

FOND DU LAC BOARD OF EDUCATION
72 West Ninth Street
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
January 11, 2021

CONVENE

Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Moment of Reflection/Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of the Board of Education via Zoom was called to order by President Jones at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Gedemer, Godfrey, Jurgella, Strand, Teifke, Uselmann, Jones

Administrative Staff members present: Simon, Buchholz, Gerlach, Moder, Noonan, Reichenberger, Scottberg, Seyfert, Snyder, Williams

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/
COMMUNICATIONS

President Jones announced that Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week is January 11-15, 2021. Each day dedicated adult crossing guards across Wisconsin show up at their assigned crossings to assist students in their journeys to and from school.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS
AND DELEGATIONS

Jessica Korb, N8475 Lakeview Road, pointed to athletics, social media posts by board members, and day cares being open as reasons to open school. She asked that the district solve the problem of subs, survey teachers about going back to school, use data and not feelings, and keep discussing the learning platform at every meeting. She stated that the virus is not spreading in schools, and if teacher vaccines are not mandatory then they are not a reason to wait to open school. She expressed the need for an option for those who want their kids in school more, since both available options have students out of school more than half time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT
RESOLUTION AGENDA

MOTION BY Teifke, seconded by Uselmann to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - 1. December 14, 2020 Board of Education Special Meeting, Executive Session, Regular Meeting, and Workshop as presented.
- B. Business Services Approvals:
 - 1. December Financial Statement - Accepted and its publication authorized.
 - 2. Current Expenses – To approve bills of the Board of Education in the amount of \$12,063,632.44 and to have warrants drawn for their payment.

MOTION CARRIED, ayes 7-0.

INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED
RESOLUTIONS

Board Members

Consider Approval of Land Transfer between the Fond du Lac School District and the City of Fond du Lac at Pier Elementary School and Accepting the Land Transfer from the City of Fond du Lac to the Fond du Lac School District at Parkside Elementary School

The Board discussed the proposed land transactions in executive session on October 26, 2020. Land near Parkside was obtained from the city for the referendum addition in trade for a strip from Pier to adjust the property line near the Buttermilk Creek Park tennis courts.

MOTION BY Gedemer, seconded by Uselmann that the Board of Education approve the transfer of land between the Fond du Lac School District and the City of Fond du Lac at Pier Elementary School and to accept the land transfer from the City of Fond du Lac to the Fond du Lac School District at Parkside Elementary School. MOTION CARRIED, ayes 7-0.

Consider Approval of the Termination Agreement between the Fond du Lac School District and the Current Fond du Lac STEM Academy, Inc.

The STEM Governance Board presented information to the Board at a workshop on October 12, 2020 outlining proposed STEM contract changes. The first action being requested is to terminate the current agreement with the STEM Academy (Grades 3-5). Discussion included enrollment caps, contract dates, contract language, transportation, staffing, and the possibility of an elementary level STEM partner charter school.

MOTION BY Godfrey, seconded by Jurgella that the Board of Education approve the termination agreement between the Fond du Lac School District and the current Fond du Lac STEM Academy, Inc. MOTION CARRIED, ayes 7-0.

Consider Approval of the Charter School Contract between the Fond du Lac School District and Fond du Lac STEM Academy, Inc., Formerly Known as Fond du Lac STEM Institute, Inc.

Following termination of the current STEM Academy contract, the Board is being asked to consider approval of the new STEM Charter School Contract.

MOTION BY Godfrey, seconded by Uselmann that the Board of Education approve the new STEM Charter School Contract, expanding

grade levels from 6-12 to grades 3-12 for a transition period and then maintaining grades 6-12, and renaming Fond du Lac STEM Institute to Fond du Lac STEM Academy, Inc. MOTION CARRIED, ayes 7-0.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATOR
REPORTS

Facility Services

Facilities Referendum Planning
Update

John Williams shared the progress on the referendum construction. The basement of Parkside is nearly complete, and some teachers will be able to use their newly remodeled rooms before the end of the school year. Roberts' library is being converted into the office space, and some classrooms are also being done. At Sabish and Woodworth, a few classrooms at a time are being renovated.

Superintendent

2021-22 Public School Open
Enrollment Timeline

Sharon Simon shared that the timelines and specific information for parents to submit open enrollment applications is available on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) website, the District's website, cable TV, and will also be advertised in *The Reporter* and *Action Advertiser*. This year, the open enrollment window is open from February 1 through April 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Additional information is provided in the attached email from Wendy Burgess, Transportation and Open Enrollment Coordinator. She can be reached by parents with any questions they may have at 906-6524.

Acuity Grant Process and Timeline

Sharon Simon stated that the Acuity grant application process is kicking off. This program supports teachers in obtaining funding for innovative projects that are not included in school budgets. There are both technology and non-technology projects. These will all be decided before the end of the school year, and hopefully delivered in person.

COVID-19 Data

Erin Brendelson shared that the numbers have been fairly consistent. Staff onsite testing is going on, along with testing at community sites. Tests take 1-2 days to get results. The shortened quarantine period (CDC recommended) is in place, which helps relieve staffing pressure. Advocating for staff to get vaccines sooner is still happening. Teachers and educators are in the 1B group, the next group to be vaccinated. There are around 850 employees that might need to be vaccinated.

Board Members

Review WASB 2021
Recommended Resolutions

Linda Uselmann presented the 10 resolutions that will be voted upon at the statewide Wisconsin Association of School Boards delegate assembly next week. The board members agreed that Linda will be voting "yes" on behalf of the FDL school district board on all except the one-cent statewide tax for school funding.

Superintendent Search

Dr. Jones reported that the survey for the community is active and focus groups will be taking place. The survey went out via email to parents, staff, and high school students and is available on the school district website for community members. It will remain open until January 24, 2021. Zoom links for the parent and community focus groups are also on the district website. A question was asked about how the superintendent contract will be developed.

Returning to In-Person Board Meetings

The board discussed the option for returning to in-person meetings while complying with open meetings law. There is a possibility of the board room working, with overflow rooms across the hall in case of overcapacity to accommodate the public per open meetings law. A board member asked about how the superintendent is seated during the meeting, whether they should be placed with the Cabinet rather than the board.

Student/Staff Activities

Mr. Gedemer thanked those who hosted him on school tours of the academic model.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATE MATTERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Uselmann, seconded by Teifke that the Board of Education adjourn the regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED, ayes 7-0. The regular meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Linda Uselmann, Secretary/Clerk