

**MINUTES OF
Board of Education Meeting**

OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 13, 2017

PRESENT: Wijas, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Krumrei, Engel, and Leja. Harter arrived at 6:40pm.

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 Stranz/Gardebrecht to approve the minutes of the February 13 regular meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Dean Hess gave the Financial Report. A motion was made by Harter/Wijas to accept the Financial Report and approve the payment requests in the amount of \$762,374.01. Roll call vote. Wijas, Stranz, Krumrei, Gardebrecht, Leja, Harter, and Engel voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board had the pleasure of recognizing the 2016-2017 Cheerleading team that advanced to the state competition. They also recognized the six wrestlers that advanced to the individual state wrestling competition. Those included Tyler Budz, Bryce Ash, Nate Trepianer, Brice Delzer, Mac Winkler, and Daniel Ausloos. Bryce Ash was recognized as the 14th district state champion for Oconto Falls.

County Board Member Lee Rymer attended the meeting to present the Oconto Falls School District with a check for \$10,000. The Wellness Committee applied for a grant through Wisconsin Counties Association, our health insurance carrier, to help support several initiatives that are offered to our staff to help promote wellness which could potential save on health costs.

Activities and Athletic Director Jerry Moynihan was on hand to share some statistics on the winter sports seasons. She shared that the participation and attendance to our events are very similar to those in the past.

In the Student Representative Report, it was shared that the spring sports were about to start soon; the STEM symposium was a great success with over 50% of the high school students involved; and they had the Superhero Breakfast and craft show for the community scheduled for March 26th.

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 one of the larger pieces of feedback from the Destination Education was lack of communication to the residents. Based on that feedback, we have decided to resurrect our newsletters and community calendars that will be mailed to the residents. These two offer a great tool to communicate some of the great things happening in the district, along with the upcoming events open to the public to attend.

The new district website was open to the public. We will continue to make changes based on feedback as individuals start to use it. But as of today, we have received great feedback on the new website.

There have been several meetings held that allowed the information regarding the upcoming referendum to be shared. Dr. Hess walked the Board through the many ways that we reached out to the residents to share the information to allow them to make an informed vote.

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.

It was shared that April 1 would be the date of the interviews for the Buildings/Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor position. It was hoped that the committee would have a top candidate identified to recommend to the Board at the April 10th meeting for approval.

Under Old Business, the following action was taken:

POLICY REVISIONS

A motion was made by Harter/Engel to approve the second reading of Policy #3140 and Policy #4140. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Under New Business, the following action was taken:

2017-2018 CESA 8 CONTRACT

A motion was made by Engel/Stranz to approve the 2017-2018 CESA 8 Contract as presented without the Project Support Teacher services. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION REQUESTS

A motion was made by Engel/Krumrei to accept the retirement requests of Margo Stewart and Patrick LeClair. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

YOUTH OPTIONS

A motion was made by Harter/Gardebrect to approve the youth option for only Physiological Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience courses. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

DONATION ACCEPTANCE

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Krumrei to accept the donation of \$6000 from the Hoops Club to cover the costs of additional three assistant basketball coaches. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

CONTRACT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Engel/Wijas to approve the teaching contracts of Derek Johnson and Haley Brey as School Psychologists starting in the 2017-2018 school year, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Wijas/Engel 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 issuing preliminary notices of non-renewal to affected staff. Roll call vote. Wijas, Stranz, Krumrei, Harter, Gardebrecht, Leja, and Engel voted yes. Motion carried 7-0. 7:50 pm.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Krumrei to move back into Open Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. 9:19 pm. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Stranz/Gardebrecht to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.