

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2013  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 March 7, 2013.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Kevin Martinson 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 (7:52), Tom Ward, Jason Falck, and Ken Schlingen. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mike Malott, John Smalley (7:45), and Michael St. Pierre; Student representative: Kevin Martinson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe, Alyssa Noll, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, and Lisa Gerke.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Kevin Martinson reported on:*

1. Last Saturday, the show choir put on a concert.
2. This Friday, there will be a choir and band concert in the Heider Center.
3. The high school spring sports are starting.
4. Shane Craig's Senior Exit Project advertising sponsors were approved by Principal Carlson.
5. Adelyn Hanchette will be putting on a concussion awareness program as part of her Senior Exit Project on March 21, 2013.

*Correspondence*

No correspondence was received by the board. Mr. Ward did acknowledge Herb Kohl award recipients: Jennifer Wheeler, second grade teacher; Hayden Gullickson, high school student; and Alyssa Noll, high school student. Mr. Ward also acknowledged state art award winners: Sydney Hammes, elementary student and Rachel Auna, high school student.

*Public comments* – None.

### *Written and Oral Reports*

Transportation Committee – Mr. Falck reported that the committee met earlier tonight and discussed the current vehicle fleet, replacement and future purchases; a bus bid recommendation will be at the next board meeting.

CESA #4 Report – Mr. Ward reported that the CESA #4 annual meeting will be June 5, 2013; the administrator did site visits to area districts; referendum information from area districts was shared; educator effectiveness was discussed; and the superintendent from Cashton was hired at the Chippewa Falls School District and that there are many superintendent positions open in the state.

Administrator reports by Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson introduced district art teachers Angie Hemker and Courtney Vesperman, who distributed cards so board members and administrators could select art work from the Heider Center Gallery K-12 District Honors Art Show to be hung in the Heider Meeting Room for a year.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the donation from the La Crosse Area Educators' Association for the West Salem scholarship program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Molling reviewed the 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 budget summaries for Fund 10 district; Funds 21, 27, 38, 39, 50, and 80.

Mr. St. Pierre reviewed the dashboard report for the Performance Initiative – Teaching and Learning.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve for a first reading of board policy #425 Public Open Enrollment. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the wrestling cooperative with Bangor School District for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the gymnastics cooperative with Bangor School District and Aquinas High School for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. Motion carried.  
(5-Aye, 1-Nay)

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the request for a memorial in memory of Lisa Hugo at the elementary school library. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for middle school track, Sarah Weber. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson led a discussion on the Long Range Plan on how to proceed with an architect.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Falck, Clerk