

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ARCADIA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Arcadia was held in the high school room 219 in the City of Arcadia, County of Trempealeau, Wisconsin, on Monday, August 21, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Loren Wolfe. Board members present were Loren Wolfe, Rodney Walters, Paul Servais, Randy Nilsestuen, Dana Conrad, Brian Steinlicht and Mike Edmunds. Also present were Andrew Dannehey, Louie Ferguson, Alan Herman, Michele Butler, Jackie Schira, Paul Halverson, Matt Vondehaar – Schneider Electric Representative, Dave Frahm, and JoAnne Wier.

President Loren Wolfe announced the verification and compliance with the open meeting law.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Paul Servais to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

President Loren Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made to approve the July 17, 2017 closed session minutes and the minutes of the July 13, 2017 and the August 7, 2017 board retreats. Motion carried 7-0.

The July 17, 2017 open session minutes will be corrected and brought back to the September meeting for approval.

Louie Ferguson provided a recap of the building improvements seen on the tour.

Matt Vondehaar, Schneider Electric, presented to the board an Act 32 update. A copy of the presentation is on file in the district office.

Louie Ferguson led the discussion on Act 32 savings update.

Paul Halverson, elementary principal walked through staff changes for new school year.

Michele Butler, middle school principal, walked through staff changes for the new school year.

Alan Herman, high school principal, walked through staff changes for the new school year.

Jackie Schira, special education director, walked through staff changes for the new school year.

Louie Ferguson stated that we still have some open positions.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Rodney Walters to approve the resignation of Jeff Isensee, high school math teacher. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Paul Servais to approve the resignation of Shayna Nellis, high school social studies teacher. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Rodney Walters and seconded by Dana Conrad to approve the resignation of Austin Rohan, high school band director. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Loren Wolfe and seconded by Dana Conrad to approve the resignation of Hannah DeYoung, elementary teacher. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Rodney Walters and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to approve the resignation of Candy Pape, 4K paraprofessional. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Mike Edmunds and seconded by Brian Steinlicht to approve the resignation of Dale Herbenson, part-time custodian. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Rodney Walters and seconded by Paul Servais to approve the retirement of Jane Thomas. Motion carried 7-0.

Paul Halverson, Michele Butler, Alan Herman, and Jackie Schira left at 7:54 p.m.

Louie Ferguson walked through the budget recap. Purchased furniture (approx. \$20,000), upgraded practice field (\$24,000), added money to fund 73 (\$75,000) plus added money to fund balance (\$22,586).

It was decided to have a special full board meeting to discuss the employee handbook revisions. Meeting is set for September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Louie Ferguson led the discussion on the Challenge Academy and discussed the potential for a policy and will bring the new policy for approval in September.

Louie Ferguson led the discussion on the senior exit surveys. The board discussed the data and value of the survey.

Mike Edmunds led the discussion on the conflict of interest statement he created. The board discussed and an updated version will be provided to Louie so that he can submit it to the legal counsel for correct wording.

Louie Ferguson led the discussion on a grant writing position. The consensus of the board is for Mr. Ferguson to continue to pursue.

Louie Ferguson led the discussion on ALICE training update.

Louie Ferguson gave an update on the Trempealeau County Co-op 2.0. A full board meeting will be in Whitehall on August 31st at 7:00 p.m.

Loren Wolfe led the discussion on the middle gymnasium update.

Louie Ferguson gave his superintendent report. He is waiting on state budget before finalizing budget. He stated that salary increases and added staff are the major increases in the budget.

A date for the second half of the board retreat was set for September 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

A negotiations committee meeting was scheduled for September 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to approve and file the treasurer's report and payment of vouchers totaling \$1,000,554.36, including computer check numbers 66899-66994. Motion carried 7-0.

Louie Ferguson presented a special topics meetings list.

The board will hold an election for a new board clerk at the next board meeting.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Rodney Walters to move into closed session at 8:51 p.m. Roll call vote: 7-0.

Open session reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Dana Conrad to approve Patti Gandyra Limbetz as a bus driver. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Loren Wolfe and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to approve Carol Rumpel as a bus driver. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Loren Wolfe and seconded by Paul Servais to approve Anne Reuter as an elementary teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Rodney Walters and seconded by Loren Wolfe to approve Max Ferguson as an elementary teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Brian Steinlicht and seconded by Rodney Walters to approve Dawson Strutt as 7/8 high school band director ending June 10, 2018. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Mike Edmunds and seconded by Loren Wolfe to approve Thomas Cowley as a high school math teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Rodney Walters to approve Danielle Wais as a 7/8 high school social studies teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Mike Edmunds to approve Kevin Koska as a part-time middle school custodian. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Dana Conrad to approve a one year leave of absence for Monica Lopez, special education secretary, for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Rodney Walters to approve the fall coaches and volunteers as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Loren Wolfe and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to approve Mike Davies, Engineer, to investigate what we need to work on the middle school gym and evaluate land usage and water displacement on school property. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Rodney Walters to adjourn at 10:18 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Mike Edmunds, Clerk