

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, July 17, 2023
HS Library
6:00

Present were School Board members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Ashley Schlicht; school staff members Meaghan Gustafson and Mike Fowell (via phone); and media representatives Lonnie Muller and Bonnie Sherman.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gustafson confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the agenda, with the tabling of Action Agenda Item b. (Bulk Milk and Prime Vendor contracts) to August. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried.

No Citizen Comments.

Information Agenda

Food Service Program Updates

Gustafson gave an update on the LFSD food service program: Success of the Community Eligibility Program, sustainability efforts, and new equipment.

Action Agenda Items

CESA 3 Contracts for Speech-Language and Education for Employment

Fowell explained the recommendation to purchase Education for Employment (E4E) curriculum and tools from CESA 3 to help provide opportunities for industry credentials for students in his Ag Mechanics course. Gustafson explained the CESA 3 contract for Speech-Language Services. Nemec requested a motion to approve contracts for both services from CESA 3. Motion and second by Parr/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Bulk Milk and Prime Vendor Contracts - tabled for August.

Handbook Amendments

Nemec requested a motion to approve amendments for the Employee Handbook and Student Handbooks. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried. Co-Curricular Handbook approval was tabled for August.

Academic Standards

Nemec requested a motion to approve 2023-2024 Academic Standards. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried.

Schedule Annual Meeting

Nemec requested to schedule the Annual Meeting, Budget Hearing, and regular October board meeting to Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6pm. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Acknowledgement of Donations

Gustafson thanked Joe & Carol Persons for their donation of instruments to the band program, and Organic Valley for their monetary donation to support the inflatables for the 4th of July.

Reports of the Kickapoo Valley Forest School, Principals, Athletic Director, and Superintendent Elementary Principal Hansen:

1. Summer School
 - a. We concluded our three weeks on June 30th
 - b. Swimming lessons took place the final week of summer school with about 60 students attending again this year.
2. WI Title 1 Inspired Learning Grant Award
 - a. Lauren Curtis attended the WI Title 1 conference and applied for this grant
 - b. "The money will be used to purchase high-quality non-fiction texts for the intermediate grades to use in their classrooms to support Vocabulary and Morphology instruction. Texts would include National Geographic Kids: Chapters series, National Geographic Kids Readers series, and a variety of science, sports, and history nonfiction texts from Scholastic. "
 - c. Congratulations to Lauren for continuing her education at this conference and receiving this grant to enhance our students' learning!
3. Preparation for next school year
 - a. Elementary Schedule
 - i. Biggest change of note - we have added a 30 minute per day math PIE time. This is a time when students can work on specific areas of need in math (prevention, intervention, enrichment). Mrs. Michaels, our math interventionist, will be using this also to work with students in math. These times are varied by grade to provide more availability of staff.
 - b. Conscious Discipline Training
 - i. We have purchased a site license for Conscious Discipline training.
 - ii. This approach to discipline helps teach the adults to take a step back and consider all the factors involved in a problem behavior and consciously choosing a strategic approach towards addressing the behavior and teaching expected behaviors.

Kickapoo Valley Forest School

Gustafson shared about the exceedingly positive outcome of DPI Monitoring for KVFS, along with work on a new facilities agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.

Superintendent Gustafson

Shared hiring updates and information regarding FY2023 financial audit prep.

Board Member Concerns

Schlicht: none

Parr: shared information along with Gustafson about a joint committee of KVFS and KRMB studying feasibility and sustainability of a KVFS relocation to a different part of the KVR.

Franks: none

Nemec: none

Wirts: 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/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 Nichole Benson and Macey Wood as Middle School Volleyball coaches. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Julie Miller as a part-time library aide. Motion and second by Parr/Schlicht. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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