

Regular School Board Meeting  
School District of La Farge  
Monday, October 21st, 2019  
District Conference Room

In attendance were Board members Curt Parr, Chad Wirts, Holly Franks, Shawn Sedgwick, and Aaron Nemec; School employees Todd Camlek and Josh Hansen; Media representative Lonne Muller; Robin Hosemann of the KVR; and Alicia Leinberger of Ethos Green Power. Superintendent Gustafson absent due to medical reasons.

The meeting was called to order by Nemec and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Nemec confirmed proper postings in compliance with Open Meeting Law.

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

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

No citizen comments.

Discussion Agenda:

- KVR Forest Kindergarten Partnership - Robin Hosemann, KVR. Hosemann spoke of research into developing a Forest School Model at the KVR.. A steering committee of 9 members has been formed and is continuing to work toward a potential Fall 2020 opening.
- Solar Project - A potential investor has been identified. To secure grants, it would need to be an action agenda item next month. Investors have other opportunities so they would like to know how the school board feels about it. A public meeting for comments and concerns will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 6pm.
- Facilities Committee Update - Several projects underway. A plow will be purchased for the tractor to be used for snow removal this season.

Action Agenda:

- NEOLA - Nemec requested a motion to approve moving forward with NEOLA to assist in updating school board policies. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Parr. Motion carried.
- Update to Teacher Compensation Plan - Nemec requested a motion to accept the update outlining revisions and additions to the professional development framework. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried..
- Update to HSA Contribution Policy for 9-month employees - Nemec requested a motion to approve additional language concerning pro-rated HSA contributions for school year employees. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Parr. Motion carried.
- Approval of Early College Credits - Nemec requested a motion to approve two high school students' participation in early college credit program. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Parr. Motion carried.
- Certification of the 2019-2020 Tax Levy - Nemec requested a motion to approve the 2019-2020 tax levy at with a mill rate of **\$9.88** down from \$10.46 last year. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.
- Approval of the 2019-2020 Final Budget - Nemec requested a motion to approve the final 2019-2020 district budget. Motion and second by Parr/Sedgwick. Motion carried.

## Reports of the Principals

### MS/HS Principal Camlek:

- Veteran's Day Ceremony planning underway
- Thank you to Organic Valley employees for their generous donation toward our backpack program
- FFA Officers going to Indianapolis for national convention.
- Fire training at school tonight - part of DOJ grant.
- Soft lockdown drill last week and will be doing a barricade drill during the first week of November.
- KLF Cross Country girls are conference champs and boys are third.

### Elementary Principal Hansen:

- 5th Grade Performing Arts heading to competition on Tuesday, Oct 22
- Hansen recently attended the Elementary Principal Conference
- Elementary Service Day at KVR planning in the works
- Madison Symphony Orchestra Fall Youth Concert - grades 4-6, November 12th.

### Board Member Concerns:

- Franks - High school will be going 8 man and middle school will continue to be 11 man football.
- Sedgwick - Dept. of Ag. And consumer protection at the state level have people who can do presentations about scams - possibly do this through our business education classes.

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

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

Nemec requested a motion to convene into open session. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Wirts. Roll Call Vote: Franks: Aye. Parr: Aye. Wirts: Aye. Sedgewick: Aye. Nemec: Aye. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Shelly Astle as Elementary Special Education Paraeducator. Motion and second by Franks/Wirts Roll Call Vote: Franks: Aye. Parr: Aye. Wirts: Aye. Sedgwick: Aye. Nemec: Aye. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Peggy Kohl as Elementary Instructional Aide.. Motion and second by Parr/Sedgwick. Roll Call Vote: Franks: Aye. Parr: Aye. Wirts: Aye. Sedgewick: Aye. Nemec: Aye. Motion carried.

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