

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room –7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 24, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Linda Brown led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Kolton Christenson 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 (7:20), Eric Jensen, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Christina Locante and Kolton Christenson. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mark Carlson, Davita Molling and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as amended by delaying the RtI presentation until Principal Buchanan arrives. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

1. The seniors will be presenting their SEP in classes and the community presentation will be on May 4, 2011.
2. This Friday and Saturday the Relay for Life of West Salem will be held.

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. Last Thursday was the K-12 Artist Reception for the District Honors Art Show.
2. Local scholarship applications are due.
3. The high school track team has competed in two indoor meets already.
4. The high school hosted solo and ensemble this past weekend.
5. The VAC (Visual Arts Classic) regional competition is April 1, with VAC State competition on April 8.
6. The High Quiz Bowl team competed on March 5 and won Consolation Champs. On April 2, three teams will be competing at Holmen.
7. Auditions will be held for the summer musical, *Peter Pan*, for students in grades 8-12.

Correspondence

A summary of the recent State Mathcounts Competition was read as well as a thank you note from the team members and the coaches.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Spraetz reported that the committee met earlier tonight and there will be three policies for a second reading on tonight's agenda, and one policy for a first reading at the next board meeting.

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported on the budget process and components of the governor's budget bill.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 14, 2011, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept donations from Raunaque and Amber Oshan for the PBIS/IMPACT fundraiser, and from the *GAP EasyMatch* Program for the High School Link Crew. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson and Director of Technology Bill Solsrud gave an update on the status of the district's technology infrastructure.

Mr. St. Pierre, Mr. Smalley, Mr. Buchanan and Mrs. Buswell presented information on how RtI (Response to Instruction) is being used throughout the district.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to authorize administrators to approve applications for open enrollment to attend the School District of West Salem or Leave the School District of West Salem to attend another district, per the Department of Public Instruction guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #175 Annual District Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #186 Citizen Participation at Board Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #345.5 Graduation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve a contract for Sam Ruud as the pool director for 2011-2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the 2011-2012 CESA #4 contracts for services as modified by eliminating item #320 21st Century Technology Leadership. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to bring back from the table the hiring of a part-time transportation paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the administrations' recommendation to hire Ammar Sabar as a part-time transportation paraprofessional. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Abstain. Motion carried.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve co-curricular recommendations. Head cross country, Liz Faller; assistant cross country, Laura Deal; head girl's tennis, Julie Kamla; head football, Wayne Sackett; assistant football, Mike Malott and Bob Gorniak; JV football, Justin Jehn; freshman football, Jamie Olson and Jonathan Jones; head boys' soccer, Jason Mahlum; head volleyball, Darcy Sawyer; JV volleyball, Andrea Koch; freshman volleyball, Brian Lusk; fall cheerleading, Diane Thompson; volunteer girls' soccer, Lauren Turinetti, Brandi Krueger; and volunteer track, Adam Miller and Shane Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the retirement, with regret, of high school English teacher Lucinda Patza. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the retirement of elementary school paraprofessional Annette Apfel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of elementary school special education Judy Wimer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the retirement of sixth grade teacher Charles Ihle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the retirement of sixth grade teacher Kathleen Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the retirement of second grade teacher Colleen Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the retirement of second grade teacher Barb Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to direct the Board President to send a note on the Boards behalf to the retirees, thanking them for their years of dedicated service. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fred Kusch from JFK Associates, Inc. and The Growth Coach reviewed a proposed plan if selected as the strategic planning facilitator.

Mr. Ward welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding selection and negotiating a fee with a strategic planning facilitator and discuss negotiating fees for shared services with an area school district pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:59 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

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to contract with Mr. Fred Kusch of JFK Associates and the Growth Coach with the cost not to exceed \$9,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk