

**MINUTES OF  
Board of Education Meeting**

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OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
December 11, 2017

**PRESENT: Harter, Peitersen, Engel, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Krumrei (6:35 p.m.), 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 November 13, 2017 regular meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

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 \$671,204.08. Roll call vote. Harter, Engel, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Krumrei and Leja voted yes. Peitersen abstained. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Board President Ron Leja read the Friend of Education nomination for the Lions Club submitted by Marcie Waeghe. Marcie shared several examples of things the Lions Club do for students in our district. They are very involved in the vision screenings each year which identify those students that may need glasses. They also fund several scholarships each year for graduating seniors. Another example of their kindness is donating money to the Holiday Hope Program at Oconto Falls Elementary which help provide items to families in need over the holidays. Without support from the Lions Clubs, we would see a definite decrease in support for our students and families within the district.

In the Student Report, Senior Stephanie Peitersen shared many upcoming events that the student organizations are doing to help those in need over the holiday. She shared that FBLA recently baked over 4,000 cookies that will be shared with the elderly citizens, homebound, and Kingdom Come Food Pantry in the community. The FFA had a successful fruit sale fundraiser this year and \$500 was raised during the Milk Drive. The Music Department would be going out to carol for the holidays and have several concerts coming up for the community to attend with no admission.

In Athletic/Activities Director Report, Jerry Moynihan shared some statistics from this past fall sports season. He shared that attendance to football and volley were slightly reduced due to the fact that they had games prior to the start of the school year. His goal is to keep increasing the number of participants in each sport.

Jerry also introduced the STEP (Senior Tax Exchange Program) Program to the Board. This program would allow Oconto Falls District taxpayers that are over the age of 65 to work on a pre-approved need basis for \$10.00/hour up to \$595. The taxpayer would then receive a check to be paid towards their property taxes. Board Member Pam Engel commented that she has seen it used in a surrounding district and it was a great program for the school and the taxpayer. The Board agreed that they would support this program implementation at our district.

In the last item in his report, Jerry shared that we received a resignation request of our high school varsity football coach. He proposed a plan that would allow us to be proactive and do everything we could to try and hire a coach that will take our program to the next level. A

motion was made by Peitersen/Krumrei to approve the hiring process as proposed. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Buildings/Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor Mike Bouche was present to share some of the things he has been working on since he started this past summer.

He also shared with the Board that as part of his budget and future planning process, he is getting quotes on either a new roof or repairing the current roof at Abrams. One contractor has provided us with a 25 year warranty on leaks if we were to put on a completely new roof. Mr. Bouche shared that in the past we have been patching the leaks due to budget constraints but never fixing the problem. And although it will cost more for a new roof up front we will be saving money and time over the long haul with no repairs at Abrams for 25 years.

In the District Administrator's Report, Superintendent Dean Hess gave a monthly report of things going on within the district.

Dean pointed out the highlights to the State Report Cards for our District. He shared that he is very pleased with the work that is happening throughout our district. He pointed out that he and the Administration Team will be focusing on RtI (Response to Intervention) to help close the achievement gaps and promote student growth. He asked the Board to understand that this is just a small piece of student data and there are many factors that are not included in this data.

In the last item, Dean explained E-Rate funding and some stipulations in place in order to receive the funding. One stipulation is the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) which requires that K-12 schools use internet filters and implement other measures to protect children from harmful online content. Each year, the Board is required to offer the chance to any parent or community member to come to the Board and share any questions or concerns about our internet safety. There were no questions or comments from those in attendance to the meeting.

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

**DONATION**

A motion was made by Engel/Gardebrecht to accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from The Panther Pride Association to be used for a new groomer for our baseball/softball fields. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

**2018-2019 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOK**

A motion was made by Engel/Gardebrecht to approve the 2018-2019 High School course description book, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

**2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Peitersen to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

**RETIREMENT REQUEST**

A motion was made by Stranz/Harter to accept the retirement request from Vicki Fischer after 37 years of employment. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Peitersen/Harter to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.