

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting  
School District of La Farge  
Monday, October 24, 2022  
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Immediately Following Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing

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

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6:11.

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 .Wirts/Schlicht. Motion carried.

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

No Citizen Comments.

Discussion Agenda Item

Spotlight on Education: Professional Learning Communities - High School

Camlek gave an overview of the PLC process happening in the Middle and High Schools.

Information Agenda Items

Open House November 2nd

Gustafson gave a preview of the Open House scheduled for November 2nd.

Action Agenda Items

Approval of Spring Early College Credits

Nemec requested a motion to approve six students taking early college courses in the spring 2023 semester. Motion and second by Franks/Schlicht . Motion carried.

Approval of 2022-2023 Final Budget

Nemec requested a motion to approve the 2022-2023 final budget. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Certification of the 2022-2023 Tax Levy

Nemec requested a motion to certify the 2022-2023 tax levy at \$1,366,402. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

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

Kickapoo Valley Forest School

Gustafson gave an update on the fall happenings at KVFS, including planning for a building project and charter school expansion to upper elementary.

Elementary Principal Hansen

1. Professional Development

- a. Explicit Instruction Training
    - i. The elementary teachers are moving into their 4th session this Thursday
    - ii. We have already started implementing things that we've learned - for example, increasing student opportunities to respond to increase engagement in the lesson.
  - b. EBD Rule Training
    - i. Our leadership team attended a two-day EBD rule training session at CESA 4.
    - ii. We learned about what a comprehensive school behavior program should look like.
    - iii. This training has already helped us be more intentional about how we determine student need and choosing behavior interventions.
  - c. Impactful Coaching
    - i. Todd and Josh attended this training session at CESA 4
    - ii. This was the first of a four part series on instructional coaching for teachers.
    - iii. This training will help us provide better feedback to teachers when observing to help them improve their teaching practices.
2. PLC's
  - a. Explicit Instruction
3. 4K-2nd Field Trip: Country Bumpkins
  - a. As part of our school goal of increasing family engagement, parents and teachers were able to spend time with each other at this event.
  - b. Along with this, students got to learn about animals, the Fall season, and more.
4. 5th Grade Performing Arts
  - a. We had our school competition last week.
  - b. Xan Robertson and Ryley Benson will be attending the regional event in Hillsboro tomorrow.
5. Fire Prevention Day - October 12
  - a. Our 4K-2nd grade students attended this event at the fire station
  - b. We greatly appreciate our local firefighters and EMT personnel putting on this event.
  - c. The students really enjoyed getting to go to the fire station.
6. School Safety/Evacuation Drill
  - a. During our inservice day, we had a school safety refresher.
  - b. This helped us to make sure we have a plan in place for school emergencies.
  - c. We also practiced an evacuation drill successfully on October 11th.
7. Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - a. These will be taking place Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, November 1st and 2nd
8. Elementary Basketball
  - a. We are working on getting this going for boys and girls in November.
  - b. Schedules will be sent home soon.
9. Elementary Literacy Night - Read for the Record
  - a. PK-3rd
  - b. Literacy activities, parent education, snacks, childcare provided.

#### MS/HS Principal & AD Camlek

- Sources of strength sponsored a mental health day on Friday, Oct. 14. Students had several 30-minute games and activities to choose from during the afternoon. It was much needed for all involved.
- Community service day was the same day. The village people took groups along the highway and plum run to collect trash
- Wildcat Science has been busy learning. Physical Science has been experimenting on the dentistry of solids, liquids, and gases. Life science did water testing. Biology learned how to use microscopes. We were all surprised when a tadpole hatched from the pond water. Human Biology learned how to do sketchnotes, which are a way of combining images and words to make their

notes more meaningful. They used their sketchnotes to make wonderful posters (which can be seen outside the science door.) Chemistry is celebrating Mole Day (a mole is a counting number used to count molecules.

- The MS/HS Fall concert is tomorrow at 7 pm. La Farge is hosting the regional honors band on Monday, November 14. Students from all over the area will be at La Farge that day from 9 am to 8 pm to work with guest directors and ending with a concert at 7 pm that evening.
- Ashley Palmer took the FCCLA officers to a leadership workshop at UW-Stout on the 18th and it went well. First time having a leadership event, in person, in three years.
- Veteran's Day on Nov. 11 @ 10 am.
- Still looking for a MS basketball coach
- Heidi R is part of a math teacher collaboration group at CESA once per quarter

#### Superintendent Gustafson

- Thanked Earl Nelson and the La Farge Truck Center for the District's use of a new driver's ed vehicle, a 2020 Ford Fusion.
- Thanked Hillsboro Equipment for a \$1000 donation to FFA.
- Acknowledgment of La Farge Police Chief Steve Palmer's support to students, staff, and the school
- Currently working with NEOLA for annual policy updates- to be shared at November meeting.
- Weight facilities committee meeting for first time tomorrow
- Construction update
- Awaiting notification about electric/propane bus grants

#### Board Member Concerns

Nemec: none

Parr: none

Schlicht: none

Wirts: none

Franks: none

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 return to Open Session. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Dan McCarren as KVFS teacher. Motion and second by Franks/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of the Special Education/Student Services Secretary Tammy Daines. Motion and second by Franks/Parr. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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