

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

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OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
December 9, 2019

PRESENT: Harter (late), Leja, 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:

Washington Middle School Teacher Sierra Edrman shared that her and her fellow teachers sincerely appreciated the language change that was made recently regarding different options for the unused PTO at the end of the year.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Engel/Stranz to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2019 regular meeting and December 3, 2019. Voice vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Financial Report: Approval of Payment Request:

Superintendent Dean Hess gave the Financial Report. A motion was made by Gardebrecht/Engel to accept the Financial Report and approve the payment requests in the amount of \$1,064,903.00. Roll call vote. Stranz, Gardebrecht, Leja, and Engel voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports and Discussions:

CESA 8 Board Representative Jan Stranz shared information from a recent CESA 8 Leadership training they attended.

Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Terri Olsen shared information related to changes happening within Special Education especially with the Early Childhood Program. She shared this year our Early Childhood staff now go to the where the student is rather than having them come to Oconto Falls Elementary.

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

The Board received this month's list of donations. A motion was made by Stranz/Engel to accept the donation list, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

It was announced that Jan Stranz and Lisa Peitersen were up for election this year. If they choose not to run again, they need to fill out the Non-candidacy papers and return to Debbie Woods by December 27. All candidacy papers were due January 7, 2020.

The Board wanted to discuss a recent concern regarding the exterior sign at Washington Middle School. Middle School Principal Stephanie Landreman was there and shared that she worked with Mike Bouche to see if there were other options to make the sign more visible and if so, what costs are involved. Based on the information they gathered, the sign cannot be moved due to an ordinance of being close to Highway 22.

Dean shared a brief overview of the State Report Cards for our District. He shared some things that the Board should consider when looking at these. Our District looks at the score but at the same time they are reviewing data from many other assessments to try and get a better picture of our students needs.

The last item in the District Administrator's report was to discuss district volunteers and more specifically board members acting as volunteers. Although it is appreciated that Board Members would like to volunteer, it also creates a concern due to the cross over of duties which can happen when a Board Member is working with students and staff. The concern is that ultimately if there were to be a concern with the Board Member as a volunteer, it may create an uncomfortable situation for the staff member knowing that the Board is whom they report to. The other concern is that if a situation that the board members is involved in supporting would require

Board involvement that member would need to consider recusing themselves from the decision making. At the end of the discussion, the Board Members were asked to be very thoughtful when in the role of the volunteer and instead of them asking staff to volunteer, let the staff seek the Board Member's help. Also, if a Board Member were asked to drive a school vehicle with students, please ask the staff member to try all other resources before asking the board member to function in the role of a driver.

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

POLICY REVISION

A motion was made by Stranz/Engel to approve the second reading of the following policies, as presented. Roll call vote. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

- ❖ NEOLA UPDATE 28-2 (without #5460, #2260, #2260.01)

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

POLICY REVISIONS

A motion was made by Stranz/Engel to accept the first reading of the following policies, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

- ❖ #5460 Graduation Requirements
- ❖ #2260 Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity
- ❖ #2260.01 Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability

EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST(S)

A motion was made by Harter/Gardebrecht to approve the six (6) early graduation requests, as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Stranz/Harter to approve Option # 1 with the additional Early Releases and Parent Teacher Conferences to be added by Administration. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

2020-2021 High School Course Offerings

A motion was made by Harter/Engel to accept the new course offerings presented to the Board. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

- ❖ Transitional Skills and Social Development
- ❖ Individual and Dual Sports
- ❖ NWTC Chemistry
- ❖ Additional adjustments in Art to be determined

CONTRACT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Stranz/Harter to approve the increase from 0.8 FTE to 1.0 FTE for the following contract. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0.

- ❖ Tammi Laluzerne, Special Education Teacher at Abrams Elementary

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Stranz/Engel to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.