

Regular School Board Meeting
School District of La Farge
Monday, February 19, 2024
HS Library
5:00 pm

Present were Board members Aaron Nemec, Curt Parr, Holly Franks, Chad Wirts, and Ashley Schlicht; School staff members Meaghan Gustafson, Todd Camlek, Josh Hansen, and Amy Lund; student Emma Palmer; media representative Bonnie Sherman; and community member Austin Polnow.

Nemec called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

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/Franks. Motion carried.

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

No Citizen Comments.

Information Agenda

- a. Spotlight on Education: Personal Finance
Amy Lundh presented on the history and curriculum of the Personal Finance course, a requirement for graduation.
- b. State Senate Scholar Experience: Emma Duell, 12th Grade
Senior Emma Duell shared about her experience as a member of the 2024 State Senate Scholar Experience.
- c. 1st Semester AGR Report
Elementary Principal Josh Hansen presented the AGR report, detailing growth in reading and math for K - 3rd grade students.

2. Action Agenda Items

- a. Nemec requested a motion to approve Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Honor Students for the Class of 2024, as below.

Valedictorian: Hayden Fowell

Salutatorian: Kirsten Wood

Honor Students (alphabetically): Aaron Camlek, Gage Conley, Kyle Degner, Emma Duell, Gavin Lee, Ashlee Miller, Grace Nemec, Selena Parr, Emily Potter, & Kindale Williams.

Motion and second by Wirts/Parr. Motion carried.

- b. Nemec requested approval for the Overnight Field Trip to Wisconsin Dells for FCCLA. Motion and second by Parr/Schlicht. Motion carried.

Acknowledgement of Donations

Gustafson thanked the anonymous donor who contributed funds intended for academic enrichment- portion will be used for a visit by John Armbruster, local author.

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

Superintendent Gustafson

Reported out about weight room committee, preponderance of illness within the student/staff body, and preliminary budgeting for 2024-2025 school year.

Kickapoo Valley Forest School

Enrollment window ongoing; Heart of Winter Pancake Breakfast fundraiser generated \$12,000.

Elementary Principal Hansen

1. 3rd Grade Invention Fair
 - a. Daniel Johnson and Tara Wilson, Emma Palmer runner up
 - b. They will be participating in the regional invention fair event at Kickapoo on Wednesday. At this event, students will be able to present their inventions to other students and take part in some STEM activities.
2. 3K/4K Screening
 - a. We screened 17 students for 3K/4K for here and the Forest School
 - b. Hearing, vision, speech, and developmental screening
 - c. La Farge Lions Club helped with vision. (4K-8th)
 - d. Ashley Schlicht - hearing
3. Lions Giving Back Program
 - a. A big thank you to the Lion's club again for making this event possible.
 - b. Many of the elementary classes donated to our Wildcat Packs program
4. Professional Development
 - a. Explicit Instruction Collaboration Meetings with Suring
5. Elementary Wrestling has begun
 - a. Currently we have 11 elementary students signed up

MS/HS Principal & AD Camlek:

- Mr. Fowell took 2 students to tour Sleepy Hollow to possibly get them started in classes
- Lions Club Giving Back was a success. \$3600 donated to people or organizations in need
- Forensics District is on March 16 in West Salem. 1 student moving on
- 6-12 Parent Teacher Conferences are Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm
- We will run Hunter Safety at school from March 4 to 8

- ACT is coming up. Teachers are prepping. Mrs. Gehrke runs a morning group.
- Speaker coming on March 5 to talk about vaping
- Drama performance is March 8 and 9

Board Member Concerns- any topic brought up will not be acted upon until being placed on a subsequent agenda

Parr: Thanked Emma Duell for coming and invited students to come to each board Meeting

Schlicht/Wirts/Franks/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.

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

Nemec requested a motion to accept, with appreciation, the retirement of Julie Greenland, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. 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.