

MINUTES OF
Oconto Falls Board of Education Meeting

OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 11, 2019

PRESENT: Harter, Krumrei, Leja, Peitersen, Stranz, Gardebrecht, 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:

None.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Engel/Harter to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 regular meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

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 \$680,144. Roll call vote. Harter, Krumrei, Leja, Peitersen, Stranz, Gardebrecht, and Engel voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports and Discussions:

High School Student Representatives Laken Wall and Elizabeth Ausloos shared some things that are happening at the High School.

In the District Administrator's Report, Superintendent Dean Hess thank those Board members that were able to attend the State School Board Convention and asked them to share some highlights. He also shared some of the information he gathered at the convention and cannot wait to share those details with other district staff. On February 4, a number of staff, including Administration, had a chance to go to Green Bay and listen to Dr. Anthony Muhammad speak on school improvement. Hess is hoping to collaborate with other local schools to bring him in to speak to the staff that didn't get to hear his message.

There were no donations made this month to report on.

Dean Hess updated the Board on the collaboration is happening with Baird Financial and the Administration team to start planning for the 2019-2020 school budget. It was shared with the Board that there are several pieces that are proposed to change with the state budget but until that is set we are planning for no increase. If there are increases in Special Education funding and per pupil, we will be prepared to make those adjustments.

As part of the budget conversation, Hess shared with the Board his concerns regarding the increase in technology and 1:1 devices in our District and the lack of support to infuse this technology with instruction. He shared with the Board his recommendation to consider increasing our current 0.5 FTE Technology Coaching staff to 1.0 FTE starting 2019-2020. The Board saw no reason not to post for this position now and see what kind of potential candidates apply and bring this back to the Board in March.

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

PETITION TO ALTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

This petition was rescinded by the family due being told this request would create an island which is a legal reason to deny the request.

HANDBOOK REVISIONS

A motion was made by Stranz/Krumrei to approve the proposed language changes to the Teachers and Support Staff Handbooks regarding School Closing with, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

2019-2020 CESA 8 CONTRACT

A motion was made by Harter/Engel to approve the 2019-2020 CESA 8 Contract for services, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

ALTERNATIVE COMPENSATION TRANSITION PLAN

Due to the school closings, the Committee hasn't met to prepare a recommendation for the Board's consideration. This was tabled to a future meeting.

SNOW DAYS

A motion was made by Krumrei/Stranz to approve the following makeup plan:

- May 28 will now be a student contact day
- June 7 will become a full day of instruction
- June 10 will be come a full day of instruction
- June 11 will be an early release
- June 12 will be a Professional Day for staff

Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Harter to move into Executive Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 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 discuss the status of an offer to purchase real estate. Roll call vote. Harter, Krumrei, Engel, Peitersen, Stranz, Gardebrecht, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 7-0. 7:48 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Peitersen/Harter to move into Open Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

7:50 p.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peitersen/Stranz to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.