

Regular School Board Meeting  
School District of La Farge  
Monday, March 15, 2021  
6:00 pm  
HS Library

Present were Board members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Ashley Schlicht; School staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, Josh Hansen, and Mark Dubey; Media representatives Lonnie Muller and Bonnie Sherman, and guest Dr. Shawn Sedgwick.

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 change of moving the Discussion Agenda to take place after Citizen Comments.

Motion and second by Franks/Parr.

Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion and second by Parr/Wirts.

Motion carried.

No citizen comments.

#### Discussion Agenda

Gustafson thanked Dr. Sedgwick for his ten years of service on the Board of Education and presented him with a plaque.

#### Action Agenda Items

Nemec requested a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar.

Motion and second by Wirts/Franks.

Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve Neola Policy Updates 30.1.

Motion and second by Wirts/Franks.

Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the bid of for replacing the cooler/freezer combination.

Motion and second by Parr/Wirts.

Nemec requested a motion to approve a member of the class of 2022 taking up to two Start College Now courses in the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion and second by Franks/Schlicht.

Motion carried.

#### Information Agenda

Gustafson and Nemec updated the Board on progress from Referendum design and financing.

## Acknowledgement of Donations

Gustafson thanked the Zzip Stop for a \$500 donation to the Scholarship Fund.

## Reports of the Principals, Athletic Director, and Superintendent

### Elementary Principal Hansen:

1. Special Events
  - a. Dr. Seuss Week
  - b. 5K, Track and Field Day
  - c. End-of-year field trips
  - d. End of the Year Carnival
2. Forward Testing
  - a. Testing window opens 3/22/21
  - b. Grades 3-5 will be tested
  - c. The test is shorter this year than previous years
3. Students
  - a. As of 3/22/21, we will be down to 3 virtual students in the elementary school.
4. 2021-22 Plans
  - a. We are planning on splitting up the 3rd graders into two classes.
5. Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - a. Will take place virtually Monday and Wednesday of next week.
6. Summer Rec
  - a. The league meeting will take place on 3/24/21
  - b. I anticipate that this summer will be pretty much back to a normal schedule.
7. Curriculum
  - a. 4th Quarter- we will be working on identifying and unpacking our essential math standards.
  - b. We went through this process with our ELA standards last summer.

### MS/HS Principal Camlek:

- Prom: May 8. 9-12 grade La Farge students only. Original venue had to cancel. Looking at Rustic Ridge Resort (Hillsboro area) and Phoenix (RC) Country Reflections (Sparta) Guidance from Board on the venue
- Graduation: Tentative plan: Hold it on the scheduled day (May 21) and offer 4-6 tickets per graduate.? Band can play? We'll figure out spacing of graduated, spectators and band as it gets closer.
- There are 17 students in drama, including two virtual students. The play is "The Internet is Distract--OH LOOK A KITTEN!" by Ian McWethy. In-person performances are scheduled on Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18. Tickets will be issued for entrance. The play will be recorded, and we have been given permission to show it once on our local TV station - the time for that hasn't been determined yet.
- All forensics entries advanced to District competition, which is also virtual. There are 16 students competing in 7 entries. Videos will be submitted Tuesday and we will know the results next week of which entries advance to state competition.
- Softball apparel is on sale - the link is on the school website and facebook page. Orders are due by March 26.

### Superintendent Gustafson:

- Continuous Improvement Team is working with CESA team. We are digging into data to determine achievement gaps between student groups and compare achievement to growth. We spent three hours together this afternoon and are looking forward to further progress.

- One year ago today we were making plans to close school. Went back and read some notes from the time- remain impressed with our staff, students, family, and community for weathering this storm. We are not through it yet but are making it through together.
- Review of CARES, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and American Rescue Plan Act and expected Federal COVID relief funding coming to Wisconsin schools.

Board Member Concerns:

Nemec: Officially welcome Ashley Schlicht!

Parr: none

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 Wirts/Parr.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to return to Open Session.

Motion and second by Franks/Wirts.

Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Michelle Greenwood, 3K/4K teacher.

Motion and second by Parr/Wirts.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Elementary Special Education teacher Dalton Yocum. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Joseph Zant as 4th grade teacher.

Motion and second by Parr/Wirts.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Tamara Wirts as 3rd Grade AGR teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion and second by Franks/Parr.

Motion carried by roll call vote (Wirts abstaining)

Nemec requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion and second by Franks/Wirts.

Motion carried.