

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, June 21, 2021
HS Library
6pm

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

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, noting a change: addition of Closed Session item e. "Hire of AGR Paraeducator." Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried.

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

No citizen comments.

Nemec requested a motion to approve 2021-2022 staff handbook changes. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried.

Gustafson discussed considerations for the 2021-2022 school year including Sources of Strength, Reflective Supervision, pilot for Elevating Success, and COVID-19 mitigation plans.

Hansen discussed the 2020-2021 AGR Second Semester Report regarding math and reading growth for Kindergarten - 3rd grade students.

Hansen discussed the 2020-2021 District Seclusion/Restraint Report.

Gustafson discussed the Referendum update.

Gustafson acknowledged the \$4000 donation from Organic Valley for the FabLab.

Elementary Principal Hansen:

1. Elementary Carnival
 - a. This event was a big success and a great way to end a challenging year.
 - b. Students enjoyed bouncy houses, snow cones, popcorn, games and prizes, and dunking Mr. Yocum and Mr. Hansen.

- c. I wanted to thank everyone who helped out with this event, especially Bonnie Sherman for her donation of prizes and games and coordinating other donations.
- 2. Summer School
 - a. Participation - 63 students PK-6
 - b. Reading - RISE Intervention
 - c. Math - Do the Math Intervention
 - d. Enrichment Classes - afternoon
 - e. Swimming Lessons - we will be having these in August as normal.
- 3. Curriculum Updates
 - a. Social Studies - a group of elementary and middle teachers met with me and a representative from CESA 4 to work on our social studies vision, scope and sequence, and materials in May and June.
 - i. **Social Studies Vision for La Farge -K-8 students in La Farge will be inspired with curiosity and engagement, prepared to be engaged, productive global citizens, have social awareness, empathy, and actively fight for the good in the world. To do this, students will...**
 - 1. **Actively inquire and pose questions to guide understanding.**
 - 2. **Engage with different types of resources, forming conclusions and determining reliability.**
 - 3. **Understand point of view and how to discuss issues constructively.**
 - 4. **Understand cause and effect and how culture is shaped by the past.**
 - 5. **Engage in civic activities.**
 - ii. **La Farge staff are dedicated to fostering these skills in our students through our inquiry-based social studies curriculum.**
- 4. Professional development
 - a. I am currently working on my Director of Curriculum and Instruction license through Viterbo.
 - b. Our 4th grade teacher, Joe Zant, and our elementary special education teacher, Corina Greenland will be participating in a co-teaching class at CESA in July.

MS/HS Principal Camlek:

- MS/HS Concert was held on May 25- a very moving performance led by Karen Fowell
- 8th Grade Promotion was held at Lions Shelter on last day of school- very well attended by parents and well planned by school staff
- Last day of school activities for MS/HS students were well attended by engaged students and staff
- LFSD will host four legion games at Calhoun Park
- LFSD working with Brett Franks on improving our ball field lighting and access to drinking water
- Camlek participating in an active shooter training in Richland County
- School Improvement Team working together on July 14 to analyze state testing data

Superintendent Gustafson:

State budget is still in flux, causing significant concern across the state.

Board Member Concerns:

Nemec: June 2 CESA annual meeting - Nemec re-elected as member of the Board of Directors

Parr: None

Franks: No concerns, lots of feedback about the elementary carnival, commended staff for well done graduation ceremony

Nemec requested a motion to convene into closed session under state statute 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. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to reconvene into open session. Motion and second by. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Tara Von Ruden. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Alexis Wilson as 5K teacher. Motion and second by. Motion carried by roll call vote Parr/Franks.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Brenna Smedema as 1st grade teacher. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Amanda Fonk, 3rd grade teacher. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Dan Heitman as AGR Paraeducator for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried.