

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, August 15, 2022
Conference Room
6pm

Present were Board Members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, and Chad Wirts; School staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Josh Hansen, Todd Camlek, and Julia Buckingham; Community Member Kris Walker; and Media Representatives Bonnie Sherman and Lonnie Muller.

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

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 Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

No Citizen Comments. Nemec reviewed a citizen question from the July 2022 meeting about moving the Citizen Comments section to later in the agenda; and/or adding a section to later in the agenda. Upon review of Board policy in which it is stated "Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may comment during the public portion of a meeting," the Citizen Comments section will remain as is to allow for comment prior to the Action Agenda.

Discussion Agenda Item

- a. Spotlight on Education: Kickapoo Valley Forest School Annual Report

Julia Buckingham updated the Board on the KVFS' progress with performance measures

during the 2022-2023 school year.

Information Agenda Items

- a. Construction/Remodeling Update

Gustafson provided an update on the progress of the construction and remodeling.

Action Agenda Items

- a. Review of Safe Return to School Plan

Gustafson presented proposed changes to the Safe Return to School Plan and associated 2022-2023 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan, based on updated CDC guidance from August 11, 2022. Nemec requested a motion to approve the updated plans. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

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

Kickapoo Valley Forest School: nothing further

Elementary Principal Hansen:

1. Preparation for the school year
 - a. Driver's Education students helped carry furniture and other items from the 1901 building back to the elementary classrooms. These students helped out last Thursday and Friday.
 - b. Some teachers have begun reorganizing their things in the classrooms as they await their rooms being finished.
2. Professional Development
 - a. Explicit Instruction Training - Our leadership team met in June to get an overview of the implementation of this training. We will be meeting as a group again before the whole staff training begins.
 - b. Teachers will be learning about how to structure lessons to make them as efficient and effective as possible.
 - c. Explicit instruction is breaking down content into smaller pieces and teaching in a very sequential, step-by-step manner. This includes the approach of "I do, we do, you do."
3. Staffing/Scheduling
 - a. Schedule
 - i. We have prioritized our morning times for 90 minute ELA blocks. This will help us have a consistent ELA instructional time during prime student learning time.
 - ii. We've worked to have our specials later in the day.
 - iii. We are working on getting our schedule in place along with how we will use our staff.
 - b. Staffing
 - i. All elementary teachers are back for this school year.
 - ii. We will have some new paras.
 - iii. Deb Michaels will be full time - more math title support.
 - iv. Reading Corp Program - we have hired one tutor and are still looking for one more.
 1. Lauren Curtis and I will be meeting with representatives from the Reading Corp program tomorrow to talk about getting the program going in our school.

MS/HS Principal & AD Camlek:

-Fall sports have started: 20 VB, 6 CC, 7 FB

-ACT prep for juniors will begin earlier/more often

Superintendent Gustafson:

- a. Planning for Inservice Week
- b. Looking forward to working more closely with Stonehouse Counseling this upcoming school year.

Board Member Concerns:

Franks: none

Parr: Commended summer basketball program; asked about Community Service hours for help with construction/remodeling clean up.

Wirts: Suggested consideration of relocating weight room.

Nemec: Supported consideration of relocating weight room and asked about re-establishing an Honors Lounge.

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. 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/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Kim Dempsey as a paraeducator. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Amanda Murphy as a paraeducator/1 year limited term employee. Motion and second by Wirts/Parr. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Jesse Kahn as Kickapoo Valley Forest School teacher. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Xlmena Puig as long term substitute for Kickapoo Valley Forest School. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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