

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the School District of Fall Creek was called to order by President Wright at 6:00 P.M. in the District Conference Room. Members present were Brock Wright, Eric Ryan, Amy Kurtz, and Courtney Kneifl. Also present was, Ashley Goodman-Mason, Brad Ceranski, Trevor Kohlhepp and John Goodman. Board member Jill Geske was absent. Board Member Courtney Kneifl left at 6:56pm. Student Council Representatives Lily Walden and Avery Schroeder were absent.

President Wright stated that the public notice of the meeting was properly posted per Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes (Subchapter IV).

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0. (Geske was absent.)

President Wright reported the next meeting dates:

March 10, 2025 – Regular Bd Meeting – 6:00 P.M. ** Changed Date
April 21, 2025 – Regular Bd Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
May 19, 2025 – Regular Bd Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
September 22, 2025 - Annual Meeting – 6:00 P.M

Student Highlights: Fall Creek Cricket Cup

General Public Address to the Board- None

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0. (Geske was absent.)

- A. Minutes of Regular Bd Meeting of January 20, 2025
- B. Minutes of Executive Session of Bd Mtg of January 20, 2025
- C. Financial Statement dated January 2025
- D. Approval of Monthly Receipts and Checks
- E. Student Activity Account Receipts and Checks
- F. Consideration of a Support Staff Resignation

Bryan Holman gave a Transportation Report. No action or motion was requested.

Mr. Ceranski gave a Facility/Transportation Committee Report. No action or motion was requested.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtz and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve Charlie Fitch's request to retire at the end of the 2024-2025 School Year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0. (Geske was absent.)

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve Wendy Stephen's retirement. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0. (Geske was absent.)

Mr. Goodman gave a January Membership Count Report. No action or motion was requested.

Mr. Goodman gave a Preliminary Budget Reductions/Enhancements and Program/Staffing Planning Recommendations for 2025-2026. No action or motion was requested.

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to approve Revisions to the Following Policies: 1100 District Organization; 1130 Ethics and Conflict of Interest; 1241 No Reemployment of the District Administrator's Contract; 2210 Curriculum Development; 2270 Religion in the Curriculum; 2271.01 Start College Now Program; 2416 Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information; 2464 Programs for Gifted and Talented Students; 3230 Ethics and Conflict of Interest; 3281 Personal Property of Staff Members; 4124 Letter of Reasonable Assurance; 4230 Ethics and Conflict of interest; 5113 Open Enrollment Program(Inter-District); 5330 Administration of Medication/Emergency Care; 5341 Emergency Medical Authorization; 5512 Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Students; 5611 Due Process Rights; 5710 Student Complaints; 6231 Budget Implementation; 6235 Fund Balance; 7410 Maintenance; 7430 Safety Standards; 7440 Facility Security; 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety; 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety; 7540.07 District-Issued Student E-mail Account; 8120 Volunteers; 8125 Consultants; 8395 Student Mental Health Services; 8531 Free and Reduced-Price Meals; 8600 Transportation; 6110 Federal Funds; 6111 Internal Controls; 6114 Cost Principles-Spending Federal Funds; 6325 Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds; 7450 Property Inventory; 2440 Summer or Interim Session School; 5500 Student Code of Classroom Conduct; 5511 Dress and Grooming; 5451 Student Recognition; 5530 Student Use or Possession or Intoxicants, Drugs, or Paraphernalia; 5540 The Schools and Governmental Agencies; 5605 Suspension/Expulsion of Student with Disabilities; 5610.02 In-School Discipline; 5780 Student/Parent Rights; 8220 School Day/ School Closure; 8540 Vending Machines; 8640 Transportation for Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips; 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicle as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0. (Geske was absent.)

Mr. Ceranski reviewed the Summer School Offerings with the Board. No action or motion was requested.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to bid out the logging of the school forest. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0. (Geske was absent.)

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve a resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan and Sub-Plan. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0. (Geske was absent.)

Mr. Ceranski gave a Stadium Renovation Update. No action or motion was requested.

Announcements by Administration

- A. Elementary Mini Sessions – Ashley Goodman-Mason
- B. Update on Act 20 – Ashley Goodman-Mason
- C. Winter Sports – Trevor Kohlhepp
- D. Fine Arts – Trevor Kohlhepp
- E. State Testing and Career Tours – Trevor Kohlhepp

Announcements by the Board of Education - None

The Hearing on the Maurine and Scott Marek Petition to Alter School District Boundaries was called to order by President Wright at approximately 6:56 P.M. in the District Conference Room. Board Members present were Brock Wright, Amy Kurtz and Eric Ryan. Also present was Brad Ceranski. Board Members Courtney Kneifl and Jill Geske were absent.

President Wright was identified as the Chairperson of the hearing.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtz and seconded by Mr. Wright to have Amy Kurtz be the secretary for this hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

Notice of the Hearing was read.

Introduction of the Board Members was conducted: Brock Wright, Amy Kurtz and Eric Ryan.

President/Chairperson Wright stated the statutory basis for making a decision was included in the Board Booklet.

President/Chairperson Wright gave an overview of the petition.

President/Chairperson Wright stated the rules of this hearing.

Brad Ceranski, Superintendent of the Fall Creek School District residing at 425 S. Victory Street, Fall Creek, WI 54742 gave reasons for altering the school district boundaries.

No Opponents were present.

No additional information was presented from the proponents of the petition for altering the school district boundaries.

No additional information was presented from the opponents of the petition to alter the school district boundaries.

President/Chairperson Wright closed the public presentations.

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to grant the transfer of the territory described in the petition. That the reorganization requested in the petition filed on January 15, 2025 by Maurine and Scott Marek, be granted and an order entered detaching the territory described in said petition from the School District of Eau Claire and attaching said territory to the School District of Fall Creek. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

Motion by Mrs. Kurtz and seconded by Mr. Ryan to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order of reorganization. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to adjourn the hearing at approximately, 7:02pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to convene to executive session as per Chapter 19.85 (1)(c)(e) Wisconsin Statutes at 7:03pm to discuss hiring recommendations, discuss administrative team structure and district staffing for 2025-2026 and authorizing the Superintendent to accept resignations and retirements and hiring for open positions as well as to receive negotiations update. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to reconvene to open session at 7:35pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

The clerk reported the Board discussed hiring recommendations, discussed administrative team structure and district staffing for 2025-2026 and authorizing the Superintendent to accept resignations and retirements and hiring for open positions as well as to received negotiations update. No action or motion was taken.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtz and seconded by Mr. Ryan to hire Bryan Willkom for the Middle School Track Coaching Position. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to change the current part time technology aide position to full time effective February 18, 2025. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

Motion by Mrs. Kurtz and seconded by Mr. Ryan to create a new teacher position to support reading, math, behavior and special education students beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to give the Superintendent the Authority to accept employee resignations and retirements submitted in February, March, April, May, June, July, August and September and to hire for all open positions prior to Board Meetings in these months. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kneifl to adjourn at 7:37PM. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0. (Geske and Kneifl were absent.)

Amy Kurtz, Acting Board Clerk