

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, October 23, 2023
HS Library

Present were Board Members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Ashley Schlicht; School staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, Josh Hansen, & Alison Benson; Students Aydan Dorris and Gage Conley; and Media Representative Lonnie Muller.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6:16pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gustafson confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the agenda with amendments (removal of Discussion Item 7a and removal of Closed Session item b). Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.

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

No Citizen Comments.

Information Agenda Item

- a. Spotlight on Education: Benson gave a presentation on the 4K - 12 art program at La Farge Schools.

Action Agenda Items

- a. Nemec requested a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Final Budget, as presented. Motion and second by Wirts/Parr. Motion carried.
- b. Nemec requested a motion to certify the 2023-2024 tax levy at \$1,366,402. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried.
- c. Nemec requested a motion to approve Neola Policy Revisions 32(2). Motion and second by Schlicht/Wirts. Motion carried.

Acknowledgement of Donations

Gustafson thanked Organic Valley, Harmony Valley, Kwik Trip, Green Bay Packers, La Crosse Children's Museum, Toro, and One Eyed Cat Crafts for their sponsorship of a recent KVFS fundraiser.

Reports of the Kickapoo Valley Forest School, Principals, Athletic Director, and Superintendent

Elementary Principal Hansen:

- 1. Professional Development
 - a. Writing Revolution book study
 - b. Social Studies Essential Standards
- 2. Performing Arts Fair

- a. We had our school competition last week.
 - b. JJ Hansen and Apollo Rose will be attending the regional event in Hillsboro tomorrow.
- 3. Parent-Teacher Conferences - November 7th and 8th (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- 4. Fire Prevention Day - October 10th, 2023
 - a. Our 4K-2nd grade students attended this event at the fire station
 - b. We greatly appreciate our local firefighters and EMT personnel putting on this event.
 - c. The students really enjoyed getting to go to the fire station.
- 5. Field Trips
 - a. 4K-1 - Country Bumpkins
 - b. 2nd/3rd - House on the Rock
- 6. Elementary Basketball
 - a. Girls started practice this evening.
 - b. Boys will be starting soon.

MS/HS Principal & AD Camlek

-Lights: Village (Wayne, Brett), Go Macro (Jeff W), Viking Electric, Dark Sky (?), Steve and Justin G...Quote?

-Mr. Fowell's Tech Ed kids had their first round of Certifications through our NC3 Certification program with CESA 3 and we had 6 out of 6 students successfully complete the Snap on Multimeter Certification program.

-NHS member Kyle Degner hosted a La Farge Safety Day Event on Saturday, September 30 to go over bike safety with kids in the community. We had 11 kids from the community attend the event with 6 receiving new bike helmets. Along with the NHS members, La Farge EMS, La Farge Fire, and the Broken Spoke were on site with safety tips.

-NHS hosted our second blood drive of the school year on October 2nd and the drive collected 35 units. Each unit collected during the blood drive helps earn Red Cross Scholarships for our NHS seniors. Next drive is December 8th.

-Trap team finished up their fall league finishing 1st in the conference!

-Community Service was on Friday: 9th grade to KVR, grades 10-12 to village shop, fire station, library, and a few repainted the Wildcat baseball sign.

Kickapoo Valley Forest School

Community survey regarding expansion went out - details to be shared at Sustainability/Development Committee this week.

Ad hoc committee regarding relocation still meeting regularly - this week agenda to focus on KVFS/KVR relationship/lease agreement.

First Annual Harvest Moon Soup Supper & Square Dance was held on Saturday, October 21 and had a great turnout. KVFS appreciates support from community.

Superintendent Gustafson

Speak Up Speak Out Wisconsin being rolled out to students, staff, and families. SUSO is a platform wherein anyone can make an anonymous report regarding school or student safety that immediately gets reported to administrators.

Library committee is convening tomorrow, scope of which is to study library programming and staffing ahead of upcoming and recent retirements.

Some recent discussion with Kickapoo regarding joint board meetings.

Board Member Concerns:

Nemec: None

Parr: Praised XC program and season

Franks: None

Wirts: None

Schlicht: 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.

Nemec requested a motion to return to Open Session. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts.

Nemec requested a motion to accept the retirement of Lori Phillips, with appreciation of her years of service. Motion and second by Schlicht/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Macey Strait as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach. Motion and second by Wirts/Franks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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