

OFSD board, coach to meet on contract

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The Oconto Falls School Board has agreed to meet with Dawn Larsen over her not being offered a contract to coach softball next season.

Following a closed session last month to discuss Larsen's request to discuss reconsideration of the decision, the board scheduled a meeting for Jan. 28.

The meeting was to have started with an executive session, including time for public comment, then go into executive session again, according to the agenda.

The board had no applicants to replace Larsen, who has coached softball at Oconto Falls for 12 years, and has been the longtime volleyball coach.

Board members raised concerns about whether this would raise an equity issue with balance of offerings for boy's and girl's [sports](#)

. The board tabled action on approving the spring coaching recommendations.



In other business at its Jan. 21 meeting, the board:

- approved the final 2013-2014 calendar, which calls for a start of [school](#)

on Sept. 3 for students. The slight modification from the calendar originally proposed included a vacation day on Friday, Oct. 25,  with Wednesday, Nov. 27 a vacation day for students and an in-service day for teachers.

- authorized Curriculum Director Candie Lehto to proceed with planning with summer school. One enhancement approved by the board for summer school this year would include the operation of Kids Station, an afternoon daycare for families that may not have other daycare options when summer school was in session.

- heard an outline for the process to select a new principal of Abrams. The closing date for applications is Feb. 8, with a preliminary round of interviews by a selection committee. Regular interviews will start in early March. Finalists will be interviewed by the board in the middle of March.

- learned the number of meals being served was less compared with last year. This was attributed partially to changes in regulations, which modified the menus. Also, the number of students has also decreased from the corresponding time last year. However, costs were in line with what had been projected.

- adopted a special resolution for the upcoming WASB delegate assembly encouraging the governor and state Legislature to take action on the Fair Funding in Education proposal made by state Superintendent Tony Evers. The resolution states "The Oconto Falls Board of Education resolves that our Governor and Legislature support and enact the "Fair Funding for Our Future Plan" that has been proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for the 2013-15 state budget."

- approved a contract with Associated Financial Group in Green Bay for services as health insurance consultant.

- approved a one-year renewal of the TRITON service agreement for [distance learning](#)



The mid-year budget update showed that the District was in good shape financially and had actually spent a smaller portion of its budget than during the corresponding time in previous years. Also, Superintendent Dave Polashek noted that approximately 39 percent of the school tax had been paid, which was a higher percentage compared to the same time last year.

The Board also set a Curriculum Committee meeting prior to the start of the regular meeting on Feb. 11 to consider summer hours.