

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Errol Kindschy. 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 November 10, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Patrick Bahr led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Dean Buchanan recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Errol Kindschy, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Megan Tabbert and Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tom Ward, Linda Brown and Thomas Helgeson.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Megan Tabbert reported on:

1. The high school Chem 103 class and the English 110 class went to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse last week.
2. The sophomore class was testing last Wednesday and Thursday.

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. The senior class is working on their Senior Exit Project and will begin writing the paper.
2. The winter sports season has started.

Correspondence

A letter from Trane Wisconsin was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Falck reported that the next meeting will be on November 28, 2011.

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that at their last meeting the audit report was reviewed, they approved the project programs budget, and discussed the concealed weapons policy.

The administrator reports were reviewed and Mr. Gunderson reported on a coulee conference rule, the long range facilities planning meeting and the future budget presentations.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2011, Regular Board meeting and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Teachers Amy Hanson and David Kies presented their request for a music trips to Florida in November of 2012. Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Scafe Seconded to wait for a decision at November 28 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrators Michael St. Pierre, John Smalley, Dean Buchanan, and Mark Carlson gave a presentation on the progress of the district's approach to RtI (Response to Intervention).

Eric Jensen presented the final document for the pupil nondiscrimination self-evaluation report. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to adopt the Pupil Non-discrimination Self-Evaluation Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Chuck Ihle as the seventh grade assistant boys' basketball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Falck seconded to set the December board meeting date as December 19, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the board grants for \$1500 for each of the two applicants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation, with regret, of boys' varsity soccer coach Jason Mahlum. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the calendar of the 2012-2013 school calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson gave the board an update on the status of the employee handbook.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Falck seconded to develop a request for proposal and solicit bids for the purpose of offering access to driver education at the school. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to proceed with the energy upgrade plan and to create a request for proposals in preparation for the energy upgrades for 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson updated the board on the status of the cell tower on a light pole at the football field.

Mr. Kindschy welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding legal advice pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (g) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:26 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraeztz seconded to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Scafe, Acting Clerk