

**School District of La Farge  
School Board Minutes  
May 20, 2019**

Board members present were: Nemec, Parr, Franks, Sedgwick, and Wirts. Also in attendance were Shawn Donovan, Meaghan Gustafson, and Lonnie Muller.

The school board meeting was called to order by Nemec at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

**Citizen Comments:** None.

**Information Agenda:**

Donovan and Gustafson discussed proposal prepared by School Perceptions to survey community about support for a potential school referendum to support building updates and improvements.

A Facilities Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 at 5:15.

Gustafson informed the Board that the district's application for a second round of 21st Century Learning Center funding had not been granted. Results of a survey of families of current enrollees of CLC was shared. The district will continue to work with community partners on the development of after-school programming for next year.

**Action Agenda:**

Nemec requested a motion to approve authorized administrators to either deny or approve open enrollment applications to either attend or leave the district per DPI guidelines. The Board had set a limit in January. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Parr. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve a renewal of WIAA membership for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the second reading of the Paid Time Off (PTO) policy. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Franks. Motion carried.

**Reports from Principals:**

**Elementary Principal: Meaghan Gustafson**

We have partnered with Bridging Brighter Smiles to provide low- or no-cost dental care to students next year- they will visit three times per year for cleaning, fluoride, varnish, referrals, etc.

Staff Appreciation Week was well received.

Pops concert next Tuesday at 6:30.

9 staff members participated in focus groups with researchers from RERIC, relationship will continue.

La Farge was accepted into the Trauma Sensitive Schools Initiative  
Technical assistance in relationship to trauma-sensitive schools includes providing access to current knowledge in the field and discussion about that knowledge, resources to implement trauma-sensitive schools principles and practices, support when teams or school districts/schools hit barriers in the implementation process, methods for collection of data to identify needed shifts in practice, areas of concern and successes.

**MS/HS Principal: Todd Camlek**

School Board and community members are invited to The La Farge Wellness Committee meeting on Thursday, May 30th at 3:45 pm in the MS/HS Library. Anyone interested in being involved with the Wellness Committee is invited to attend!

As of now the meeting will cover the following topics: a review of the current Wellness Policy, an update of the school garden, a review and discussion of bake sales and vending machine laws, and a discussion of new health and wellness initiatives for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you are unable to attend but have input about any of the above information or are interested in helping with future wellness initiatives, feel free to reach out to Whitney Beckstrand.

The Thai exchange students 3-week visit was a huge success. Mrs. Paulson did a great job of coordinating the event and organizing host families for the students.

The athletic banquet was a huge success. All tables and chairs were full and more were needed to be set up. Thanks to the Booster Club for organizing.

Other major events included the Community Service day in the village, Cultural Night to see the Thai students off, Senior Awards night, the NHS Blood Drive, and Mr. Fowell's students scored well at the state CDE competition, with 1 team missing Nationals by just a few point.

The La Farge Clinic staff will be setting up shop at school on Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 pm to provide sports physicals to La Farge and any other students from surrounding communities for the low, low cost of \$30.

Make sure you take a tour around the Art Show this evening

### **Report of Superintendent:**

Donovan discussed where the Wisconsin state legislature is at with passage of a budget.

### **Board Concerns:**

Nemec discussed the WASB Workshop he recently attended at CESA 4.

Nemec requested a motion to convene into closed session. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Parr. Roll call vote Nemec – aye, Franks–aye, Parr – aye, Sedgwick –aye, Wirts – aye. Motion passed

Nemec requested a motion to go into open session. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Sara Keenan as Elementary Special Education/SAGE teacher. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to contract with Speech Rules! (Kris Heineck) for speech and language pathology services for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the hire of Luke Liles as custodian. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried. Roll call vote Nemec – aye, Franks–aye, Parr – aye, Sedgwick –aye, Wirts – aye.

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