

Regular School Board Meeting  
School District of La Farge  
Monday, January 17, 2022  
HS Library  
6pm

Present were Board Members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Ashley Schlicht; School staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, Josh Hansen, Mark Dubey, Patty Gabrielson, and Amy Lund; Media Representative Lonnie Muller; and community member Kris Walker.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gustafson confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Nemec called for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 8.f.; Approval of Hockey Cooperative. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec called for a motion to approve the consent agenda after Dubey explained a new budget to actuals report. Motion and second by Franks/Schlicht. Motion carried.

No citizen comments.

Information Agenda:

- a. Referendum Update: Dubey gave an update on the referendum project.

Action Agenda Items:

- a. Nemec called for a motion to approve the academic calendar for 2022-2023. Motion and second by Franks/Parr. Motion carried.
- b. Nemec called for a motion to adopt the ten year facilities plan as drafted. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Nemec called for a motion to approve a resolution to authorize Fund 46. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried.
- c. Nemec called for a motion to have no restrictions on open-enrolled regular education seats, but close special education seats due to case load factor size, with the stipulation be that any open enrollment applications for closed categories be put on a waiting list. Motion and second by Franks/Parr. Motion carried.
- d. Nemec called for a motion to approve the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Amendment, reducing isolation/quarantine times. Motion and second by Franks/Parr. Motion carried.
- e. Nemec called for a motion to renew the Cooperative Agreement for Cross-Country with Kickapoo Area School District. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried.
- f. Nemec called for a motion to approve a Cooperative Agreement for hockey with Viroqua Area Schools. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda:

- a. Spotlight on Education: Lund shared about Advanced Placement courses offered at La Farge High School.

#### Acknowledgement of Donations:

Gustafson thanked Sue Kraus, Rockton Bar, Friends of VMH, Jackie Getter with Operation Warm, the Lawton Memorial Library, and a donation made in the name of Kent Steinmetz for their generosity and support.

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

##### a. Kickapoo Valley Forest School

- i. Seeing resilience in our students with the recent cold weather. The children enjoyed the weather. They started one day indoors and made it outside successfully for 3.5 hours that day. The sun was shining and the students enjoyed exploring the ice and snow.
- ii. Shifted our schedule to do academic work inside in the afternoons. The students are settling into the routines of self-selected work.
- iii. Julia and Ximena presented about the interdisciplinary subjects that emerge from outdoor play at a conference at UW-L
- iv. News media was a lot of work, but we are excited to share our love for this type of education and the work that our school, and La Farge is doing.
- v. Enrollment begins Feb. 1
- vi. Seeing a lot of interested families for the 4K students coming in

##### b. Elementary Principal Hansen

- i. Move to the 1901 building
  1. Staggered move by grade levels before spring break
  2. All grades except 4K will fit upstairs.
- ii. 3K/4K Screening
  1. February 10th
  2. Vision, Hearing, Speech, and Developmental
- iii. Americorp Reading Tutors
  1. Met with them again last week - we will have one full time position (7 hours) and one part time (5 hours) available.
  2. Serve 30 students, K-3
  3. One on one tutoring in reading
  4. Letter of intent will be signed early February - then the process of hiring the tutors will begin
- iv. Elementary Basketball
  1. Strong participation - we already have a few playdays in - we weren't able to do any last year.
- v. PLC Meetings
  1. Schoolwide goal: Improve ELA Scores
  2. Collaboration around student data and teaching practices
  3. We will now have 1 hour per week to focus on this
- vi. Educlimber Training - today
  1. Student data system - puts all student data in one place so it is more usable
  2. We are learning all of the many features of this program
- vii. New Students

1. New 4K and new 2nd grader

c. MS/HS Principal and AD Camlek

- i. Acknowledgement of professional development among middle/high school staff
- ii. Mrs. Walleser taking middle school group to Girls STEM event
- iii. MS Drama has begun with Ms. Grainger
- iv. MS Girls Basketball has begun with Coach Hansen
- v. Forensics is under way with Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Walleser

d. Superintendent Gustafson

- i. Continuous school improvement work continues, focus on celebrating academic achievement and growth

Board Member Concerns:

Nemec: Expressed pride in KVFS and recent media attention

Parr: None

Wirts: None

Franks: 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 Franks/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Nemec requested a motion to revise the contract of Elementary Special Education Teacher Cori Greenland. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Rebekah Gehrke as Interventionist. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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