

Flambeau School Board Welcomes New Administration at July Meeting

President Connie Gasior opened the July regular school Board meeting with a welcome to new members of the administrative team. Craig Cahoon, 6-12 Principal, as well as Brianna Edington, Special Services Director and School Psychologist, were greeted by Gasior. Erica Schley was also congratulated on her new role as District Administrator. Gasior offered well wishes and support to the new team on behalf of the school Board.

Extensive conversation also took place in regards to the affiliation of the Flambeau Honor Society. Advisors Jodi Zimmer and Jen Frafjord were in attendance to answer questions and provide information on opportunities afforded by the Lakeland Conference Honor Society. Zimmer and Frafjord shared plans to increase the group's participation in service projects, as well as to provide a consistent set of standards for student officers. Zimmer also spoke of the increased opportunities to obtain scholarships through the Lakeland Conference. After this discussion the school Board suggested pursuing affiliation with the Lakeland Conference as well as at the national level for the upcoming school year.

Also discussed in length at the July 19th meeting was the possibility of a community fitness center being provided at the school. Schley shared that the Community Education Advisory Council has been exploring the idea of using the former Whitetail Academy space for a fitness center that would be open to the public. Funding for the project is available through Community Education, and they have begun to collect estimates for what the center may cost. A history of the purpose of the former Whitetail Academy was discussed, and it was decided to continue to pursue quotes for a complete proposal of the project.

Other action taken at the July meeting includes: approval of 2018 Spring Sports Coaching contracts, 2018 extra assignments, and daily substitute contracts. New hires include Tony Vacho as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach, Mandy Bratanich as Girls Golf Coach, Jen Frafjord as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, as well as Kay Radlinger as Alternative Education Teacher. The resignations for Matthew Schultz as High School Science Teacher and Connie Leonhard as 6-12 Choir Teacher were also accepted. Student and employee handbooks were approved by the Board, as well as milk and bread bids for the next school year.