

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting  
School District of La Farge  
Monday, August 21, 2023  
HS Library  
6:00

Present were Board Members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Ashley Schlicht; School staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Shawn Donovan, Todd Camlek, and Josh Hansen; and Media Representatives Lonnie Muller and Bonnie Sherman.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6pm.

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 . Motion carried.

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

Citizen Comments.

Information Agenda Item

- a. Spotlight on Education: Continuous Improvement Plan  
Gustafson presented the District's Continuous Improvement Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.
- b. Preliminary Budget  
Donovan presented the preliminary budget for the 2024 Fiscal Year.

2. Action Agenda Items

- a. Bulk Milk, Local Beef, and Prime Vendor Contracts - Food Service  
Nemec requested a motion to approve Prairie Farms as milk vendor, and Billings Creek Angus as local beef vendor. Prime Vendor unresponsive. Motion and second by Wirts/Schlicht. Motion carried.
- b. Co-Curricular Handbook Amendments  
Camlek presented proposed Co-Curricular Handbook amendments, tabled from July 2023. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.
- c. KVFS Facilities Agreement with KVR  
Gustafson presented changes to the 2023-2024 Facilities Agreement with Kickapoo Valley Reserve for KVFS use. Nemec requested a motion to approve the agreement. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.
- d. School Psychologist Agreement with Seneca School District  
Nemec requested a motion to approve the School Psychologist shared staffing agreement with Seneca Area School District. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried.
- e. Spanish Teacher Agreement with Kickapoo School District  
Nemec requested a motion to approve the Spanish Teacher shared staffing agreement with Kickapoo Area School District. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

3. Acknowledgement of Donations

Gustafson thanked Don Tinch for his donation of a banjo for the music department and a funds for the art department; Organic Valley for their donation of athletic equipment for the physical education department; and Cheri Sandmire for her donation of school supplies.

4. Reports of the Kickapoo Valley Forest School, Principals, Athletic Director, and Superintendent KVFS:

- Three ad hoc committee meetings have occurred; committee is studying potential relocation solutions
- Mobile office delivered today
- Inservice planning and playgroups scheduled

Superintendent Gustafson:

- Inservice planning - mix of work time, school level meetings, celebrations, etc
- Back to School Open House 4 - 6 on Wednesday, August 30
- Applied for a grant for an electric bus through EPA Clean School Bus Program
- Working with committee from village, businesses, and interested community members on researching options after receipt of child care grant
- Through continuous improvement work, the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools were acknowledged by the Rtl Center and the DPI

Elementary Principal Hansen:

- Professional Development
  1. EMLSS Conference
  2. Explicit Instruction - we will continue with our explicit instruction learning this school year utilizing our SWIVL camera to watch lessons. We will also continue to review our teaching practices and learn how to use the elements of this approach.
  3. Writing Instruction - The Writing Revolution
  4. Tier 2 Interventions
  5. Conscious Discipline Training
- Staffing/Scheduling
  - Schedule
    - a. Math PIE - Prevention, Intervention, Enrichment - we have added a half hour daily of Math PIE time to our schedule to address specific students' needs in math. This is in addition to our ELA PIE time.
    - b. Priorities
      - i. Lower grades have most of their academics in the mornings.
      - ii. Small group times are staggered so we can utilize our staff more efficiently.
- Staffing
  - All elementary teachers are back again for this school year.
  - Our new special education para will be Bob Johnson.
  - We will be starting the year with some para subs to determine if we need to hire the position.
  - Reading Corp Program - Heidi Young will be back this year full-time instead of part-time. This will allow her to do reading interventions with more students.

- New Reading Law
  - The reading law that was passed in our state recently will have certain requirements for the teaching of reading at the elementary level.
  - The changes that are suggested line up with what we already do in our elementary school using the science of reading. Vocabulary x decoding = comprehension.

MS/HS Principal & AD Camlek

- Prepping for inservice next week.
- HS FB has 6 boys out. First game is Friday @ Kickapoo
- HS VB has 17 girls out.
- CC has 5 MS kids and 5 HS kids out. Meet for tomorrow is cancelled due to heat.
- MS FB and VB started today.
- We are going to try and do a fall trap league this year.

5. Board Member Concerns- any topic brought up will not be acted upon until being placed on a subsequent agenda
  - a. Parr: encouraged board members to reach out if there are any questions or considerations they would like him to bring to the KVFS ad hoc committee.
  - b. Nemec: praised the rock wall that had recently been power washed; questioned replacement cycle for technology devices.
  - c. Franks: none
  - d. Schlicht: None
  - e. Wirts: 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/Franks. Motion carried.

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

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Dave Frank as assistant baseball coach. Motion and second by Parr/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Jeremy Fuller as assistant baseball coach. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the resignation of Kim Dempsey as special education paraeducator. Motion and second by Franks/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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