

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ARCADIA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 18, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President Loren Wolfe. Board members present were Loren Wolfe, Dana Conrad, Paul Servais, Brian Steinlicht, Randy Nilsestuen, and Mike Edmunds. Also present were Louie Ferguson, Michele Butler, Paul Halverson, Alan Herman, Carmen Lee, Jackie Schira, JoAnne Wier, David Frahm, Brayden Frahm, Mark Frahm, Nancy Boehm, Derek Updike and Carrie Taysom.

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

Closed session was announced for discussion of issues exempt under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c): A) Consideration of Part-time High School Math Teacher, B) Consideration of Bus and or Van Driver Position(s) , C) Consideration of 4K Teacher, D) Consideration of Part-time 4K Paraprofessional, E) Consideration of Full-time Special Ed Paraprofessional, F) Consideration of ELL Paraprofessional, G) Consideration of Cook(s), H) Consideration of Custodian, I) Consideration of Curriculum Director Compensation.

Motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

President Loren Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Brian Steinlicht to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 regular meeting (open and closed sessions) and the minutes of the July 17, 2017 regular meeting with name correction and the minutes of August 31, 2017 special meeting (open session) and the minutes September 6, 2017 special meetings (open and closed sessions). Superintendent, Louie Ferguson, asked the board in the future to approve minutes with corrections the night presented to keep within the 45 day publication criteria. Motion carried 6-0.

Bradyn Frahm, spoke during citizen comments.

Carrie Taysom spoke during the citizen comments.

Mark Frahm spoke during citizen comments.

David Frahm spoke during citizen comments.

Alan Herman, gave a high school principal report regarding class sizes in the high school schedule. Full report is in the district office.

Carrie Taysom and Brayden Frahm left at 7:18 p.m.

Michele Butler gave a middle school principal report regarding class sizes and grade level enrollment in the middle school. Full report in is the district office.

Julie Hurlburt arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Paul Halverson gave an elementary principal report regarding enrollment numbers per grade and classroom. Full report is in the district office.

Randy Nilsestuen requested that the board revisit class size and enrollment numbers in January.

Jackie Schira gave a special education report regarding special education enrollment numbers per grade level

Carmen Lee, gave her curriculum coordinator update on the three grants that were awarded to our district. The grants awarded were the Title 1 Association Grant, Peer Review Mentoring Grant and Title III Immigrant Children and Youth Grant all totaling 64,200.

Louie Ferguson updated the board about the after school transportation for the skills recovery and co-curricular activities. Vans and buses are used to transport students.

Nancy Boehm, High School Special Education Teacher and Community Learning Center Coordinator reported that she coordinated an English Language Learner classes which was supported and funded by Pilgrims Pride. She also reported about the Raiders Ark Program requesting from the board \$15,000 to get the after school program up and running since the federal funding was not granted to our district this year. She stated she may need \$10,000 more in the future. She is trying to get certification for a state child care program (Young Star).

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Mike Edmunds to allow \$15,000 in district funds to be used for the continuation of the Raiders Ark program this year. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to rescind the motion to allow \$15,000 district funds be used for the continuation of the Raiders Ark program. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Paul Servais to add agenda topic, Consideration of District Funds for the Raiders Ark Program, to the October regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Louie Ferguson and the board discussed the truancy reporting process.

Mike Edmunds reported on the conflict of interest language. There was discussion if this should be a formal guideline or board policy. It was agreed that it will be brought back for consideration at the October regular meeting.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Dana Conrad to approve the Post Bus Trip Review form as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Brian Steinlicht and seconded by Paul Servais to approve the Challenge Academy Policy as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mike Edmunds and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to approve the resignation of Jeff Byom as the high school boys' golf coach. Motion carried 6-0.

The van driver retirement request has been withdrawn.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Brian Steinlicht to approve the resignation of Rosario Espinosa Reyes as middle school ELL paraprofessional. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to accept the resignation of Mike Edmunds as the board clerk. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mike Edmunds and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to nominate Brian Steinlicht as board clerk for the remainder of the term.

Loren Wolfe asked for any other nominations.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Dana Conrad to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Brian Steinlicht as board clerk for the remainder of the term. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Loren Wolfe to approve the 2nd reading of NEOLA policy, Special Update – July 2017; 8500 Food Services. Motion carried 6-0.

Nancy Boehm left the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Louie Ferguson gave an update on the co-op regarding transportation and number of students coming and going between schools. Mike Edmunds asked that discussion be open to the room for questions or comments. Comments and questions were asked by the audience.

Loren Wolfe led the discussion on the middle school gym update. Louie and Loren met with an engineer regarding property drainage. Engineer would need footprint plan before going forward with his report. The city of Arcadia's Community Forum meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25th at 6:00 in the middle school commons. Committee members, Mike Edmunds and Randy Nilsestuen will attend this meeting. Afterwards the full board will meet to further discuss the district's plan moving forward and to discuss district footprint.

Paul Halverson, Michele Butler and Alan Herman left the meeting at 8: 52 p.m.

Louie Ferguson stated the Nelson Global has donated \$2,000 in cash and a large amount of steel for projects and welding supplies to the TVC 2.0 needs this year.

Louie Ferguson gave the superintendent report regarding the budget revenue. Handouts are available at the district office.

JoAnne Wier left the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Jackie Schira left the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Future meetings were scheduled as follows:

The City of Arcadia's Community Forum meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the MS commons - MS community outreach committee will attend (Randy Nilsestuen and Mike Edmunds).

Data retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. in room 219.

A negotiations committee mtg. was scheduled for Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in room 219 to discuss the employee handbook - Loren Wolfe and Rodney Walters will attend.

A full board special mtg. was scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in room 219 to discuss the MS gymnasium.

Quarterly instructor/department report meetings were scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in room 219

Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in room 219

Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. in room 219

Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m. in room 219

Derek Updike left the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to approve the treasurer's report and payment of vouchers totaling \$1,085,251.28, including computer check numbers 66995-67145. Motion carried 6-0.

A new topic requested by the board was a food service update and it was suggested to bring back the community group that was formed a few years ago. It was also suggested to check with Whitehall School District to see if they are having the same issues. Community input at board meeting was another topic suggested. This topic will be added to the board retreat agenda.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Dana Conrad to move into closed session at 9:14 p.m. Roll call vote: Paul Servais-yes, Dana Conrad-yes, Randy Nilsestuen-yes, Loren Wolfe-yes, Mike Edmunds-yes, Brian Steinlicht-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Open session reconvened at 10:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Loren Wolfe and seconded by Paul Servais to approve Ed Sonsalla as a part-time (50%) high school math teacher for the 2017-18. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Mike Edmunds to approve Ray Kamrowski as a van driver for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Dana Conrad to approve Kayla Horton as a van and bus driver for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Dana Conrad to approve Emilie Clifford as a 4K teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Mike Edmunds to approve Carrie Boberg as a part-time 4K paraprofessional for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Paul Servais to approve Linda Mullenbach as a part-time 4K paraprofessional for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mike Edmunds and seconded by Loren Wolfe to approve Billie Jo Klimek as a full-time special education paraprofessional for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Dana Conrad to accept Rosa Veliz as a full-time ELL paraprofessional for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mike Edmunds and seconded by Brian Steinlicht to accept Jolynn Rentz as a full-time cook for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Loren Wolfe and seconded by Brian Steinlicht to accept Paulette Mickelson for a full-time cook for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Loren Wolfe to approve a 2% salary increase plus \$5,000 (to complete the ESSA application) for Carmen Lee, Curriculum Director, for a total annual salary of \$81,500 for a 220 day contact for the 2017-18 school year.

A motion was made by Brian Steinlicht and seconded by Dana Conrad to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Brian Steinlicht, Clerk