

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, November 16, 2020
6:00 pm
HS Library

Present were Board Members Holly Franks, Curt Parr, Dr. Shawn Sedgwick, and Chad Wirts; School Staff Meaghan Gustafson, Josh Hansen, Todd Camlek, and Mark Dubey; and Media Representatives Bonnie Sherman and Lonnie Muller.

Absent was Board President Aaron Nemec.

Parr called the meeting to order at 6pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gustafson confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Parr requested a motion to approve the agenda. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Wirts. Motion carried.

Parr requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Wirts. Motion carried.

No citizen comments.

Bill Moilien of Johnson & Block reported upon the 2020-2021 Audit report.

Parr requested a motion to approve the Policy updates 29.1 and 29.2. Motion and second by Wirts/Sedgwick. Motion carried.

Parr requested a motion to name Holly Franks as the WASB Delegate. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Wirts. Motion carried.

After discussion, the board offered support for the continuation of winter sports pending circumstances related to a shift in instructional model. No action was taken due to no change in the current policy/practice.

Acknowledgement of Donations:

Gustafson thanked Organic Valley for recent donations in support of the After School Club and Wildcat Pack Program, and J & R Orchards for the donation of apples for our food service program.

Reports of the Principals and Superintendent:

11/16/20 Elementary Principal's Report

1. COVID Updates
 - a. Virtual - staff are continuing to prepare to teach virtually if the necessity arises.
2. Literacy
 - a. After School Reading - We currently offer students about 35 minutes of extra reading instruction after school. Currently, there are 22 students participating in grades K-3.
3. Training and Professional Development
 - a. Lillian Rider - CESA 4 behavioral consultant.
 - i. Staff participated in a behavior intervention presentation during our inservice on 10/12.
 - ii. She has been back at school twice to observe a few students and make behavior intervention recommendations.
 - b. PBIS Tier 1 Training - This was canceled last school year due to Covid. We will have two more training days (virtually) to finish up our tier 1 training.
4. Technology Upgrades
 - a. TV's in grades 1-5. Our smartboards are quite old and dim. After researching options, it was determined that big screen TV's were a more cost-effective option presentation tool. Teachers will be able to use Ipads and present what is on their screen onto the TV. These will be getting installed over Thanksgiving break.
5. Fire Drill / Evacuation Drill
 - a. Planned for Friday of this week.
 - b. We will be practicing walking to our reunification point and familiarizing students with the location and procedures.

Gustafson thanked the community for support of the recent referendum and discussed decreases to the estimated tax impact.

Board Member Concerns:

Wirts- none

Franks - none

Sedgwick - none

Parr - Impressed with the community's call to action in supporting the referendum. Commended Mark Dubey for work on the audit.

Parr requested a motion to convene into closed session. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Parr requested a motion to reconvene into open session. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Parr requested a motion to hire Matt Benson as Interim Boys Basketball Coach. Motion and second by Wirts/Sedgwick. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Parr requested a motion to hire Chris Hanson as JV Girls Basketball Coach. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Parr requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion and second by Franks/Wirts. Motion carried.