

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, February 20, 2023
Library
5pm

Present were Board Members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Ashley Schlicht; School staff members Todd Camlek, Josh Hansen, Mark Dubey, Sara Keenan, Jenny Grainger, and Meaghan Gustafson; and media representative Lonnie Muller.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6pm.

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/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the consent agenda, after a presentation on financial reports by Dubey. Motion and second by Franks/Wirts.

Citizen Comments:

Muller asked about the total cost of the District's recent building project.

Discussion Agenda

Spotlight on Education: Jenny Grainger, 3K/4K Teacher & Sara Keenan, Elementary Special Education
Grainger and Keenan gave a presentation on the District's practices of early childhood screening and enrollment.

Information Agenda

2022-2023 First Semester Report for Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR)
Hansen presented achievement and growth for K - 3 reading and math for first semester.

Action Agenda

Nemec requested a motion to approve Athletic Cooperative Agreement language with Kickapoo Area Schools. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Honor Students for the Class of 2023. Motion and second by Wirts/Parr. Motion carried.

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

Elementary Principal Hansen:

1. Professional Development

- a. Math Unfinished Learning
- b. Explicit Instruction
 - i. SWIVL Training and rollout

2. 3rd Grade Invention Fair
 - a. Thursday, Feb. 16th.
 - b. Riley Nemec, Clara Young, and Chance Nordin were the three finalists.
 - c. They will travel to Kickapoo tomorrow to share their inventions with students from other schools.
3. School Spelling Bee - Friday, February 24th, 1 pm
 - a. 2 students from each grade will compete.
 - b. Top two students from our school will compete in the regional event in Westby next month.
4. Read Across America Week - next week
 - a. Theme is comedy books
 - b. Guest readers from the community will be reading to elementary classes
 - c. Students will be getting a treat from the library
 - d. The elementary also is planning on dress up days
5. Summer School - last three weeks in June
6. 3K/4K Screening
 - a. We screened 20 students for 3K/4K for here and the Forest School
 - b. Hearing, vision, speech, and developmental screening
 - c. La Farge Lions Club helped with vision.
 - d. Emily Oium - hearing
7. Elementary Wrestling - 12 students are participating
8. Lions Giving Back Program
 - a. All classes decided to donate to Amanda Nemec

MS/HS Principal & AD Camlek:

- Mrs. Palmer took kids to the Regional FCCLA Star event and Hallie Nemec, Gracie Nemec and Kyle Degner all moved onto state which will be held in the Dells in April.
- 100 books from Dollar General donated to the library
- Lions Giving Back program last week
- Blood drive 37 units for NHS
- Staff did CPR certification today during inservice
- STEAM event in Stevens Point for middle school boys last week and girls this week.
- The ACT is Tuesday, March 7
- MS/HS Conferences are Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm
- I will be attending a School Law Conference in the Dells this week
- School Spelling Bee is Friday for the finalists in grades 4 to 8
- HS boys basketball heads to Potosi for their playoff game next Tuesday
- HS girls play a home playoff game tomorrow vs. Southwestern

Kickapoo Valley Forest School

- Enrollment window is month of February, strong response to applications will necessitate a lottery
- Heart of Winter event was very successful
- Facilities talks ongoing

Superintendent Gustafson:

- Thanked Don Tincher and his family for donation of photo printer and supplies
- Discussed initial efforts at reunification planning with KASD

- Working with CESA team on Continuous School Improvement
- Reminded Board about Bring Your Board Member to School Day

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

Parr: None

Wirts: None

Schlicht: None

Franks: None

Nemec: Thanked student body and organizations, along with the Lions Club, for their support of Amanda Nemec and family

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.

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

Nemec requested a motion to hire Robert Johnson as a temporary employee through the end of the 2022-2023 school year. 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.