

## **Organizational Board Meeting**

School District of La Farge

Monday, April 25, 2022

HS Library

**6:00 p.m.**

Present were Board Members Aaron Nemec, Chad Wirts, Holly Franks, Curt Parr, and Chad Wirts; School staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Mark Dubey, and Darlene Buhr; Media Representatives Lonnie Muller and Bonnie Sherman; and three students from AP US Government. Absent: Todd Camlek and Josh Hansen.

Nemec Called the Meeting to Order at 6:00pm.

Gustafson confirmed Official Notification of the Meeting.

Nemec administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Board Member Chad Wirts.

Nemec requested nominations for School Board President. Nemec nominated and seconded by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested nominations for School Board Vice President. Parr nominated and seconded by Wirts/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Nemec requested nominations for School Board Clerk. Franks nominated and seconded by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested nominations for School Board Treasurer. Wirts nominated and seconded by Parr/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to designate the depository as the Farmer's State Bank. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to designate the regular school board meeting schedule as the third Monday of each month at 6pm. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to designate the District's official news media as the Episcopo news. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to designate a CESA #4 Annual Meeting District Delegate/School Board Representative. Nemec nominated and seconded by Parr/Schlicht. Motion carried.

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

Regular School Board Meeting  
School District of La Farge  
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***Immediately Following Organizational Meeting***

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6:07.

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 Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

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

No citizen comments.

Discussion Agenda Item

Spotlight on Education: Library Plan

Librarian Darlene Buhr presented sections of the Long Range Library Plan. This plan will be approved by the Board at the May meeting

Information Agenda Items

Business Manager Mark Dubey presented Referendum Project Update

- i. Progress: brick work in elementary hallway, elevator addition, band addition; boiler decommissioned and being abated of asbestos in preparation for removal; electrical and data wiring building wide. Meeting weekly with Fowler & Hammer and HSR to stay on top of scheduling, as the rate of progress increases.
- ii. Financials: \$1.6 million paid so far; roughly a 33%. Contingency is tracking well - 25% spent at 65% project completion.

Dubey presented the 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget.

Dubey presented Findings of 2020-2021 Single Use Audit.

Action Agenda Items

Nemec requested a motion to approve a resolution to maintain the Vernon County Better Futures Cooperative Agreement. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the State CDE (Career Development Event) Trip to Madison. Mr. Fowell will be taking eight FFA students to Madison for one night. Motion and second by Franks/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to Approve Cooperative Agreement for Track with KASD. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the CESA 4 Contract for 2022-2023. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Staff Benefit Package. Motion and second by Parr/Schlicht. Motion carried.

- iii. Health Insurance
- iv. Dental Insurance
- v. Vision Insurance
- vi. Long Term Disability
- vii. Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance

#### Acknowledgement of Donations

Gustafson thanked the following donors for their donation to the School District of La Farge:

- a. \$500 Earl & Deb Nelson for Junior Class
- b. \$300 anonymous donation to FCCLA
- c. \$572 from OV for Giving Back Fund
- d. Bonita Dorscheid
- e. Kip and Kris Walker to scholarship fund

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

KVFS: Many onboarding events planned to help new families get acclimated to Forest School. Interviews scheduled for teachers and paraeducators. Looking forward to spring weather at KVFS and the learning and experiences associated. Leadership Team is looking forward to reviewing year end data.

#### Elementary Principal Hansen's Report:

- 1. End of the Year Field Trips
  - a. 4K/K/1 - Madison Zoo
  - b. 2nd/3rd - WI Dells Ducks and Mini-Golf
  - c. 4th/5th/6th - State Capitol, Veteran's Museum, Wisconsin Historical Museum
  - d. 5th - Mt. Olympus
- 2. Forward Testing
  - a. Finished up today.
  - b. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades
  - c. The lower grades made these students cards of encouragement and treats.
  - d. Everyone involved did a great job of helping the students do their best and take the testing seriously.
- 3. Upcoming Events
  - a. 5K Run/Walk - 5/13
  - b. Track and Field Day - 5/25
- 4. Summer School
  - a. June 13th - July 1st
  - b. Reading, Math, and enrichment classes
- 5. Playground Equipment

- a. We are looking at bids for a new jungle gym in addition to the one that's already there.

#### MS/HS Principal and AD Camlek's Report:

-Spanish Club will be participating in the Pulsera Project, a global outreach project selling colorful handmade woven bracelets ("pulseras") crafted by artists in Nicaragua and Guatemala. All proceeds will be sent directly back to these communities to benefit the artists and help support medical care and scholarships. There is no cost to us to host this sale. We are planning on hosting this sale the first two weeks in May.

- NHS had 57 participants at the Emergency Service 5K on Saturday, April 16th. We raised \$800 to be shared by Fire and EMS.

NHS did roadside clean up and collected 15 bags of garbage.

NHS banquet is this Sunday starting at 4 pm.

- The seven kids in AP US Government and Politics will take their exam on Monday, May 2. Wish them luck!

-Ashley Palmer has gotten the FCCLA program started with a bang. At the state competition, Grace Nemec scored well enough to qualify for Nationals in San Diego at the end of June.

-Monday was catch all day in the HS: Freshmen got their state testing done, sophs and juniors went to either Madison or LaX for campus visits and Seniors did their CPR certification.

-Community service day moved to this Friday. Painting curbs.

-Mrs. Fowell took MS honors band to Boscobel and Large group band to Westby on Wednesday

- I have seen wonderful gains in our intervention students working with Becky.

Wildcat Science Spotlight: Physical science investigated the relationship between distance and magnetic force. Chemistry students used their skills to figure out what happened in CSI: La Farge. The physics class made a wonderful video showing the physics of football.

#### Superintendent Gustafson's Report:

Ongoing work with Mission, Vision, Values, & Goals

Mission: Every Student, Every Day

Vision: Build college, career, and community readiness by ensuring high levels of learning for all. (referring to both the students and all of the adults in the District who serve them)

Values to achieve this vision: Clarity, Communication, Consistency, High Expectations, Accountability, and Empathy.

Looking forward, we will complete the process in May by answering the following question within each work group: "How must we behave to uphold these values?" This is the collective commitments part of this process.

#### Board Member Concerns:

Nemec: Remarked upon construction and it being nice to see students learning in the 1901

Parr: Appreciated AP Gov students for attending

Wirts: Kudos to Mr. Fowell for FFA Banquet

Schlicht: none

Franks: none; appreciated Mr. Fowell for FFA Banquet

Nemec requested 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. The Board reserves the right to reconvene into open session after closed to take action on any items listed as topics of closed session. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to reconvene into open session. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Special Education Paraeducator Emily Turner. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Karen Brandl as English Teacher. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to approve Summer School Contracts. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Compensation Proposal. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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