

CHETEK-WEYERHAEUSER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting

April 9, 2018

President Carri Traczyk called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Members present: Dave Bonczyk, Carri Traczyk, Barb Reisner, Steve Goulette, Kelly Olson, Janene Haselhuhn. Absent: Korie Lentz

Motion by Bonczyk, seconded by Goulette to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Information and Action:

Achievement Gap Reduction Report – Roselawn – Scott Kowalski said Roselawn is in year 2 of a 5 year contract that provides funding for staffing. In the past this was considered the SAGE program. We need to show progress to the DPI. In reference to the graph that was displayed, we were in Red areas in the Fall and Winter (Not meeting Benchmark) – but there are increases. The children that we are not seeing growth in are consistently being looked at. We have the ability to change data points. Scott K. mentioned that over the Summer they will be looking at the report. Steve G. made a motion to accept the report and Kelly O. seconded – passed.

School Safety Information/Discussion:

Mark J. provided the Board with a review of the district safety plan and the process used to make revisions. Mark also mentioned that the plan was created with the assistance and feedback of Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald (Barron County), Barron County Emergency Services (Mike Judy), Mr. Randy Books of Northwest Wisconsin Regional Emergency Services, Chief Ambrozaitis of the Chetek PD, and with a school safety consultant from M3. During the process, both buildings conducted threat assessments to determine possible “weaknesses” in the plan, building structure to grounds. It also consisted of determining which threats had the highest likelihood of occurring in our schools. Further, Mark discussed that a “Drill Schedule” was developed and all scheduled drills have been completed. The revised safety plan was based on the recommendations of several federal and state organizations such as FEMA and Department of Education.

The Safety Plan Staff Training – staff were all trained in the safety plan and its components in the fall of 2017. All staff were provided the plan as well as the condensed action plan to follow.

The teachers take attendance on a mobile app in order to keep a count of kids in class.

Mark J. said that the more we practice we will see where we can make improvements and streamline the process.

Larry Z. reiterated that the best way to “test” the safety plan is to practice it and look for gaps. For example, it was noted that during a planned “lock down”, it might be helpful to get some classrooms shades to cover the window in the door.

Carri T. asked about an Active Shooter app on the phone? It’s the belief of administration that using the Loud Speaker is better than an app. because the kids know what has to be done.

Dave B. asked if we’ve done enough with local law enforcement. Mark J. said that law enforcement was involved in the revision process, provided the district with feedback and assistance in writing the plan, and all have a copy of our the plan as well as our responses to specific incidents. Mark also said that the district will

continue to work with law enforcement to assist with providing the safest environment possible for our staff and students. Dave B. feels it would be good to have them approve our plan.

Steve G. asked about the School Resource Officer – we will be following up with Barron County and see what it looks like. Carri T. feel this needs to be more than a couple of hours a week. Kelly O. mentioned the possibility of going with 2 hours a week until the end of the school year and maybe it would be full-time next fall. Rusk County has one officer for 3 schools.

Barb R. asked about our local police and if they would be interested in being part of the solution. Koll F. said the officer would be encouraged to meet with kids and interact with them. We will need the right person with the right personality. Mr. Jay Olson (who is a Barron County Deputy Sheriff) has a lot positive interaction with kids now through the weight room and the Chetek Chief Ron is also very visible.

Consent Agenda:

A. Employment

1. Michelle Fuchs, C Team Softball Coach

Dave B. made a motion to accept and Steve G. seconded – passed.

Kelly O. asked about the 2018-2019 school calendar – Mark J. said it still is with the committee – they are trying to decide where to put Spring Break.

We have 2 snow days left.

Kelly O. said that the presentation that she went to with LeRoy Butler was amazing. He talked about bullying.

Barb R. made a motion to adjourn at 5:53 and Dave B. seconded – passed.

Submitted by Acting Secretary, Janene Haselhuhn