

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

OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
August 19, 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:

Max Mayer shared an upcoming AI Advocacy event coming up on 9/18 from 10:00 AM -- 12:00 PM. He wanted to personally invite the Board members and any District employees.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Engel/Stodola Eslien to approve the minutes of the July 15, 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 \$2,026,219.00. Roll call vote. Harter, Stodola Eslien, Leja, Peitersen, Stranz, Engel, and Gardebrecht voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports and Discussions:

The Student Representative's and the Student Council shared their schedule of events throughout the week of homecoming. They are hoping to involve the community more this year with things like a rummage sale the weekend before and a parade throughout the community.

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 his appreciation to those that have played a part in making the Oconto County Youth Fair a success. He also shared some of the hard work that was being done over the summer months ranging from maintenance of the buildings to writing curriculum.

WASB was hosting their regional meeting on September 25th in Green Bay. Dean asked that if any board members wanted to attend to let Debbie Woods know and she would coordinate reservations and travel.

The Board was given the 2019-2020 opening in-service schedule and invited to attend.

Dean briefed the Board on some upcoming conversations that would be happening with the certified staff regarding the shortage of substitute teachers and the amount of PTO days taken. Administration was hoping to get some data to certified staff and share that some changes may need to happen in the future.

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

POLICY REVISION

A motion was made by Harter/Engel to approve the second reading of the following policies, as presented. Roll call vote. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

- ❖ Safety Update

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE

High School Principal Jake Beschta recommended that although he received supporting responses to change the 2020 graduation date, he would rather wait until 2021 so more people have time to plan and he can work out the details. No action was taken to change the 2020 High School graduation date.

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

RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION REQUEST(S)

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

- ❖ Daniel Moore, Oconto Falls Elementary Principal (waive the liquidated damages)
- ❖ Alexandria Winters, Science Teacher at Oconto Falls High School (pending payment of \$1000 liquidated damages)
- ❖ Dawn Larsen, Physical Education Teacher at Oconto Falls High School (honor request to access post employment benefits)
- ❖ Lori Robinson, Special Education Teacher at Oconto Falls High School (pending payment of \$1000 liquidated damages)

CONTRACT(S) APPROVAL

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

- ❖ Melissa Gossfeld, Elementary Teacher at Abrams Elementary
- ❖ Susan Ziolkowski-Stiede, Spanish Teacher at Washington Middle School and High School
- ❖ Neil Hall, Elementary Principal at Oconto Falls Elementary
- ❖ Matthew Polomis, Physical Education Teacher at Oconto Falls High School

POLICY REVISIONS

A motion was made by Stranz/Peitersen to approve the first reading of the following policies, with changes presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

- ❖ Policy # 0168.1 (Open Meeting)

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Engel/Harter to move into Executive Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 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, (e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss strategy concerning the purchase of real estate. Roll call vote. Harter, Stodola Eslien, Peitersen, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Engel, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 7-0. 8:36 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Peitersen/Stranz to move into Open Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. 10:31pm

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

It was announced that the Board approved a 2.5% increase in salary for the Superintendent of Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peitersen/Harter to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.