

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, November 15, 2021

Present were Board members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Ashley Schlicht; District staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, Josh Hansen, and Patty Gabrielson, Mark Dubey and Julia Buckingham; Community member Kim Walker; and Media Representative Lonnie Muller.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6:22pm (after the ESSER III Stakeholder Input Session).

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/Wirts. Motion carried.

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

No Citizen Comments.

Action Agenda:

Nemec requested a motion to reschedule the regular December Board meeting to Wednesday, December 15 at 6pm. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to nominate Nemec as Delegate and Schlicht as Alternate to the WASB Delegate Assembly. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda:

Hansen gave a report on Elementary academic growth and achievement and some of the initiatives that Elementary staff are undertaking in order to improve student outcomes.

Information Agenda:

Gustafson gave an update on the Referendum construction project.

Acknowledgement of Donations:

Gustafson thanked Paul Cochrane of Family Prescription Center in Richland Center for his \$200 donation to the Giving Back Fund for winter gear.

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

Julia Buckingham, Kickapoo Valley Forest School

Buckingham gave an update about KVFS, including student highlights and the strategic plan including short-term facilities needs and long-term growth, considering expansion into upper elementary.

Elementary Principal Hansen

1. Americorps Reading Program
 - a. 2 full time tutors meeting individually with students all day
 - b. This program has had a lot of success in MN and is now being expanded to WI
 - c. We are one of the first schools in our area to take part in this program.
2. Sylvan Tutoring Program
 - a. Individualized after-school tutoring in Reading and/or Math.
 - b. 3:1 student to teacher ratio
 - c. Offered to students in the 10th-50th percentile
 - d. 40 hours - 1 grade level increase
3. Holiday Concert - December 2nd
 - a. Art and Music
4. PLC's
 - a. Leadership Lab
5. State Capitol Trip
 - a. 4th-6th Grade

MS/HS Principal Camlek

- Veteran's Day Program - thank you to Alison Benson for organizing the development of the virtual program
- Honors Band today in Viroqua
- Fall Concert held on Friday, October 12
- Drama Performance scheduled for this weekend

Superintendent Gustafson

State report cards to be released tomorrow- Board presentation on those planned for December meeting.

- COVID numbers are down in the building
- This week is American Education Week- intended to highlight the work of public educators in all roles within a school system- BoE and public are encouraged to reach out to staff with acknowledgement, ask questions, get involved
- Viroqua Area Rotary Club providing donuts for LFSD staff due to American Education Week.

Board Member Concerns:

Nemec: none

Parr: Praised 6-12 concert and honors band.

Wirts: none

Franks: none

Schlicht: none - pleased to talk about academic outcomes.

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. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to return to open session. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Hugo Santiago as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach.
Motion and second by Parr/Wirts.
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to increase the daily substitute rate to \$150 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion and second by Franks/Schlicht. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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