

**MINUTES OF  
Oconto Falls Board of Education Meeting**

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*OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT*

*September 10, 2018*

**PRESENT: Stranz, Harter, Gardebrecht, Leja, and Engel**

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.

**Citizen Participation:**

- Dan Boettcher spoke regarding the Veterans monument. He shared that there is interest and momentum to get this project done and the feedback that he has received is positive. He reminded the Board that Destination Education Key Interest #2 was to “create and sustain school/community partnerships that focus on common goals and increase learning opportunities/resources for students” and he felt this monument supports that Key Interest and asked us to seriously consider this request.
- Bob Maloney shared his support for the Veteran’s monument and asked the Board to join in on a partnership/team with this group. He provided a design poster with the Board to show them what it would look like. He shared many other items for the Board to consider: there is currently \$60,000 in an account which was started 6 years ago; the Oconto Falls Auxiliary was very supportive of this proposal; Bob personally invited Loretta Shellman to join them on this on this journey; the Central Street location was no longer a consideration; and that Spaulding Construction was overseeing this project.
- Loretta Shellman asked in the Board’s presences why the Central Street location is not being considered. There was no reason given back to her. She also shared several items she would like the Board to take into consideration: she likes the new design but would like to see the group use their talents in designing project to make it fit on Central Street; she shared that Howard Elliott was not in favor of it being on school property; and she also had feedback that the Methodist church had concerns about the amount of parking at their facility.
- Max Mayer thanked those that attempted to reach out to donors to gain feedback on the potential location change.

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Engel/Stranz to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 regular meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

**Financial Report: Approval of Payment Request:**

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 \$800,801.00. Roll call vote. Stranz, Harter, Gardebrecht, Leja, and Engel voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Reports and Discussions:**

High School Student Representatives Laken Wall and Elizabeth Ausloos shared some things that are happening at the High School. The first of these were the scheduled events for Homecoming 2018 and some ideas for future homecomings. They also shared student council is planning to do the “Every 15 Minutes Program” this year and are looking for anyone will to help.

Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor Mike Bouche shared some of the work that was completed over the summer throughout the district and plans for future work.

Technology Director Corey Jeffers walked the Board through some upgrades his department was able to implement throughout the District this summer and going forward.

In the District Administrator's Report, Superintendent Dean Hess shared some great activities that were part of our Welcome Back In-service which included a half day of training for our bus drivers on different safety opportunities.

The District was preparing to submit an application for the Department of Justice Safety Grant Phase #2 that would address mental health training and more in depth security expenses.

The last item shared in Dean's report was the Memo of Understanding with the City of Oconto Falls was approved and signed by both parties regarding the new School Resource Officer.

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

VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Board listened to the comments/concerns during Citizen Participation and decided to table this until October to allow time for a Memo of Understanding to be drafted to cover some of the concerns and questions of the Board. The Board also was hoping to have all board members in attendance to weigh in on the possible decision.

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

SHORT TERM BORROWING

A motion was made by Stranz/Engel to award the short term borrowing to BOK Financial Services, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

INVESTMENT PROPOSALS

A motion was made by Harter/Gardebrecht to award the investment proposal to BMO Bank, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE PROPOSALS

There was no information to share with the Board at this time.

ALTERNATIVE COMPENSATION MODEL

The Board tabled this until October to allow time for staff to share their feedback.

BUS MECHANIC TOOL ALLOWANCE

A motion was made by Harter/Stranz to provide the bus mechanics an annual tool allowance in the amount of \$1000. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Engel/Gardebrecht to move into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 19 Wisconsin Statutes, Subchapter IV, 19.85 1 exemption (e) for deliberation or negotiating the purchasing of public properties where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss strategy concerning the purchase of real estate. Roll call vote. Stranz, Harter, Gardebrecht, Engel, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. 8:50p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Engel to move into Open Session. No Action taken. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0. 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Harter/Stranz to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.