

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, July 15, 2019
6:00 pm
High School Library

In attendance were Board members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Shawn Sedgwick, Superintendent Meaghan Gustafson, Principals Todd Camlek and Josh Hansen, Facilities Manager John Madden, and reporter Lonnie Muller.

The meeting was called to order by Nemec at 6p, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gustafson confirmed proper postings in compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the consent agenda (Approval of previous minutes, approval of bills for payment, and approval of the July budget report). Motion and second by Sedgwick/Wirts. Motion carried.

No citizen comments were voiced.

Discussion Agenda:

Gustafson reviewed the services NEOLA can provide the the District- Board policy design and updates. The Board indicated interest in hearing from a NEOLA representative at the August meeting.

Gustafson reviewed notes from the most recent facility meeting, and the news of another major water leak this week. Solicitation of bids will be distributed this week, and bids will be opened at a special Facilities Committee meeting on Monday, July 29 at 6pm.

Gustafson discussed a timeline sent to the District as a proposal by School Perceptions, a Wisconsin company that assists school districts in community engagement projects. This proposal will be further discussed at the Monday, July 29 meeting.

Action Agenda Items:

Gustafson, Camlek, and Hansen reviewed updates to the student/parent, co-curricular, safety procedure, and employee handbooks.

Nemec requested a motion to approve handbook revisions based on alignment with Board policy. Motion and second by Parr/Sedgwick. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the adoption of academic standards for the 2019-2020 school year:

Wisconsin State Standards for Mathematics (Common Core)

Wisconsin State Standards for English Language Arts (Common Core)

Wisconsin Standards for Science

Wisconsin Standards for Social Studies

Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Gustafson discussed progress toward operation of a district-run after school program and Board members reviewed funding scenarios. Nemec requested a motion to approve the operation of a district-run program pending funding. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Parr. Motion carried.

Information Agenda:

Gustafson revealed that the Kickapoo La Farge Mental Health Consortium grant had been funded at nearly \$75,000 for two years. The grant will increase access to mental health services and expand capacity of students, staff, families, and community members by promoting mental health literacy and knowledge about prevention and intervention.

Reports of the Principals and Superintendent:

Elementary Principal's Report: Hansen discussed the advent of a 6-day schedule in the elementary, summer curriculum work being undertaken by elementary teachers, summer school updates and attendance, and that he will be attending a number of trainings before the start of school. Hansen also discussed a proposed professional development opportunity for teachers to become Google Certified Educators.

MS/HS Principal's Report: Camlek discussed the benefits of having the Legion baseball tournament having been held at La Farge the past weekend.

Camlek presented about the Educator Effectiveness model, which is used as evaluation and professional development tool for teachers.

Board Member Concerns:

Franks- Thanked the school for supporting the Legion's baseball tournament the past weekend, shared about a potential lighting update project for Calhoun Park, and inquired about the football coach position.

Nemec- Appreciated the great condition of the school grounds for the recent 4th of July celebration, expressed pride regarding the Legion ball tournament, and, on behalf of the school, wished former student, teacher, and Board President Barb Sarnowski a speedy recovery.

Nemec requested a motion to convene into closed session. Motion and second by Parr/Sedgwick.

Roll Call Vote: Franks: Aye, Parr: Aye, Sedgwick: Aye, Wirts: Aye, Nemec: Aye. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to convene into open session. Motion and second by Parr/Sedgwick.

Roll Call Vote: Franks: Aye, Parr: Aye, Sedgwick: Aye, Wirts: Aye, Nemec: Aye. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the hire of Tom Howard as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Roll Call Vote: Franks: Aye, Parr: Aye, Sedgwick: Aye, Wirts: Aye, Nemec: Aye. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to adjourn. Motion and second by Wirts/Parr. Roll Call Vote: Franks: Aye, Parr: Aye, Sedgwick: Aye, Wirts: Aye, Nemec: Aye. Motion carried.