

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

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*OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT*

*November 12, 2018*

**PRESENT: Peitersen, Stranz, Harter, Krumrei, Leja, and Engel**

The meeting of the Oconto Falls School Board was called to order by President Ron Leja at 5:45 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Engel/Stranz to meet in Executive Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Board exercises responsibility, specifically the Board will conduct the District Administrator's evaluation. Roll call vote. Peitersen, Stranz, Harter, Krumrei, Leja and Engel voted yes. Motion carried 6-0. (5:49pm)

**OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Stranz/Peitersen to move into Open Session. No action taken. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0. (6:30 pm)

**Citizen Participation:**

- Loretta Shellman asked the Board on the cost of a referendum to get honest feedback from the voters which is also anonymous. She was concerned that there were many individuals afraid to speak up because of future business in a small town. She also wanted to have the Board consider why accept this proposal when the group was given a free piece of property from the City and there was never any proof supplied for the soil testing.
- Max Mayer asked the Board to be consider an make sure that we get an actual bid from a construction company that has experience building concrete monuments and not just houses. He said he knows of others that have gotten extra expenses once the building started and then the money had to come from somewhere.

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Engel/Harter to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2018 regular meeting and October 29, 2018 special meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

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

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 \$135,331.00. Roll call vote. Peitersen, Stranz, Harter,, Krumrei, Leja, and Engel voted yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Reports and Discussions:**

High School Student Representatives Laken Wall and Elizabeth Ausloos shared some things that are happening at the High School. They shared reports from several groups including FBLA, FFA, Music Department, Art Club and Athletics. The High School Drama Club is going to state for their one act play, On the Edge. They ended their report to the Board by stating their were no compliants from the student body at the HS which they thought was good news.

In the District Administrator's Report, Superintendent Dean Hess shared his appreciation to all of those that made the Veterans Day programs a success. He updated the Board on details from a recent meeting that he and Kim Sinclair attending with the City of Oconto Falls regarding the tax increment district. There are many initiatives going on in the district such as: Alice Training, Skyward Financials onboarding, trauma informed training and possible changes to the summer school schedule.

It was proposed to change the language on the Friend of Education to include that the nominations can be from anyone, not just those within our district. A motion was made by Harter/Peitersen to approve the language change as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Dean reminded the Board of the upcoming State School Board Convention and if there is anyone planning on going they should RSVP with Debbie Woods

An example of exit surveys that are given to students in the Green Bay School District that are leaving the district. Dean shared as an example and asked if this is something to consider offering to our families which could possibly give us more information as to why families are choosing other districts. The only feedback from our Board members was to keep it short and simple.

In the last item, Dean shared with the Board that we may need to find another carrier for our un-reimbursed medical and COBRA insurance. The Board agreed to allow us to change to a carrier that works the best with our district but keeps the same benefits to the employees.

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

VETERANS MEMORIAL

There was no MOU draft available at this time to share with the Board. Administration was meeting with the Veterans group on November 26, 2018 to discuss the items that need to be addressed in the MOU.

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

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION NOTICE

The Election Notice was shared with the Board along with the names of our two incumbents: Tracey Krumrei and Ron Leja.

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A motion was made by Stranz/Engel to move into Executive Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Board exercises responsibility and Section 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require closed session, specifically the Board will review a staff investigation matter, and discuss a former staff member's communication to the district administrator. Roll call vote. Peitersen, Stranz, Harter, Krumrei, Engel, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 6-0. 7:26 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Harter/Engel to move into Open Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0. 8:50 p.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Krumrei/Harter to approve two support staff compensations and title changes, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Harter/Stranz to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.