

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, February 17, 2020
6:00 pm
District Conference Room

In attendance were School Board members Aaron Nemec, Dr. Shawn Sedgwick, Holly Franks, and Chad Wirts; School staff Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, and Josh Hansen; and media representative Lonnie Muller.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gustafson confirmed compliance with open meeting law.

Gustafson announced one change to the agenda- tabling Achievement Gap Reduction Report to the March meeting.

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

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

Citizen Comments: None

Action Agenda:

Nemec requested a motion to approve sections 0000 Bylaws and 9000 Relations. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Franks. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve a pay increase for Varsity athletic workers starting in the 2020-2021 school year. Motion and second by Wirts/Sedgwick. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar. Motion and second by Wirts/Sedgwick. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the Valedictorian (Reece Franke), Salutatorian (Grace Widner), and Honor Students (Maverick Nelson, Makenzie Teague, McKinsey Biermann, Christopher Burkhammer, Reed Franke, Abby Wood, Conrad Lombard, and Thomas Wallace). Motion and second by Sedgwick/Wirts. Motion carried.

Elementary Principal's Report

1. Early Childhood Screening Day
 - a. Thursday, February 6th
 - b. This included hearing, vision, speech, and academic screening.
 - c. 14 4K (18 total for next school year)
 - d. 12 3K (12 signed up so far for next year)
 - e. Students were screened for vision through middle school
 - f. Hearing was screened through 4th grade and will be doing 5th grade this week.
2. Professional Development
 - a. Trauma-Sensitive Schools Statewide Meeting - January 29th
 - b. Early Childhood Inclusion - January 31st
 - c. PBIS Training #2 - February 4th
 - i. Seven staff members attended this training in Altoona.
 - ii. We learned about teaching behavior expectations and acknowledging positive behavior.
 - d. Reading and Writing Workshop
 - i. Classroom Observations - January 22nd
 - ii. Curriculum Work - February 17th
3. District Spelling Bee
 - a. Will be taking place Friday, February 21st at 2:15 pm in the '36 Gym.
 - b. 2 winners will compete in Westby on March 5th
4. 3rd Grade Invention Fair
 - a. Class Event - February 18th
 - b. Winners will be going to show their inventions at De Soto on February 25th.
5. 4th/5th Grade Battle of the Books
 - a. The competition will be on March 3rd at Warrens.
 - b. We will be sending 2 teams this year of 4th and 5th graders.

MS/HS Principal's Report

- Forensics: Everyone was able to move on to the Districts on March 21. Ms. Lund and Sra. Paulson did a great job of hosting.
- Senior FFA trip to Chicago was a success.
- Giving Back program saw a lot of support from school and community.
- MS girls went to a program at Stevens Point promoting girls going into the sciences.
- MS / HS staff all certified in CPR today.
- Blood Drive coming up on Thursday
- School spelling bee on Friday

-5 HS students going to a Farm Forum in Wis. Rapids on Friday w Mr. Fowell

-MS/HS Conferences are a week from Wednesday from 4:30 to 7:00

-ACT is the first week in March

-Hunter Safety is the first week in March as well.

Superintendent's Report

Gustafson recognized staff and students for pulling together to raise \$5000 for the FaithStrong/Giving Back event.

\$700,000 DPI Charter Schools Subgrant will be submitted this week. Decisions will be communicated in May.

A third round Focus Group regarding the La Farge Schools Facilities Study will be held on Wednesday, February 26 at 6pm, and will also include a presentation about potential funding of such a project.

Board Member Concerns

Franks, Wirts, and Nemec complimented staff after having visited during Bring Your Board Member to School Days earlier this month.

Sedgwick: no concerns.

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

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

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