

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2014
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Thomas Helgeson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on January 10, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jane Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Jason Falck recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward (via teleconference), Jason Falck, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mike Malott and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. High school orientation and scheduling with the current eighth grade students is taking place.
2. The high school Advanced Placement Government students are required to attend public meetings and some have attended our board meetings.
3. Kaitlin was proud to report that she placed fourth at the Regional Junior Science Symposium and won a trip to Washington D.C.

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. Students at the high school will be taking semester finals next week.
2. This Friday the high school wind symphony will be performing at the National Band Association conference in Wisconsin Rapids. Five students have been selected as all state and will also be performing: Dan Hessler, Brady Scafe, Athen Engen-Viner, Kyle Lang, and Zachary Lang.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Phyllis Hetland was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on discussion action items: convention resolutions, custodial position, cell phone policy, increases for the 14-15 school year for programs, audit proposals, safety team created, discontinue WWLEARN at the end of 2013-14, CESA is in its 50th year; review of the administrators evaluation.

District Performance Initiatives by Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the donation to the Horace Moran Fund from Stephen & Deborah Kraus. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick Hildebrandt from StruXture Architects recapped the process and final recommendations for the proposed new building project.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000,000.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$32,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of constructing a new middle school for grades 4-8 and related site work; undertaking infrastructure and capital improvements on the District's campus, including constructing an access road; and acquiring furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$500,000 FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91,

Wisconsin Statutes, by \$500,000 for the 2014-2015 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of security improvements at the Elementary School.

A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve a RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000,000 AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$500,000 FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed information related to the county land purchase now that La Crosse County has accepted the district's offer to purchase land.

Mr. Gunderson provided a finance update on the 2014-15 budget.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a preliminary salary model for teachers.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the current Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) options and what possible language changes may be for the future.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignation of High School Athletic Director LeRoy Krall, effective June 30, 2014. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for co-curricular positions. High school: Brian Babiash, head varsity softball; Julie Kamla, JV softball; Eric Borre, head varsity golf; Charles Ihle, head baseball; Jamie Olson, JV baseball; LeRoy Krall, head girls' track; Bret Miller, head boys' track; Stacy Mitchell and Garrett Carlson, assistant track. Middle school: Nicole Friell, Scott Johnson, Bill Jensen, and Sarah Weber, track; Casi Jones, 7th grade softball; Brad Skaer, 8th grade softball. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Mr. Falck seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:25 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlingen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Ward disconnected from the meeting.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk