

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

Present at the meeting were Board members Aaron Nemec; School Administrators Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, and Josh Hansen; Wellness Coordinator/HS English Teacher Whitney Beckstrand; and media representative Lonnie Muller.

Present virtually were Board members Curt Parr, Shawn Sedgwick, Chad Wirts, and Holly Franks; School Business Manager Mark Dubey; and media representative Bonnie Sherman.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gustafson confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

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

No citizen comments.

Action Agenda:

Nemec requested a motion to adopt a resolution indicating that the Bylaws and Policies of the La Farge Board of Education are hereby adopted and that all bylaws and policies heretofore adopted by the La Farge Board of Education are hereby rescinded. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Franks. Motion carried.

Whitney Beckstrand, Wellness Coordinator, presented to the Board regarding results of a review of the Wellness Policy and updates made. Nemec requested a motion to approve updates to the Wellness Policy. Motion and second by Wirts/Sedgwick. Motion carried.

Gustafson presented to the Board amendments to the technology acceptable use agreement. Nemec requested a motion to adopt the updated tech agreement. Motion and second by Franks/Sedgwick. Motion carried.

Dubey presented to the Board details of a Short Term Disability benefit for staff members. Nemec requested a motion to approve the addition of this benefit for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion and second by Parr/Sedgwick. Motion carried.

Information Agenda:

Gustafson shared, with gratitude, recent donations to La Farge Schools

- Anonymous \$500 to 4K Classroom
- Dell UMC donation to elementary school for school supplies
- Family of Don Adams donation for elementary school supplies

Dubey presented a preliminary budget report for the 2020-2021 school year.

Camlek presented an update on planning for the fall athletics season.

Reports of the Principals and Superintendent

Elementary Principal Hansen:

1. Adolescent Mental Health Training
 - a. Today and tomorrow.
2. Scheduling/Planning
 - a. We will be doing our screener assessment as soon as possible at the beginning of the school year.
 - b. We have built-in a half-hour intervention time for each grade every day to address any learning gaps.
3. Sensory Path Mural
 - a. Sarah Pederson of Lucid Painting is working on finishing the mural this week.
 - b. This mural is really well done and brightens up the breezeway.

MS/HS Principal Camlek:

Superintendent Gustafson:

- Shared organizational chart detailing people involved in development of Kickapoo Valley Forest School.
- Online registration will be live shortly after meeting.
- Still seeking school nursing services through collaboration with local health agencies.

Board Member Concerns:

- Sedgwick noted an anomaly on the agenda.
- Wirts reiterated his support for the short term disability benefit.
- Parr, none
- Franks, none
- Nemec, none

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. 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 hire Julia Buckingham as Kickapoo Valley Forest School Lead Teacher. Motion and second by Sedgwick/Parr. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Emily Turner as Elementary Special Education Paraeducator. Motion and second by Parr/Sedgwick. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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