

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2010
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 November 4, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Eric Jensen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Thomas Helgeson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Christina Locante. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mark Carlson and Kolton Christenson.

Approval of Agenda

Errol Kindschy moved, Scott Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

1. The second quarter of the school year has begun.
2. The sophomores are taking the WKCE this week.
3. The seniors are starting to write their papers for the SEP.

Correspondence

An e-mail from the New Richmond School District Athletic Director, Casey Eckhardt, was read.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met last Thursday and discussed the following: Sharks Booster Club request, middle school special education room bids, COPS Grant, long range planning and security at the elementary and middle schools.

Policy Committee - Mr. Ward reported that the committee met earlier tonight and went through policies. Policy #112 Harassment will be at the next meeting for a first reading.

Administrator reports were reviewed. Mrs. Gerke and Mrs. Jane Macdonald, Kindergarten Teacher, gave a presentation on Handwriting Without Tears, which is being used at the elementary school.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 25, 2010, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept donations from Harold Garzee and the West Salem Garden Club for the OEC, Jeff Boyne of the National Weather Service for the high school, and from US Cellular for the elementary and middle school music programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the co-curricular recommendation for the middle school wrestling head coach, Eric Zinck. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the co-curricular recommendations: Michael Grego, JV boys' basketball coach; Jon Chisholm, volunteer wrestling; Scott Koepnick and Rachel Sackett, volunteer girls' basketball assistants. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #141 School Board Officer Duties. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the second reading to reaffirm policy #111 Sexual Harassment; #111-Rule Sexual Harassment Guidelines and Procedures; #111 exhibit, Discrimination Complaint Form; #120 School District Legal Status; #130 School Board Legal Status; #132 Removal of School Board Officers; #133 Filling School Board Vacancies; #150 School Board Powers and Duties; #151.3 Administration in Policy Absence; #151.4 Board Review of Administrative Rules; #161 School Board Authority; #163 School Board Member Development Opportunities; #164 School Board Member Compensation; #171 Regular School Board Meetings; #171.1 Public Notification of School Board Meetings; #173 Executive Sessions (Closed Sessions); #174 Board Organizational Meetings; #176 Special District Meetings; and #188 Board Member Attendance, WASB State Convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #171.4 Remote Participation in Board Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the elementary school second grade teacher job share request with the Board. Mindy Court and Jessica Macha were present to present their request to the Board and answered questions. A straw vote was taken to see if Board members were ready to make a decision. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to table the request until more information is available. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding superintendent expectations 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.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:36 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Ward announced the approval of the superintendent evaluation document.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk