

Regular School Board Meeting  
School District of La Farge  
Monday, January 15, 2024  
HS Library  
6:00 pm

Present were Board members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Chad Wirts, Ashley Schlicht, and Holly Franks (via phone); LFSD staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, and Robin Hosemann; and KVFS representatives Jonel Kiesau, Jen Oium, and Anne Marie Fryer.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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 Wirts/Schlicht. Motion carried.

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

No Citizen Comments.

Information Agenda Item

Spotlight on Education: School Safety Plan

Gustafson and Camlek reported on the School Safety requirements for the Department of Justice/Office of School Safety and recent review findings.

Action Agenda Items

Based on Gustafson's recommendation, Nemec requested a motion to set 2024-2025 Open Enrollment Spaces: No restrictions on open-enrolled regular education seats; close special education seats due to established student/staffing ratios with the stipulation that any open enrollment applications for closed categories be put on a waiting list pending caseload review. Motion and second by Wirts/Parr. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to review the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar. Motion and second by Parr/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to reschedule the regular April meeting to Monday, April 22, 2024. Motion and second by Wirts/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Acknowledgement of Donations

Gustafson thanked the Lions Club for their recent contribution to the Band for

their Nashville trip in March.

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

### Kickapoo Valley Forest School

Kiesau discussed enrollment period preparation.

Gustafson/Parr went over a progress report of the ad hoc committee formed in June 2023 tasked with studying potential relocation of the KVFS campus to a site adjacent to Corps Road on the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

### 6-12 Principal & AD Camlek

- Drama practice has begun! There are 22 students involved, and our play is "Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen" by Craig Sodaro. The performances will be March 8 and 9
- Mrs. Fowell is taking 2 students to UW-Whitewater for an honors band event. She is also taking 12 middle school students to an honors choir event at Kickapoo next Tuesday
- Mr. Fowell's senior trip to Chicago is next Saturday. 7 FFA students will be going
- Mrs. Walleser organized trips to STEAM events at UW-Stevens Point. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> is the boy's event and Feb. 9 is the girls
- End of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester is on Friday
- February 12 is sub-district for forensics at Westby
- February 13, Mrs. Brandl will be taking high school kids to the Battle of the Books competition at Richland Center High School
- On February 14, we will host the annual Lions Club Giving Back from the Heart program. Each grade is given \$200 to donate to a cause of their choice

### La Farge Elementary (prepared by Principal Josh Hansen; read by Gustafson)

1. Elementary Basketball
  - a. We have good participation again this year.
    - i. Boys - 27 - grades 2-5
    - ii. Girls - 14 - grades 2-5
2. 3K/4K Screening - February 2nd
  - a. Play-based format this year.
  - b. Students will be assessed in developmental milestones, speech, vision, and hearing.
3. Professional development
  - a. Explicit Instruction
    - i. Our next collaboration time with other schools will be February 7th after school.
  - b. Continuing with The Writing Revolution (finish by March)

- i. Focuses on teaching writing in the context of student learning (writing about what they learned) and mastering sentences before moving to longer writing. Our upper grades are currently working on teaching how to create single paragraph outlines.
  - ii. This method fits with our explicit instruction approach because writing sentences and paragraphs are explicitly taught in a sequential manner.
- c. Impactful Coaching - Lauren Curtis is taking part in this training.
- 4. 5th Grade Math Knowledge Competition
  - a. Braxton Schlicht, JJ Hansen, Apollo Rose, and Ryan Degner participated in this competition in Sparta on Thursday of last week.
  - b. There was an individual test portion and a team test portion.
  - c. On the team test, our students got 4.5 right out of 16, earning them a tie for 4th place. The top team got 8 right of 16 questions. There were 13 teams total.

Superintendent Gustafson

Planning for staffing 2024-2025 with declining class sizes.

Congratulated Susan Egge for being awarded the 2023 School Breakfast Expansion Grant.

#### Board Member Concerns

Parr: in discussion with Gustafson regarding how to provide athletes with resources they need to find success in fitness goals. Next steps pending.

Franks: none

Wirts: none

Nemec: 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/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Nemec requested a motion to hire Lucas Nordin as HS Softball Coach. Motion and second by Parr/Wirts. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Nemec requested a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Superintendent Evaluation. 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.