

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, October 18, 2021
HS Library
Immediately following Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting

Present were Board members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Ashley Schlicht; School staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Josh Hansen, Todd Camlek, Mark Dubey, Patty Gabrielson, and Andrea Haugo; School Nurse Emily Oium and guest Lisa Anderson of Gunderson - St. Joe's; Electors Chris Parker, Kim Hanson, Lonnie Muller, Barb Sarnowski, Stacey Allen; Guests Tim Ruppert and Brad Simonson of HSR; and Media Representative Bonnie Sherman.

Parr called the meeting to order at 6:16.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gustafson confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

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

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

Citizen Comments:

Kim Hanson spoke about concerns about students missing school due to contact tracing.

Andrea Haugo spoke in favor of adoption of a metric for when masking might be required at school.

Action Agenda:

Gustafson presented a comparison chart over the past five years showing several factors affecting the overall school budget. Dubey had just previously shared a detailed budget summary.

Parr requested a motion to approve the final budget. Motion and second by Franks/Chad. Motion carried.

Parr requested a motion for resolution to certify the tax levy at \$1,257,593. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried.

Parr requested a motion to approve Early College Credit Program participation. Motion and second by Franks/Wirts. Motion carried.

Gustafson discussed proposed changes to the District's COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. Wirts made a motion to table this action item, pending further review of contact tracing practices. Nemec seconded the motion. Motion carried with Parr voting against and Schlicht abstaining.

Tim Ruppert and Brad Simonson of HSR presented the results of the construction bids, announcing Fowler & Hammer as the apparent low bidder. Parr requested a motion to approve their bid stipulating future discussions regarding scope and cost adjustments. Motion and second by Wirts/Nemec. Motion carried.

Information Agenda:

Ruppert continued with an update on the referendum project. Asbestos abatement to begin on October 20.

Acknowledgement of Donations:

Gustafson announced a donation of \$2500 for the Fab Lab from the Lions Club.

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

AD and MS/HS Principal Camlek:

-Cross Country conference champions. Girls 4 and boys 2.

-Football closes out on Friday vs. W-C/W @ Kickapoo

-High school drama has started. There are 17 students involved, and their play is "Willa Wonkie and the College Tour (Chocolate Not Included)" by E.S. Follen. Performances will be Friday, November 12 at 7:00 pm; Saturday, November 13 at 1:00 pm; and Saturday, November 13 at 7:00 pm.

-Started a new FCCLA chapter. Stands for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (Used to be FHA). We have 14 new members!

-Successful caramel apple sales during homecoming for FCCLA raising about \$250 with all of the apples donated from J&R Orchards.

-Applied for and received a beef grant from the National Beef Council for fall semester.

-Veteran's Day Program will be on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 10 am. Still in need of a speaker.

Elementary Principal Hansen:

1. K-2 Field Trip to Country Bumpkins - September 30th
 - a. The students and families had a lot of fun on this field trip.
2. Fire Safety Day - October 6th
 - a. Members of the La Farge Fire Department came into school and spoke to PK-2nd grade about fire safety. The students were very interested and appreciative.
3. Evacuation Drill
 - a. We had our annual evacuation drill.
 - b. Students walk with their teachers down to the church. We explained the scenarios when we would need to evacuate the school.
4. Groundbreaking Ceremony
 - a. Elementary students participated in the school groundbreaking ceremony.
5. Homecoming Week
 - a. Elementary had great participation with dress up days and coloring contest.
6. Inservice
 - a. Mission/Vision/Values/Goals
 - b. SLO/PPG
7. Performing Arts Fair
 - a. 5th graders
 - b. School competition is tomorrow.
 - c. Regional event is next Tuesday, October 26th virtually.
8. Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - a. November 1st and 3rd, 4 pm - 7 pm by appointment.
9. Counseling Services
 - a. We now have a few more students enrolled in the counseling services offered through Stonehouse Counseling here at school on Wednesdays.

Superintendent Gustafson:

Discussed strategic planning work happening at LFSD and KVFS.

Board Member Concerns:

Nemec: Thanked Lions Club and thanked Parr for facilitating meetings.

Franks: Appreciated homecoming events.

Schlicht: Thanked Lions Club for generous donation.

Wirts: Thanked Lions Club, congratulated Cross Country teams on strong season.

Parr: Congratulated Cross Country teams, looks forward to Fab Lab.

Parr 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/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

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