

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, July 20, 2020
6:00 pm
HS Library

Present were Board Members Aaron Nemec, Chad Wirts, and Holly Franks; School staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, Josh Hansen, and John Madden; Media Representative Lonnie Muller; Brad Simonson and Tim Ruppert from HSR, Associates. Attending virtually were Board Members Curt Parr and School staff member Mark Dubey; Media Representative Bonnie Sherman; and Kevin Mullen from Baird. Absent was Board Clerk Shawn Sedgwick.

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 Athletic Worker Pay to the Action Agenda.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried.

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

Lonnie Muller asked if local banks have been contacted regarding the bond issue. Kevin Mullen from Baird responded that if the referendum passes and the project is ready to be financed, local banking institutions will be included.

Action Agenda:

Nemec requested a motion to approve an Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,500,000. Motion and second by Wirts/Parr. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve a Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,500,000. Motion and second by Franks/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to adopt the following Academic Standards for the 2020-2021 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/Franks. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to schedule the Annual Meeting for October 19, 2020 at 6pm.
Motion and second by Franks/Wirts. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the purchase of a Kubota diesel lawnmower to replace one that has fallen into disrepair. Motion and second by Nemec/Wirts. Motion carried.

Camlek discussed athletic worker pay scenarios. Nemec requested a motion to approve increases to athletic worker pay. Motion and second by Wirts/Parr. Motion carried.

Information Agenda:

Gustafson, Camlek, and Hansen presented a draft of the Responsible Reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Camlek gave an update regarding the uncertainties of athletic seasons this fall and beyond.

Reports of the Principals and Superintendent:

Elementary Principal Hansen:

MS/HS Principal Camlek:

Superintendent Gustafson:

- Work on the the planning of the Kickapoo Valley Forest School is ongoing. Three interviews for Lead Teacher were held today with an additional one scheduled for Friday.
 - Working on building a Governance Board to write policies and bylaws and oversee operations.
 - Planning committee is attending virtual conference next week.
- Graduation is planned for July 31 in the gym. Spoke about finalized plans with Vernon County Health Department today.
- Reminder about special Board Meeting on August 3 to approve handbook revisions- several changes due to COVID-19 situations will be necessary for the staff handbook and student handbooks.
- Acknowledge collaboration of staff, families, and community in helping adjust to new circumstances and plans- truly a group effort and we are stronger together. Transparency and keeping everyone informed is truly our priority as we move closer to the start of the school year, and we encourage anyone to continue to reach out with questions, comments, concerns, and ideas.

Board Member Concerns

Parr: Wondered about adjustments to handbooks based on LFS' response to the pandemic and related reopening plans, specifically regarding attendance. Also brought up was the proposal of a discussion item about how long Board meetings should be held virtually.

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. Motion and second Wirts/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

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