

**MINUTES OF  
Board of Education Meeting**

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OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
November 13, 2017

**PRESENT: Harter, Peitersen, Engel, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Krumrei, 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's Participation.

A motion was made by Stranz/Engel to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2017 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 \$293,789.46. Roll call vote. Harter, Engel, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Krumrei and Leja voted yes. Peitersen abstained. Motion carried 6-0-1.

In Student Recognition, the Board honored several students. First, they started with Brody Schindel who qualified for the State Cross Country competition. They then had the opportunity to congratulate Jon Birr, Collin Schindel, Emily Tomasek, and Ethan Winkler on advancing and competing at the National FFA Convention in the Nursing and Landscaping event. And the final student recognition was shared by Sister School Coordinator JoAnn Peters whom shared what a successful program we have with our students and those from Japan. She also shared that as of right now this would have been the last year because the middle school in Japan has merged with another school and they will no longer be able to support the program. JoAnn shared that she will continue to explore the possibilities of another district that may be interested.

In Instruction Report, Abrams Elementary Principal Joanne Michalski shared information on 2017 Summer School. Although our student participation was slightly lower this year, we were able to offer 17 new classes this summer. Due to some feedback, she will consider doing some times available that parents and come in get help registering and make payments on site. She also shared that she is currently looking into giving the options to make online payments for classes. Activities Director Jerry Moynihan and Ms. Michalski will work together to try to bring back the DNR Safety class offerings into our district.

High School Student Board Representatives Stephanie Peitersen and Laken Wall was excited to share several different events that will be happening throughout the holidays.

In the Curriculum Report, High School Principal Bruce Russell thanked the Curriculum Committee for coming in early that evening to discuss the new course proposals. He shared the committee recommendations with the Board. A motion was made by Harter/Engel to approve the AP Chemistry course, AP Calculus Course, and Future Ready 101 (as Elective Only). Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

In the District Administrator's Report, Superintendent Dean Hess his monthly report of things going on within the district. He was excited about all the Professional Development that was happening with our staff.

Information regarding the Friends of Education Award was shared with the Board. It was reminded that we are seeking nominations and the award would be given at the December meeting.

In the last item. Dean informed the Board that Buildings/Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor Mike Bouche will be attending our December meeting to share some work that is happening throughout our district.

**Under Old Business, the following action(s) were taken:**

POLICY APPROVAL (SECOND READING)

A motion was made by Engel/Harter to approve the second reading of Policy Update #26-2 and USDA Summer 2017. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

APPENDIX B

A motion was made by Harter/Peitersen to approve the changes on the Appendix B, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

2018 HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS

A motion was made by Engel/Stranz to go with Option #1 with WCA/GHT. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

**Under New Business, the following action(s) was taken:**

POTENTIAL LAND OPTIONS

Dean shared that he had been contacted from an attorney hired from the Gauthier family. He shared that the attorney understands the timelines that public entities has to follow. At this time, there was no exact details of price, value, or bidding process. Dean also shared he is still in contact with the OEC on their land that may be an option. Dean will continue to share information with the Board as it becomes available.

SUPPORT STAFF HANDBOOK REVISION

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Engel to approved the revisions to the Support Staff Handbook in reference to the compensation for professional development, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION NOTICE

It was noted that this year's incumbents are Pam Engel, Ken Harter, and Clint Gardebrecht.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Harter/Stranz to move into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 19 Wisconsin Statutes, Subchapter IV, 19.85 1 exemption (a) to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. Roll call vote. Peitersen, Stranz, Harter, Gardebrecht, Engel, Krumrei, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 7-0. (8:21pm)

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Harter to move into Open Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. No action taken. (9:38 pm) It was announced that in Executive Session a motion was made by Harter/Krumrei to increase Dr. Hess's contract by 2.5% retroactive to July 1, 2017 and add one year to contract. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peitersen/Stranz to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.