

**MINUTES OF  
Board of Education Meeting**

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OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
January 16, 2017

**PRESENT: Wijas, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Krumrei, Engel, Harter, and Leja.**

The meeting of the Oconto Falls School Board was called to order by President Ron Leja at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

Under Citizen Participation, Joan Koehne shared with the Board that this would be her last reporting for the Times Herald. She will be resigning and pursuing her career in Social Media promotion.

A motion was made by Harter/Krumrei to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 regular meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Dean Hess gave the Financial Report. A motion was made by Harter/Gardebrecht to accept the Financial Report and approve the payment requests in the amount of \$650,992.19. Roll call vote. Wijas, Stranz, Krumrei, Gardebrecht, Leja, Harter, and Engel voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board recognized Wade Jeske as this year's recipient of the Friend of Education Award. Marc Kinziger was on hand to share the list of reasons why he nominated Wade and why he was so deserving of the award.

It was also announced that Jill Brasier was this year's recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to one support staff each year that is voted on by fellow staff, students, and community members. There will be a banquet on March 10<sup>th</sup> at JoJo's Diner to honor Jill and all that she does for the District.

Athletic Director Jerry Moynihan presented his fall sports season update. He shared that student participation and spectator attendance at athletic contests were about average. Jerry shared information on some upcoming events that will take place at ST Paper Stadium in the Spring and Fall. He also shared that there might be some changes coming which would allow us to random drug test students that participate in extra and co-curriculars.

In the District Administrator's Report, Superintendent Hess shared information on things that have been happening throughout the district over the past month. First, he shared that he has been working with the building principals to create department lead teachers in each department or grade levels at the elementary levels.

He had the opportunity to attend several concerts within the last month and wanted to share the good work and progress that was happening districtwide.

Dr. Hess also shared that the new webpage was at about 90% completion and it is hoped that it will be up and running by March.

In the school election update it was shared that we will have four names on the ballots for the upcoming election which included BJ Eisch, Mike Elliott, Lisa Peitersen, and Jan Stranz. We will have incumbent Jan Stranz running for another three year term.

Brian Brewer with Baird Financial will be attending the February meeting to share some options that would allow our District to restructure some of its' debt to prepare for the future.

The preliminary January count shows our enrollment to be down twenty six students from the September count which was at 1763 students.

Dr. Hess shared with the Board that the Administration attending Alice Training, which is an active shooter training, at Pulaski School District this past month. The administration team will continue to discuss the future of implementing that training at Oconto Falls School District. Hess will come back to the Board to seek their feedback at future meetings.

Superintendent Hess shared the Administration team will start putting in a large amount of time to work on the balancing the future budget.

In preparation for the upcoming referendum, Dr. Hess is working to put together a communication plan that will allow us to share information with the community members over the next few months.

The last item was to discuss the possibility of making adjustments to the proposed snow makeup days. Dean shared that currently we are scheduled to have an early release on Friday, June 2 and having students return on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, if there were snow days to make up. His only concern is that it is still early in the

winter and we may need to make up more than one. The Board agreed and asked to table this topic until they had a better understanding of how many make up days there will be.

**Under Old Business, the following action was taken:**

**REFERENDUM RESOLUTIONS**

A motion was made by Stranz/Engel to adopt the referendum resolution, as presented. Roll call vote. Wijas, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Harter, Engel, Krumrei, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Under New Business, the following action was taken:**

**2017-2018 OPEN ENROLLMENT SPACE**

A motion was made by Engel/Harter to approve the Special Education cap proposals, as presented. Based on special education enrollment as of January 16, we are currently at proposed caps and would not accept any more open enrollment special education students. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEOLA POLICY REVIEW**

A motion was made by Stranz/Krumrei to approve final revision of the Board policies, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

**WIAA CHARTER SCHOOL PARTICIPATION**

The Board discussed options and then tabled it until more information could be gathered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Krumrei to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.