

**FOND DU LAC BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**72 West Ninth Street**  
**Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**  
**September 25, 2023**

CONVENE	Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Moment of Reflection/Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Henschel at 5:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL	Members present: Godfrey, Henschel, Hoerth, Moder, Pennau, Uselmann. Administrative Staff members present: Fleig, Gerlach, Reichenberger, Steinbarth, Marien, Williams. A Moment of Reflection preceded the Pledge. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.
ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNICATIONS	Following adjournment of the regular meeting, the Board will convene in an executive session to discuss site acquisition as provided for in Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e).
PUBLIC COMMENT	Dannie Mor, 247 E. Bank St., referenced his prospectus on black history for moral progress at wordpress.com. He spoke about a second proposal for mental health of youth and the benefit of meditation (emptiness practices). He mentioned Sojourner Truth, mysticism, 10 great religions, yoga, and a connected, previously presented research article. He read from a document that said CRT was not the answer.  Dan Ireland, 102 S. Sallie Ave., offered congratulations for the football victory. He spoke positively about Betsy DeVos, Polly Williams and “education freedom” ideas related to school choice vouchers and claimed that competition led to more empowering education models. He praised Newt Gingrich, “Little Patriots,” Prager University and the Heritage Foundation. He said public schools treat children as though they were all the same and leave no room for individual needs.
APPROVAL OF CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA	MOTION BY Godfrey, seconded by Hoerth, to approve the consent agenda as follows: A. <u>Chief of Finance and Operations:</u> 1. <u>Resignation</u> – Mackenzie Goebel, school psychologist at Riverside Elementary and Theisen Middle Schools, effective August 30, 2023. MOTION CARRIED, ayes 6-0.
BOARD/ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS Chief of Finance and Operations Preliminary Budget	Mike Gerlach shared that the district is moving through the budget process. The next big event will be the budget meeting at 4:30 p.m. on October 9, 2023. The final budget comes October 23, since there are pieces from the state and local governments (3rd Friday pupil count, federal funds, local property valuations) that need to be filled in so that the district’s tax levy can be set.
Superintendent Evans Elementary School Named National Blue Ribbon School for 2023 by the U.S. Department of Education	Dr. Fleig presented information about Evans Elementary School being recognized as one of 353 schools in the nation to receive the National Blue Ribbon School designation. Evans made significant progress in moving students to proficiency in math and English/language arts, including for students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, and students of color. Over the past few years, emerging bilingual students are also showing progress. Surveys also show improved staff engagement. Teacher Kim Trent spoke on behalf of the staff about what the award means to staff and the work that went into it. There will be a ceremony in Washington, D.C. later in the fall.

Notification of FHS Orchestra Trip to New York, April 3-6, 2024	Dr. Fleig notified the Board of the trip he approved for the FHS orchestra to travel to New York, April 3-6, 2024.
November Board Meeting Dates	Dr. Fleig announced that the first November meeting will be the first Monday, November 6, 2023, instead of the second Monday, November 13, 2023.
Board Members Student/Staff Activities	Pennau: Chegwin visits, Eagle Scout ceremony; Moder: STEM and Evans visits; Godfrey: football game, Evans, Sabish, and Pier visits; Uselmann: FHS visit, football and band performances, Eagle Scout ceremony; Hoerth: youth night volleyball game; Henschel: multiple football games, homecoming this week.
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Jim Hess, W3678 Sunny Road, Eden, congratulated Evans Elementary and then spoke against the current Secretary of Education and his criticism of “misbehaving” parents at school board meetings. He held up a sign: “Common Core fuzzy math <math>3 \times 1 = 0</math>.” The US spends 3 times as much as others but ranks low in math. He then added that 1 in 4 ADHD students are abusing Adderall and it was a gateway drug. He thought this and dyslexia was due to poor reading education.</p> <p>Chari Trotter, 77 E. 11th St., spoke about the data presented earlier by Dr. Fleig about zero black children being proficient in math/reading putting a “spear” in one’s heart. She spoke with the District Equity Coordinator Terrance Lofton about how his position could coordinate with the secure detention center, since those students (part of “all students”) also need to learn.</p>
ADJOURNMENT TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SITE ACQUISITION AS PROVIDED FOR IN WISCONSIN STATUTES 19.85(1)(e)	<p>MOTION BY Godfrey, seconded by Hoerth, that the Board of Education adjourn the regular meeting and convene in an executive session to discuss site acquisition as provided for in Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e).</p> <p>“(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.”</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED, ayes 6-0. The regular meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.</p>
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	
CALL TO ORDER	An executive session of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Henschel at 5:51 p.m.
ROLL CALL	Members present: Godfrey, Henschel, Hoerth, Moder, Pennau, Uselmann. Administrative Staff members present: Fleig, Gerlach, Steinbarth, Williams, Marien.
DISCUSS SITE ACQUISITION	An update of the process was given to the board, with additional people present to consult and answer questions. Final moves will be subject to board approval.
ADJOURNMENT	MOTION BY Godfrey, seconded by Uselmann, that the Board of Education adjourn the executive session. MOTION CARRIED, ayes 6-0. The executive session adjourned at 6:03 p.m.