

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, December 19, 2022
Library
5:30 pm

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

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 with the addition of 9c. Approval of Ice Fishing Trip. Motion and second by Franks/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the consent agenda, after an explanation of some highlights by Dubey. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

No Citizen Comments.

Information Agenda

- a. FY 2022 Audit Findings were reported by Matthew Bomkamp of Johnson & Block.
- b. Gustafson and Dubey shared a final referendum project update.

Discussion Agenda Item

- a. Fowell showcased items created in the new FabLab and discussed curriculum options made available by new equipment and new spaces.

Action Agenda Items

- a. Nemec requested a motion to approve the FFA Senior Trip to Chicago. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.
- b. Nemec requested a motion to approve the FFA Halftime Trip to Stevens Point. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried.
- c. Nemec requested a motion to approve an overnight Ice Fishing trip with Wisconsin Ice Fishing Association (WIFA), location TBD. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

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

Kickapoo Valley Forest School

- Prairie Springs II was completed in late November, 1st grade class moved in November 27 and has been enjoying their new space.
- Fundraising for third and final building ongoing, with some contingency planning in case the goal is not met.
- Closure week before last due to outbreak of COVID, RSV, Flu, etc.

Elementary Principal Hansen

1. Professional Development
 - a. Explicit Instruction - We have finished up our last session with Anita Archer for explicit instruction training. Moving forward, we are going to continue to focus on what we have learned, implement it, and coach teachers on effective use of the strategies.
2. Reading Corp
 - a. Heidi Young, our reading corp tutor, has been meeting with students for reading interventions for about a month now. She meets with
3. Elementary Events
 - a. Fine Arts Night - Congratulations to Deb Michaels and Alison Benson on a very successful Elementary Fine Arts night. The entire event was run very well and there was a lot of family participation. The students did a great job showcasing their learning in music and art.
 - b. Holiday Movies/Fun Days
 - i. 4th and 5th took a field trip to to the Elroy Theater to watch a movie
 - ii. 4K-3rd will be watching a movie at school.
 - iii. All students will be participating in activities with Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Palmer, and Mr. Fowell.
 - c. Snowflake Store - This has again been a very successful venture for the elementary. Students love being able to shop for their families. It is a great tradition we have here at La Farge.
 - i. Thank you to Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Gehrke, and the HS student council members for coordinating the store.
 - ii. Thank you to all those who donated items to make this possible.
4. Elementary Basketball
 - a. Boys - have been practicing for about a month now. There are 26 boys participating in grades 2nd-5th.
 - b. Girls - have also been practicing for about a month. There are about 20 girls participating.

MS/HS Principal and AD Camlek

Superintendent Gustafson

Gustafson discussed calendar concerns due to inclement weather, staff appreciation events this week leading up to the break, and some information about the SAA's State Budget Priorities.

Board Member Concerns

Nemec: None

Parr: Enjoys presentations from staff

Franks: None

Wirts: None

Schlicht: 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.

Nemec requested a motion to return to Open Session. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts.

Nemec requested a motion to approve Maverick Deaver as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Amanda Murphy, 1 year limited term paraeducator. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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