

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, January 18, 2021
6:00 pm
HS Library

Present were Board members Aaron Nemec, Holly Franks, Curt Parr, Dr. Shawn Sedgwick, and Chad Wirts; School staff Meaghan Gustafson, Mark Dubey, Emily Oium, Amy Lund, Mike Fowell, Josh Hansen, and Todd Camlek; RW Baird representative Kevin Mullen; Neola representative Scott Brown; and media representatives Bonnie Sherman and Lonnie Muller.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

No citizen comments.

Discussion Agenda:

Scott Brown of Neola presented about the company's administrative guidelines service.

Considerations regarding learning models

Gustafson and Oium presented recommendations and considerations for returning to full time face to face instruction for all student groups.

Action Agenda

Nemec requested a motion to authorize work with Neola to draft administrative guidelines. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Franks. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$5,500,000 Bond Anticipation Note Pursuant to Section 67.12(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes

Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$5,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Motion and second by Franks/Parr. Motion carried.

Gustafson reviewed enrollment projections for the 2021-2022 school year. Nemec requested a motion for the 2021-2022 to have no restrictions on open-enrolled regular education seats, but close special education seats due to case load factor size, with the stipulation that any open enrollment applications for closed categories be placed on a waiting list. Motion and second by Franks/Parr.

Nemec requested a motion to reschedule the April Board meeting to the 26th. Motion and second by Nemec/Franks. Motion carried.

Information Agenda

Nemec shared updates about the referendum project planning process.

Fowell shared information about Fab Labs, and updated the Board about a grant he has applied for with community pledges of support for high tech equipment.

Gustafson acknowledged recent donations from the supportive community. Donations have recently been given in support of a Fab Lab grant matching program and to our Giving Back fund.

Reports of the Principals, Athletic Director, and Superintendent

Elementary Principal Hansen

1. Early Childhood Screening Day
 - a. February 8th, 10 am to 5 pm
 - b. Developmental, vision, hearing, and speech screenings.
2. Professional Development
 - a. Elementary Principal's Convention - Feb. 4-5
 - b. CPI Training - a large number of our teachers are either getting initially trained or the refresher course.

3. After School Reading
 - a. We have added 4th-grade students.
 - b. There are 27 students who currently participate in this program.
4. Students
 - a. We will have a new 2nd grader and 4th grader starting this week.
 - b. Two other students have re-enrolled.
 - c. We currently have 11 full-time virtual students in elementary school.

Middle School/High School and AD Camlek

- **AD**
- Elementary basketball will begin soon, practices only at this point.
- Thank you to Ron Huebsch for filling in for MSGB 13 girls out.
- MS boys starts on Feb. 8
- **Principal**
- Middle school Battle of the Books teams are busy practicing (50 books) and 7th grade Quiz Bowl team has been formed and will start practicing for their competitions in February.

Superintendent's Report

Gustafson discussed IDEA determinations, ESSER II funds, and new students starting.

Board Member Concerns

Wirts: Questioned rationale of not allowing students to serve in athletic event cleaning/televising roles.

Parr: None

Franks: Questioned streaming services for athletic events. Technical difficulties are being experienced.

Nemec: none

Nemec requested a motion to convene into closed session. Motion and second by Parr/Franks.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to return to open session. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.