

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ARCADIA  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2018**

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, March 19, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Loren Wolfe. Board members present were Loren Wolfe, Mike Edmunds, Paul Servais, Brian Steinlicht, Dana Conrad, Rodney Walters and Randy Nilsestuen. Also present were Louie Ferguson, Paul Halverson, Alan Herman, Carmen Lee, Michele Butler, Zac Bellman, Kim Severson, JoAnne Wier, Julie Hurlburt, Rob Hurlburt, Carrie Krause, David Frahm, Maureen Frenette, Kristy McMillen, Randy Thomas, Nancy Thomas, Areny Bork.

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

Motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded Rodney Walters to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

President Loren Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed session was announced for discussion of issues exempt under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c): A) Spring Coaching/Volunteer Recommendation, B) Consideration of Part-time Cook, C) Consideration of School Psychologist for 2018-19, D) Consideration of Middle School Secretary.

Motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Paul Servais to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018, regular meeting (open and closed sessions) and the amended minutes of the February 15, 2018 special meetings, the minutes of the February 21, 2018, February 27, 2018 special meetings (open and closed sessions) and the amended minutes of the February 28, 2018 special meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Citizen comments were given by Julie Hurlburt of Arcadia, WI.

Citizen comments were given by Dave Frahm of Arcadia, WI.

Citizen comments were given by Carrie Krause, Middle School Teacher.

Citizen comments were given by Areny Bork, middle School teacher.

Michele Butler, Middle School Principal, gave a report on classroom needs for the 2018-19 school year. Julie Hurlburt spoke about her concern with large class sizes in the middle school and holding middle school classes in the high school next year. The Board asked Mrs. Butler and her staff to offer alternate options to remedy needs for next year. Board will discuss again at future meeting.

Schneider Electric Act 32 presentation will be brought back next month.

Kim Severson left at 7:35 p.m.

Sue McKay, Technology Integrator, gave a presentation of the new website and explained new features.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Brian Steinlicht to approve the transfer of \$25,000 from Fund 10 to Fund 46 to be used for football/soccer field turf. Roll call vote passed: 7-0.

A motion was made by Rodney Walters and seconded by Mike Edmunds to approve the second reading of NEOLA policies: December 2017 Special Update Policies-9130-Public Requests, Suggestions, or Complaints, NEW 7430 – Safety Standards, 8309-Open Meetings for Non-Board Committees. And polices from Volume 27 No. 1 – 2260.02-English Language Proficiency, 2271-Youth Options Program,

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2411-Guidance and Counseling, 3160-Physical Examination, 3217-Weapons, 4160-Physical Examination, 4217-Weapons, 5113.01-Course Options, 5330-Administration of Medication/Emergency Care, 5460.01-EEN Graduation Policy, 5772-Weapons, 8605-Use of Electronic Wireless Communication Device by District Employees who Operate Board Owned or Operated Vehicles. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Brian Steinlicht and seconded by Dana Conrad to approve the retirement request of Colleen Sobotta, elementary physical education teacher, and give thanks for her many years of service. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Kristy McMillen left at 7:47 p.m.

Louie Ferguson presented proposal of department needs from LuAnne Hoesley, RN, District Nurse. The board directed Louie to get more information with possible co-op sharing and clinic share.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Rodney Walters to approve the Trempealeau Valley Cooperative 2.0 Joint Powers Agreement as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Brian Steinlicht to join the Northwest Area Cooperative for health insurance for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Motion carried 6-0-1

A motion was made by Brian Steinlicht and seconded by Dana Conrad to approve 2018-19 health insurance carrier to be Security Health and if employees choose to stay with Gundersen Health the Board will pay 50% of the upcharge for those employees to stay with Gundersen. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Louie Ferguson suggested the Board have a small committee to meet with the building principals to discuss the potential for a dean of student's position. Dana Conrad and Paul Servais will be on this committee.

The discussion of classroom size continued. The board agreed they would like to maintain class sizes of 30. In the middle school some of the classes are over 30. Randy Nilsestuen stated that in the past the Board had a policy to try to keep class sizes at 25.

Maureen Frenette left at 8:22 p.m.

Randy Nilsestuen stated he feels we need more ELL staff because of the growing population.

Randy Thomas, Nancy Thomas, Areny Bork, and Carrie Krause left at 8:29 p.m.

Louie Ferguson gave a TVC 2.0 update.

Louie Ferguson stated there are two more referendum meetings. The PCCW is rescheduled for Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and the Legion is still for Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Louie Ferguson gave a staffing projection for next year. He stated that we will have to add staff in the middle school to cover the four core areas. We will need to replace a special education teacher, ELL teacher and a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. He will give an update on this for the next several months.

A negotiations committee will be scheduled in a few weeks.

Louie Ferguson asked if the board will allow for the sole bus bid that came in be accepted and that formal approval would take place at the April meeting. They would like to get the bus off school property as it's in the way and taking up space. The board agreed.

Motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Rodney Walters to approve and file the treasurer's report and payment of vouchers totaling \$2,332,850.41, including computer check numbers 68048-68209. Motion carried 7-0.

For new business Brian Steinlicht asked to learn more about the schools security system. He will come in and Louie Ferguson will show him.

Motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Dana Conrad to move into closed session at 8:37 p.m. Roll call vote: 7-0.

Open session reconvened at 8:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to approve Joshua Lee Mendez as HS Assistant Track Coach and Brian Pehler as HS Assistant Baseball Coach. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Rodney Walters and seconded by Paul Servais to hire Paulette Dunn as high school part-time cook. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Loren Wolfe to approve Chloe Zeman as school psychologist for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Rodney Walters to hire Amy Baize beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup> as the middle school secretary. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Brian Steinlicht and seconded by Rodney Walters to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

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Brian Steinlicht, Clerk