

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, February 21, 2022
HS Library
6pm

Present were Board Members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr (virtually), Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Ashley Schlicht; School Staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, Josh Hansen, Ashley Palmer, and Jesse Jackson and Mark Dubey (virtually); and Media Representative Lonnie Muller.

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. Motion and second by Wirts/Schlicht. Motion carried.

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

No Citizen Comments.

Information Agenda:

- Gustafson gave a Referendum Project Update.
- Hansen gave the Achievement Gap Reduction Report for the first semester of this year. For all but one performance objective in K - 3 reading and math, data shows "on-track" performance.

Action Agenda:

- Nemec called for a motion to approve the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Honor Students for the Class of 2022. Motion and second Franks/Parr. Motion carried.
- Palmer discussed the new FCCLA Program and the trip to the state competition. Nemec requested a motion to approve the overnight trip to Wisconsin Dells April 4 - 6. Motion and second by Schlicht/Wirts. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda Item:

- Jackson gave a presentation entitled *Teaching to ALL- Special Education in 2022*.

Acknowledgement of Donations:

- Gustafson thanked the Lions Club for their generous donation from the 11th Annual Giving Back program.

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

Kickapoo Valley Forest School

- Gustafson gave an update on the 2022-2023 application process.
- First grade curriculum is currently being planned and written.
- Looking ahead to spring and some family/community events.

Elementary Principal Hansen:

1. Child Development/Screening Day was held recently - vision, hearing, speech, and developmental screenings were provided to incoming 3K and 4K students.

2. Lions Club Giving Back Program - all elementary students chose to donate to improving/adding to playground.
3. 1901 Move
 - a. 4th/5th Grade will be moving to their new rooms in the 1901 building this Friday
 - b. 2nd/3rd will move on 3/4
 - c. 4K/K/1 will move on 3/11
 - d. Field trips have been arranged at the KVR for these moving days so teachers can get everything in their new rooms organized.
4. Read Across America Week
 - a. February 28 - March 4th
 - b. Michelle Greenwood will be visiting as a guest author
 - c. Guest readers will be reading to elementary classes
 - d. Students will be getting cupcakes from the library.
5. Spring Fine Arts Night
 - a. March 10th
 - b. There will be an elementary art show and music concert.
6. Elementary Wrestling
 - a. We currently have 13 students signed up from grades K-5th

MS/HS Principal/AD Camlek

- FFA/FCCLA sponsored a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser for a local family experiencing a cancer diagnosis
- Girls Basketball is hosting Shullsburg tomorrow in a regional game- congratulated the team and Coach Benson
- Boys Basketball will be traveling to Southwestern
- Middle School took a trip to KVR as a "Cabin Fever Day" last week
- Middle School drama performances are March 4 & 5
- Mr. Fowell started an ice fishing team and have had a few tournament events
- Entire Forensics team advanced to District level - scheduled for March 12th

Superintendent Gustafson

- Teacher Inservice was scheduled today - focus was progress on school improvement goals.
 - Meetings about:
 - Increasing academic rigor and further development of common grading practices at the high school level
 - Developing an integrated process for teaching academic and pro-social behaviors at all levels
 - Next steps taken on redefining our mission and vision- what every student every day means in terms of ensuring high levels of learning for all, building college, career, and community readiness, and pursuing excellence, change, and innovation.
 - Calendar and schedule to add in additional student intervention and teacher collaboration times

Board Member Concerns:

Nemec: None

Parr: Question about capacity of KVFS student slots

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 Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to return to Open Session. Motion and second by Wirts/Schlicht.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Joe Zant as Middle School Track Coach. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Alec Fieck, HS English Teacher. Motion and second by Franks/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

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