

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2012  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. 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 October 18, 2012.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck, and Ken Schlingen. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Alyssa Noll and Kevin Martinson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe, Lisa Gerke and Eric Jensen.

*Approval of Agenda*

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Connection with the Community**

*Alyssa Noll reported on:*

1. Katylyn Larson won the Coulee Region Young Woman of the Year.
2. Sophomore Hannah Thorn will be competing at the cross country state meet.

*Kevin Martinson reported on:*

1. Band auditions at the high school are almost complete.
2. All fall sports seasons are complete except for high school cross country.

*Correspondence*

A thank you note was read from Jane Halverson.

A thank you note was read from Sherri Wizner.

*Public comments*

Ray Ebert commented on the computers which were distributed and sending home a reminder to parents, and the TIF District will be paid off in 2022 if no additional building.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Finance Committee – Mr. Helgeson reported that the committee met earlier tonight and discussed the recommendation for the levy and mill rate.

Policy Committee – Mr. Falck reported that the committee met last week and reviewed policies. A couple of policies will be on the next board agenda.

Board Grant Review Committee – Mr. Ward reported that he met with Mr. Falck and Mrs. Halverson last week and reviewed the board grant applications. A recommendation for approval is on the current agenda.

Reports by Michelle Kloser, Mark Ledman, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Rick Kline and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2012; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept donations from Terri Lenselink for the elementary school LMC; from Lynn Maas and Sara Ziegler for the elementary school LMC; and from Ben and Kalli Bierman and Family, in memory of Ms. Hugo, for the elementary school LMC. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve \$18,250 for the purchase of a pool heater. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve setting the 2012-2013 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the certification of the 2012-2013 tax levy at \$7,016,089 with a mill rate of 9.76. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$1,500,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from October 29, 2012, until December 5, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the 2012-2013 Board Grants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smalley reviewed the status of technology availability and use at the elementary school.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve to offer a \$50 stipend to each qualifying member who completes a biometric screening as offered by WEA Insurance provided at least 60% of the total number of eligible members that participate in the screening. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. St. Pierre reviewed the School Report Card that was released and also information on educator effectiveness.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the second semester Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve a 3 hours per day, 4 days per week elementary school paraprofessional as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administrations recommendations to approve the following: JV boys' basketball, Steve Kastenschmidt; assistant wrestling, Josh Brewer, David Neuman, Eric Zinck; JV boys' hockey, Sam Greene; assistant boys' hockey, Adam Daniels; 7th grade boys' and 7th grade girls' assistant basketball, Ryan Waldhart; 8th grade boys' and 7th grade girls' basketball, Justin Running; 8th grade assistant boys' basketball; 8th grade girls' basketball, Heather Jehn; 8th grade assistant girls' basketball, Amanda Beld; middle school wrestling, Josh Brewer; middle school assistant wrestling, Lucas Brown; High School Marching Band, Dave Kies; High School Color Guard, Kelli Martin; High School Jazz Band, Dave Kies; High School Pep Band, Dave Kies; High School Choir, Amy Hanson; High School Show Choir, Amy Hanson; High School Play Director, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, Rhonda Andres; High School Play Director, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, Rhonda Andres; Assistant One-Act Play, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, Patti Hall; Assistant One-Act Play, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, Amy Hanson; Stage Manager, Dan Heerts; Tech. Supervisor, Dan Heerts; Forensics, Kim Volden; Forensics, Assistant, Andrea Armstrong; Summer Theatre Director, Amy Hanson; Summer Theatre Instrumental, Dave Kies; Summer Theatre Vocal, Rhonda Andres; Summer Theatre Stage, Dan Heerts; Student Council, Laura Deal; Neshonoc, Andrea Armstrong; Mock Trial, Justin Glodowski; Link Crew, Justin Jehn and Andrea Armstrong; Visual Arts Classic, Quenten Brown; Quiz Bowl, Laura Deal; Ecology Club, Wayne Sackett; Math Club, Chris Milne; FFA, Mike Larson; V.I.C.A., Paul Liethen; Pep Club, Rhonda Andres; National Honor Society, Toni Key; Diversity Club, Lynne Brown; Homecoming Supervisors, Quenten Brown, Randy Dammon, Amy Hanson, Loretta Zwonitzer and Rhonda Andres; Freshman Class, Andrea Armstrong and Liz Skaer; Sophomore Class, Wayne Sackett, Laura Deal; Junior Class, Debbie Tourville and Laura Deal; Senior Class, Lynne Brown, Rhonda Andres and Laura Deal; Unit Leaders, Randy Dammon, Mike Larson, Allison Fisher, Dave Kies, Chris Milne, Kim Butterfield. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Falck, Clerk