

Organizational Board Meeting

School District of La Farge

Monday, April 24, 2023

HS Library

6:00 p.m.

Present were Board members Aaron Nemec, Chad Wirts, Holly Franks, and Ashley Schlicht and Curt Parr; School staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Josh Hansen, Patty Gabrielson, and Andrea Haugo; and Media Representative Lonnie Muller. Absent was School Board member Curt Parr.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Gustafson confirmed Official Notification of the Meeting.

Gabrielson gave the Oath of Office to members elected.

Nemec requested a nomination for School Board President. Nemec nominated and seconded by Wirts/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion for Vice President. Parr nominated and seconded by Schlicht/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a nomination for Clerk. Franks nominated and seconded by Wirts/Parr. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion for Treasurer. Wirts nominated and seconded by Parr/Franks. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion for Designation of Depositories as Farmers State Bank. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

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

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

Nemec requested a nomination for CESA #4 Annual Meeting District Delegate/School Board Representative. Parr/Franks

Nemec requested a motion to adjourn. Parr/Schlicht

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting
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Immediately Following Organizational Meeting

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gustafson confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Nemec requested approval of the agenda, with the addition of closed session item e: Resignation of Library Aide. Motion and second by Parr/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Nemec requested approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion and second by Wirts/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion Agenda Item

Spotlight on Education: High School Science Curriculum

Mrs. Andrea Haugo presented on the content of Wildcat Science courses:
Chemistry, Physics, Advanced Science, Human Biology, Life Science,
Physical Science

Information Agenda Items

Gustafson presented 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget

Action Agenda Items

Nemec requested a motion to approve the 66.0301 contract for the 2023-2024 school year for the Vernon County Better Futures Cooperative Agreement. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion for approval of the CESA 4 Contract for 2023-2024. Motion and second by Parr/Schlicht.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Staff Benefit Package. Motion and second by Schlicht/Franks. Motion carried.

- i. Health Insurance
- ii. Dental Insurance
- iii. Vision Insurance

- iv. Long Term Disability
- v. Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance

Acknowledgement of Donations

Gustafson thanked Roxie Mellem and Becky Stinson, and the Westby Rod & Gun Club for their \$1000 donation to the Giving Back fund, with proceeds from their Christmas for Kids event.

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

Kickapoo Valley Forest School

Elementary Principal Hansen:

4/24/23 Elementary Principal's Report

1. Special Presentation
 - a. Jesse Horn - Sports Stacking Champion
 - b. Speaker fee was donated by the Sousa family
2. End of Year Field Trips
 - a. 4th Grade Capitol Trip - May 5th
 - b. 4K-1 - Children's Museum - May 25th
 - c. 2-3 - Circus World - May 26th
 - d. 5th - Mt. Olympus - June 1st
3. Elementary Fine Arts Night - Thursday
4. Forward Testing
 - a. Effort Points - students were given points for each test for using the whole time, checking answers, respecting others, and using scratch paper.
5. Summer School
 - a. June 12-30
 - b. Swimming Lessons - last week of summer school.
6. Upcoming Events
 - a. 5K Run/Walk - May 12th
 - b. 4th Grade Heritage Fair
 - c. EMS Week - May 22nd
 - d. Track and Field Day - May 30th
 - e. Elementary Carnival - June 2nd
7. Summer Rec.
 - a. Sign up took place
 - b. We have a lot of kids participating.

MS/HS Principal and AD Camlek:

Congratulations to McKala Huebsch for taking 3rd place in the Van Orden Congressional Art Competition and Grace Nemec for earning an honorable mention. La Farge had 11 of the 25 entries and was represented well!

MS/HS Fine Arts is coming up May 15th.

May 5th we'll be taking 4 middle school students to the visual arts fest in De Soto.

May 17th the La Farge Art students will be taking part in the annual Creative Communities day at the KVR.

Thank you to our local Farmers State Bank and La Farge Truck Center for sponsoring the new scoreboard for the softball field. Today is the first game using the new scoreboard.

All seniors completed their CPR training on April 5 at the La Farge Emergency Services Building.

April 14: 7 middle school students went to Kids College at UW-L

April 15: Mrs. Fowell had 5 students attend a MS honors band event in Boscobel

April 18: Mr. Fowell took a dozen high school ids to Career Day in Onalaska

April 21: Community Service afternoon for the high school. Kids worked at school, in the village parks, and at the KVR.

April 22: A new event at LFSD - a talent show

Superintendent Gustafson:

Board Member Concerns- any topic brought up will not be acted upon until being placed on a subsequent agenda.

Nemec: Enjoyed seeing spaces in action, thanks to Alison and Becky - maybe every year?

Parr: A wonderful day at BYBM2S - struck by professionalism of teachers and engagement of studnets - personal finance with Ms. Lund - practical standpoint - Karen Brandl, a master at figuring out how to engage - cell phone device policy is too restrictive- Gamification and using phones in a constructive manner - never wants policies to get in the way of engaging learning

Franks: No concerns

Wirts: Enjoyed BYBM2S day; was most impressed with Manufacturing class

Schlicht: Bring Your Board Member to School Day was great, especially the dissection of a rat.

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 by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Nemec requested a motion to accept the Retirement of Speech-Language Pathologist, Shawna Ellingen. Motion and second Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to approve Preliminary Notification of Nonrenewal(s), and delegate authority to the District Administrator to deliver the notice to the teacher. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Nemec requested a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Compensation Proposal. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the retirement of Library Aide, Julie Miller. Motion and second by Franks/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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