

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, January 20, 2020
6:00 pm
District Conference Room

In attendance were School Board members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Dr. Shawn Sedgwick, Holly Franks, and Chad Wirts; School staff Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, and Josh Hansen, and Mark Dubey; Tim Ruppert, Brad Simonson, and Jake Berens from HSR Associates; and media representatives Lonnie Muller and Bonnie Sherman.

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- addition of Resignation of Assistant Volleyball Coach in Closed Session.

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

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

Citizen Comments: None

Information Agenda

Facilities Study Report: Tim Ruppert, Brad Simonson, and Jake Berens from HSR Associates discussed findings from the engineering audit and facilities study. A second community input meeting will be held soon.

Athletic Updates: Todd Camlek confirmed that the 8-man football team will still be a cooperative team with Kickapoo. Camlek is in the process of renewing the cooperative agreement with Youth Initiative, and has begun the groundwork to potentially develop a coop with Viroqua for hockey in the next few years.

Looking ahead for baseball, projected numbers for upcoming students interested in playing baseball may not be enough to field a La Farge team. The District may need to look for alternative opportunities. There is a deadline of June 1, 2020 to apply for participating in a coop baseball team with Kickapoo for Spring 2021.

Discussion Agenda

Fund 80: Mark Dubey shared information about the potential establishment of a Community Service Fund which could support community enrichment activities.

Policy Drafting: The Board discussed how to move forward with the drafting and approval of District policies. Gustafson will follow up with a timeline.

Action Agenda:

Resolution re Forest School: Gustafson read aloud a resolution supporting the development and opening of Kickapoo Valley Forest School. Nemec requested a motion to approve the resolution. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

Determination of Open Enrollment Spaces for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Gustafson gave a recommendation to the Board regarding the determination of open enrollment spaces for the 2020-2021 school year. Nemec requested a motion to not put restrictions on regular education seats, but close special education seats due to caseload factor size, with the stipulation that any open enrollment applications for closed categories be placed on a waiting list. Motion and second by Parr/Sedgwick. Motion carried.

Reports of the Principals and Superintendent:

Elementary Principal Hansen:

1. PBIS - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
 - a. Next training day - February 4th
 - b. Majors vs. Minors determinations - working on consistency across all grade levels in the school.
 - i. Major - principal managed
 - ii. Minor - teacher managed
2. New Students - within the last month or so...
 - a. 2 new students in 5th grade
 - b. 1 new student in 2nd grade
 - c. 1 new in 4th grade
 - d. 1 new in 1st grade
3. 5th Grade Math Knowledge Competition at Sparta
 - a. We took 4 students and 1 alternate - Cienna Orton, Macie Fowell, Ada Duell, Genesie Sousa, and Tempy Strait.
 - b. Macie got 12/20 right on the individual - missed 3rd place by a ½ point.
4. Professional Development
 - a. Our elementary goal is to improve reading achievement
 - b. We have Jennifer Rasmussen from CESA 4 coming in on Wednesday to observe reading lessons.

- c. She will be supporting teachers by working with them in their own chosen areas to improve.
 - d. She will be back on February 17th - in the afternoon for more PD
- 5. Elementary Sports
 - a. Basketball
 - i. Girls - 19 girls participating from 2nd - 5th grade
 - ii. Boys - 15-20 students, 2nd -5th grade
- 6. Family Night - January 6th
 - a. Over 100 people attended.
 - b. We are looking at hosting another on in February
- 7. Trauma-Sensitive Schools Training
 - a. Part of our mental health grant
 - b. Susan Townsley (Therapist) - met with us today to work on strategies to better serve students who have experienced trauma.
 - c. PBIS Team will serve as the leadership team for trauma-sensitive practices.
- 8. ELC
 - a. January 29 - Winter Theme Activities
 - b. February 19th - February Fun Theme
 - c. March 25th - Career Fair
- 9. 3K/4K Screening/Registration Day
 - a. February 6th
 - b. Vision, Hearing, Speech, Academic
- 10. Looking Ahead
 - a. Attending the TSS statewide meeting on January 29th
 - b. Inclusion in early childhood workshop - January 31st
 - c. PBIS Training #2 - February 4th

MS/HS Principal Camlek:

- Holiday concert was well-received and well-attended by all - kudos to Mrs. Michaels and Mrs. Fowell
- Middle School Drama auditions are this week. The performances of Fairy Tale Misfits will be March 20 at 7pm and March 21 at 3:30 and 7:00pm.
- Juniors going to court on February 5 as a makeup for missing Youth Government Day in the fall due to a conflict.
- Mrs. Fowell took 3 students to UW-Oshkosh to Honors Band event
- Mr. Fowell is taking 7 FFA students participating in speaking competition in Westby this week
- The La Farge Lions Club is again sponsoring the Giving Back from the Heart project, in which each grade at La Farge Schools is given \$100 to donate to any cause they choose. The program associated with this project will be held on Friday, February 14 at 10am.

- 15 portraits of students from Nigeria that our students created are shipping out this week through the Memory Project.
- Students in elementary through high school participated in a global artist trading card swap. Students created a piece of art on a 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inch card that will be sent to a teacher in Minnesota, who will then disperse the cards all over the world to participating schools. We are sending over 100 artist trading cards out and hope to receive others back next month.

Superintendent Gustafson:

KVR Winterfest Event with Charlie Berens at La Farge School went very smoothly- thank you to the KVR, Village of La Farge, and school staff and students for working together to pull off a great event.

Bring Your Board Member to School Day is back by Board member request. Board members will be visiting school during the week of February 3-7.

Board Member Concerns:

Franks: Recognized staff for planning fun events for staff and students week before holiday break. Questioned how cooperative agreements for athletic teams interact with separate school policies.

Parr: None

Sedgwick: None

Wirts: None

Nemec: Charlie Berens performance was seamless- thanks to staff and students.

Shared Board member opportunities- School Law Conference is scheduled for Thursday, February 20.

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

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

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Megan Dittner as Assistant Volleyball Coach. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Franks. Roll Call Vote: Franks: Aye. Parr: Aye. Wirts: Aye. Sedgwick: Aye. Nemec: Aye. Motion carried.

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

