

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting  
School District of La Farge  
Monday, March 21, 2022  
HS Library  
6pm

Present were Board Members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Chad Wirts, Holly Franks, and Ashley Schlicht; School staff members Becky Gehrke, Patty Gabrielson; Todd Camlek, Mark Dubey, and Meaghan Gustafson; and Media Representative Lonnie Muller.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gustafson confirmed compliance with open meeting law.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the agenda. Motion and second by Schlicht/Franks. Motion carried.

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

No citizen comments.

Information Agenda:

- a. Gustafson gave an update on the progress of the referendum project.

Action Agenda:

- a. Nemec called for a motion to renew the cooperative agreement with Kickapoo Area School District for wrestling and track with an addendum to the cost sharing agreement to account for capital expenditures. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.
- b. Nemec called for a motion to reschedule the regular April Board meeting to Monday, April 25 to align with the annual organizational meeting. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.
- c. Nemec called for a motion to approve revisions for the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda:

- a. Becky Gehrke gave a presentation on the work she is doing to provide support and intervention to middle and high school students.

Acknowledgement of Donations:

- Gustafson thanked Middle School Drama donors and the Crafty Cookers for their donation toward Prom.

Reports of the Kickapoo Valley Forest School, Principals, Athletic Director, and Superintendent

Kickapoo Valley Forest School: Enrollment applications exceeded spots so a lottery was held two weeks ago. Waiting list being maintained. Work ongoing to plan for first grade class and curriculum and building.

Elementary Principal Hansen:

1. Read Across America Week
  - a. The theme was kindness.
  - b. Dress up days
  - c. Guest readers
  - d. Guest author - Michelle Greenwood
2. Regional Spelling Bee
  - a. We were able to hold our spelling bee again this year (we didn't last year)
  - b. Macie Fowell and Faith Nemec were the winners and will compete at Westby tomorrow in the regional.
3. 1901 Move
  - a. All grades (except 4K) have moved into the 1901 building
  - b. We are still adjusting to the new routines in the new classrooms.
4. Jump Rope for Heart
  - a. This Thursday
5. Forward Testing
  - a. Testing window opened today
  - b. Grades 3, 4, 5
6. Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - a. Next week - Monday and Wednesday
  - b. We are planning on having them in person - the first time in two years!
7. Summer School
  - a. 3 weeks this summer
  - b. June 13 - July 1st

MS/HS Principal Camlek:

- Looks like we will have 25 students registered for trap this spring
- We graduated 15 students in our Hunter Safety class last week
- La Farge FFA CDE Livestock Team & Dairy Quality Teams have qualified for Regional CDE competition this Thursday at UW Platteville, if they place well there, they will move on to State Competition at the end of April.
- High school art department is submitting 15 pieces of art into the Ron Kind art contest.
- March 31st, the art department is inviting 6 different artists to demo and create a hands-on experience, for all art students. The artists will specialize in stained glass, photography, spoon carving, pysanky, pottery and watercolor. Students will be rotating between 3 different stations that day.
- Baseball has 11, Softball 13, Track 5
- ACT was March 9. Becky G helped kids prep

Superintendent Gustafson:

- Focus on next year- budgeting process ongoing.

Board Member Concerns:

Nemec: none

Parr: expressed excitement about construction progress.

Franks: none

Schlicht: none

Wirts: none

Nemec called for a motion to convene into closed session under §19.85(1)© to consider employment of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises control. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec called for a motion to return to open session. Motion and second by Parr/Franks.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Stacy Myers as HS baseball coach. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to adjourn. Motion and second by Parr/Franks.