

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

OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
October 14, 2019

PRESENT: Harter, Stodola Eslien, Leja, Peitersen (late), 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/Engel to approve the minutes of the September 9, 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 \$6,649,423.00. Roll call vote. Harter, Stodola Eslien, Leja, Stranz, Engel, Peitersen, and Gardebrecht voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports and Discussions:

Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor Mike Bouche shared an overview of the work his department accomplished over the summer to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. He also shared some highlights of projects that are planned in the future.

The Board took a few minutes to share their support of High School Science Teacher Connie Rauterkus whom was one of the six finalists for the 2019 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Technology.

In the District Administrator's Report, Superintendent Dean Hess shared many other events that had happened over the month throughout the district.

Dean shared the recent results of the 2019 third Friday count which showed our total enrollment is down 47 students in our district. He assured the Board the he and the Administrative Team are constantly looking at the data and trying to determine if there are things that we can we do to change this trend.

The Board received information on the CESA 8 Leadership Training that was scheduled for October 23 in Kelly Lake. Hess shared his appreciation for CESA to put on this training, however he posed the idea to the Board to host their own retreat which will allow our Board to see and hear about the great things happening throughout our district. The Board agreed and would set a date in the future to host a retreat.

The Board received this month's list of donations. A motion was made by Engel/Peitersen to accept the donation from SFM in the amount of \$2500.00 to help pay for a new snow plow for our truck. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

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

POLICY REVISION

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

- ❖ #0132.2 Administrative Guidelines

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

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Stranz to accept the 3 year bid from Duame Sand and Gravel. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

SPANISH CLUB TRIP REQUEST

A motion was made by Harter/Engel to approve the High School Spanish Department to plan and move forward with their Spanish Club Trip during the 2020-2021 school year, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

FINAL APPROVAL OF THE 2019-2020 BUDGET

The Board scheduled a meeting for October 21, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. to review and approve the final budget because we were still waiting on information to complete the budget.

SUPPORT STAFF SUBSTITUTE COMPENSATION

A motion was made by Stranz/Harter to increase the hourly wage to \$10.50/hour for substitute Paraprofessional, custodians, and secretaries. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY REVISION

A motion was made by Harter/Engel to approve the first reading on Policy #5517 (Student Anti-Harassment) and Policy #5517.01 (Bullying), as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Harter to move into Executive Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c), to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, specifically to discuss instances involving student disciplinary action. Roll call vote. Harter, Stodola Eslien, Peitersen, Stranz, Gardebrecht, Engel, and Leja voted yes. Motion carried 7-0. 8:28 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Peitersen/Stodola Eslien to move into Open Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. 8:45pm

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

No Action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peitersen/Gardebrecht to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.