

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2014
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by 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 March 6, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. The first practice for high school track started today and there are about 50-60 boys out for track this year.
2. The high school Visual Arts Classic (VAC) team competed this weekend and will be competing at state.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. The Onalaska girls' hockey coop competed at state and lost 5-6. The team consisted of two West Salem High School girls.
2. The rest of the high school spring sports will start next week.
3. The high school softball team will be participating in a spring training trip to Florida at the end of March.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Verda Drecktrah was read.
A letter of interest from the Boys' and Girls' Club was read.

Public comments

Elementary Art Teachers Courtney Vesperman and Angie Hemker invited the administration and board to select a piece of artwork from the K-12 District Honors Art Show, to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for the next year.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control Report – Mrs. Halverson reported that the board reviewed the audit report, approved a resignation and hired a speech and language therapist, discussed vehicle use by CESA employees, reviewed the vehicle fleet with possible additions, discussed policy #3100, administrator school site visits are being done, and a reminder that the Legislative Forum will be March 27, 201.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that budget reductions were discussed.

District performance initiative reports from 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. Falck moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2014, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept donations from the following: from Sherry Kneifl to the elementary library, from Kathy Thompson to the district, from Don Buehler to the high school, and from the West Salem Lions' Club for the high school. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Board Representative Kaitlin Brueggen shared research she completed on grades 6-12 keyboarding in the district.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed information on the 2014-2015 budget, with regards to possible reductions that may need to be made. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson provided an update on the insurance benefits the district staff currently receives. No action was taken

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Strategic Planning Initiative: Communication and Community. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the District OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) document. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to contract with Stacy Rel as the eighth grade softball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the resignations of Stacy Pelts, custodian, and Brad Skaer, 8th grade softball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk