

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

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OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
July 15, 2019

**PRESENT: Harter, Stodola Eslien, Leja, Peitersen, Stranz, Engel, and Gardebrecht**

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 Stranz/Harter to approve the minutes of the June 10, 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 \$1,499,387.00. Roll call vote. Harter, Stodola Eslien, Leja, Peitersen, Stranz, Engel, and Gardebrecht voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Reports and Discussions:**

Unfortunately, the students that earned themselves a trip to participate in national competition were unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, Dean took a few mintues to share the success of the following students:

- Alex Barbin, SkillsUSA National Competition
- Elizabeth Olson , FBLA National Competition
- Catelyn Kramer, FBLA National Compeition

In the District Administrator's Report, Superintendent Dean Hess shared many other events that had happened over the month throughout the district. As part of his update, Dean shared with the Board that the as a result of finalizing the 2018-2019 budget, the district was able to put an additional \$264,500 into Fund 46; \$250,000 into Fund 73 and the amount going into Fund 10 is yet to be determined.

Dean shared an update on the current open positions throughout the district.

Dean and Bob Maloney were on hand to update the Board on the progress happening with the Veteran's Monumont. Bob felt that major work would be complete by August 15, 2019, pending no unforseen delays.

Last month, Dean shared some news with the Board regarding communication we received pertaining to Prevea withdrawing from the Robin Health Broad Plan that several of our employees had chosen to be a part of. Robin Health has agreed to cover Prevea in network through October 1, which allows employees and families time to pick a different plan and find in network providers.

It was announced that WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) will be doing an onsite training for our Board members on September 10, 2019 at 9:00 am.

The date for the 2020 High School Graduation has not be decided yet. The Administration is still receiving feedback to give them guidance on the options provided.

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

**POLICY REVISION**

A motion was made by Engel/Gardebrecht to approve the second reading of the following policies, as presented. Roll call vote. Peitersen, Gardebrecht, Harter, Stranz, Leja, and Engel voted yes. Stodola Eslien voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

- ❖ Update 28-1
- ❖ Policy #7440, #7440.01, and #8330

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

**CONTRACT(S) APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Engel/Peitersen to approve the contract(s) for: Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

- ❖ Heather Flannery, Math Teacher at Washington Middle School

**RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION REQUEST(S)**

A motion was made by Stranz/Stodola Eslien to accept the resignation request(s) for: Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

- ❖ Alyssa Lemke, Elementary Teacher at Oconto Falls Elementary

- ❖ Maria Steingraber, Spanish Teacher at Washington Middle School and Oconto Falls High School

**POLICY REVISIONS**

A motion was made by Stranz/Stodola Eslien to approve the first reading of policies in the Safety Update, with changes presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

**ACADEMIC STANDARDS/EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

A motion was made by Engel/Harter to approve the 2019-2020 Academic Standards and Education Opportunities for Students, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

“Pursuant to Section 120.12 (13)(b) and Section 118.30 (1)(g)(a) of the State Statutes, for the 2019-2020 school year, instruction within the Oconto Falls Public School District will be based upon adopted Oconto Falls Academic Standards in the content area of Math, Literacy, Science and Social Studies, which were guided and informed by the state, national, and professional organization academic standards.”

**PURCHASE PROPERTY**

A motion was made by Harter/Stranz to approve the financing through Peshtigo National Bank for the purchase of property of 105.94 acres at 5100 Highway I, Stiles/Oconto Falls in the amount of \$688,610.00. Roll call vote. Peitersen, Gardebrecht, Harter, Engel, Stranz, Stodola Eslien, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**FUND 80 EXPENDITURE**

A motion was made by Stranz/Engel to allow Administration to invest no more than \$20,000 out of Fund 80 on the baseball fields at Memorial Field. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Stranz/Gardebrecht 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 and Section 19.85 (1)(c), consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of an employee over which the Board has jurisdiction, specifically, to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation, to consider a student expungement request, and to discuss current investigations concerning employee matters. Roll call vote. Harter, Stodola Eslien, Peitersen, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Engel, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 7-0. 7:45 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Peitersen/Gardebrecht to move into Open Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. 8:05pm

**POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

It was announced that a student's expungement request was approved in Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Peitersen/Engel to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.