

**MINUTES OF
Board of Education Meeting**

OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 13, 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.

There was no Citizen Participation.

A motion was made by Engel/Stranz to approve the minutes of the January 16 regular meeting and January 29 special 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 \$507,473.63. Roll call vote. Wijas, Stranz, Krumrei, Gardebrecht, Leja, Harter, and Engel voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The District invited Dave Maccaux from Schenck to walk the Board through the Auditor's Report from this past summer's audit. A motion was made by Krumrei/Harter to approve the 2015-2016 Auditor's report. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Abrams Elementary Principal Joanne Michalski was on hand to share the current information on our AGR, Achievement Gap Reduction, requirements in grades K-3. AGR replaced SAGE a few years past. Our district is meeting requirements by either smaller classes sizes or supporting those larger class sizes with one to one support.

In the District Administrator's Report, Superintendent Hess shared information on things that have been happening throughout the district over the past month. .

Dr. Hess shared that the new webpage was at about 90% completion and it is hoped that it will be up and running by March 1st.

In the property tax payment update it was shared that we are currently on track to collect all tax payments as scheduled. The Board also felt that while this report was very interesting they no longer need to receive it unless there is something out of the ordinary.

Dr. Hess informed the Board that the Administration team is currently working to identify approximately \$600,000 worth of budget cuts for next year that would need to be implemented, if the referendum didn't pass. This would be in addition to the nearly \$400,000 worth of add backs that would not be able to be implemented, as well.

Administrative Assistant received confirmation from the Board that they would like to continue with the Board scholarship. Contributions to the scholarship would need to be made by the March 13 meeting.

Dr. Hess shared with the Board that the Administration Team attended 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. The Board supported the future work towards implementing Alice Training in our District.

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 District has contracted services with Joe Donovan to help prepare those communication tools and articles.

Under Old Business, the following action was taken:

SNOW DAY MAKE UP

A motion was made by Harter/Gardebrecht to approve Option # 3 which stated that if there are no more snow days the students would report a full day on Friday, June 2 and teachers would report June 5 and 6. If there is another snow day, the students would report full day on Friday, June 2 and on Monday, June 5. The teachers would report June 5-6. Voice vote. Wijas, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Harter, Engel, Krumrei, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Under New Business, the following action was taken:

EARLY PAY OFF OF BONDS

A motion was made by Harter/Engel to adopt a resolution authorizing the partial redemption of the Oconto Falls Public School District \$9,090,000 general obligation promissory notes, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

SALE OF BONDS

A motion was made by Harter/Stranz to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$2,500,000 general obligation refunding bonds, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY REVISIONS

A motion was made by Stranz/Harter to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy #3141 and Policy #4140, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

SPRING COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Engel to approve the spring coaching recommendations, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Wijas/Stranz to move into Executive Session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Board exercises responsibility, specifically, to consider administrative contracts for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Wijas, Stranz, Krumrei, Harter, Gardebrecht, Leja, and Engel voted yes. Motion carried 7-0. 8:37 pm. (NOTED: Tracey Krumrei removed himself from session at 8:38 pm)

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Harter to move back into Open Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0. 9:09 pm (NOTED: Tracey Krumrei reentered the meeting 9:09pm)

RETIREMENT REQUEST

A motion was made by Wijas/Engel to accept the retirement request of Kevin Judy, Building/Grounds Maintenance Supervisor in lieu of resignation that was accepted previously on January 29. Roll call vote. Wijas, Stranz, Hater, Gardebrecht, Leja, and Engel voted yes. Krumrei abstained. Motion carried 6-0-1.

ADJOURNMENT

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