. Casey & Hillary Heishman - \$100.00 to Baseball

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 P.M.










