

**MINUTES OF
Board of Education Meeting**

OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
October 30, 2017

PRESENT: Harter, Peitersen, Engel, Stranz, Gardebrecht, 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 Engel/Stranz to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 regular meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Dean Hess gave the Financial Report. A motion was made by Harter/Stranz to accept the Financial Report and approve the payment requests in the amount of \$1,240,920.12. Roll call vote. Harter, Engel, Stranz, Gardebrecht, and Leja voted yes. Peitersen abstained. Motion carried 5-0-1.

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 was excited to share that she has created a way for all clubs at the High School to share their events with her to report on at the Board. This month she shared some of the upcoming holiday events.

In the District Administrator's Report, Superintendent Dean Hess shared information with the Board that we were contacted regarding the Gauthier land being up for sale in the near future. He will share more information with the Board at the next meeting or as it becomes available. Dean also shared some of the work that is going on in the district with various groups such as alternative compensation pay model, building and grounds, technology, Alice training, and curriculum work with CESA 8.

A letter was presented to the Board from Agriculture Teacher Walter Taylor informing the Board that four students would be attending the FFA National Competition in October and requested the \$200 per student per Board policy.

Dr. Hess shared information on our third Friday count and open enrollment. Although we were down 17 students from last September, it was shared that there was a nice increase at Abrams Elementary. Administration plans on looking into why the high school as a decreasing trend of students. Our district has more students open enrolling out that open enrolling in and even though Dr. Hess was concerned with that number he was pleased to share that we are closing that gap by \$35,000.

Board Member Jan Stranz shared information from a recent CESA 8 Leadership training she attended. Each attendee did an online survey to determine their personality traits before attending the training. At the training, they learned about ways to be able to work cooperatively and effectively with those that have different personalities than yourself.

It was reported that since Destination Education event, the District has been focusing on the 5 Key Interests that were identified as part of the process. There are posters hung throughout the district to remind staff, students, and visitors of these interests.

Athletic Director Jerry Moynihan shared that he was approached with the potential of our high school baseball team playing Oconto at the Timber Rattler on a Sunday. He wanted to get the Board approval before he would agree to anything. The Board supported the event, if would ever be an option for our athletes.

In the last item. Dean shared the dates for the 2018 State Convention and asked that anyone interested in attending to contact Debbie Woods to make the necessary reservations.

Under New Business, the following action was taken:

EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Engel to approve the three early graduation requests, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

FINAL APPROVAL OF BUDGET

A motion was made by Harter/Stranz to approved the 2017-2018 revised budget, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

2018 HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PROPOSALS

The Board discussed the options but tabled without a motion until the November 13 meeting.

POLICY REVISIONS (First Reading)

A motion was made by Engel/Harter to approve the first reading of revised policies from Update# 26-2 and USDA Summer 2017. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

WINTER COACHING CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Harter to approve the winter coaching contracts, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

A motion was made by Harter/Engel to approve the ERC proposal with the 8 session option. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

YOUTH OPTIONS

A motion was made by Engel/Harter to approve the youth option, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

APPENDIX B REVISIONS

A motion was made by Stranz/Peitersen to approve the revisions to the Appendix B, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

RESIGNATION REQUEST

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Harter to accept the resignation request of Rebecca Halverson pending the payment of \$3000 liquidated damages. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Stranz/Harter to move into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 19 Wisconsin Statutes, Subchapter IV, 19.85 1 exemption © to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Board has jurisdiction, specifically, to consider the Superintendent's contract for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Peitersen, Stranz, Harter, Gardebrecht, Engel, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 6-0. (9:20pm)

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Engel to move into Open Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0. No action taken. (10:04 pm)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Harter/Peitersen to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.