

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 May 6, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Nancy Burns, Dean Buchanan (7:07), Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Christina Locante and Kolton Christenson. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, Jason Falck, and John Smalley.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Helgeson asked to give a report on the WASB Spring Academy under item II. d. Written and oral reports by School Board Members. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

1. On April 30, the high school held Star Search and Diversity and Environment Day.
2. The juniors had a concern on scheduling of classes; when it may happen.
3. There have been many field trips at the high school. One recent one was the Street Law trip to the La Crosse courthouse on April 29 to hear a trial. There was also a class visit from Assistant D.A. Dean Searnin.
4. The Neshonoc yearbook dedication will be Friday, May 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. This past Monday, 18 members were admitted during the NHS Induction Ceremony. La Crosse Mayor Matt Harter was the guest speaker.
2. The high school prom was this past Saturday.
3. The band and choir State Solo/Ensemble took place this past Saturday with many firsts and seconds.
4. The band and choir concert will be this coming Sunday.

Correspondence

1. An e-mail from high school art teacher Quenten Brown informing the board of the Senior Art Show reception on Thursday, May 13, 2010.
2. An e-mail from yearbook advisor Cindy Patza informing the board of the Neshonoc Dedication ceremony that will take place on Friday, May 14, 2010.
3. An invitation to 8th grade promotion was read.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA Board of Control – Mr. Kindschy reported on the following discussion items: energy audit, comparison of school years with regards to CESA contracts, and the renegotiated second year of the Melrose-Mindoro teacher contract.

WASB Spring Academy – Mr. Helgeson reported that he and Mr. Falck attended the WASB Spring Academy conference on May 8 and reviewed the sessions they attended.

Administrator Reports – The administrators' reports were reviewed by the board. Mrs. Buswell added that the high school will be piloting student online scheduling and will start on Monday May 17, and pointed out the semester exam schedule for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. St. Pierre reviewed teacher interviews that were conducted. Mrs. Burns reported and summarized the WASDA Conference she recently attended.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 26, 2010, as amended; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept donations from Mark Carlson for the science department; Home Depot, Wal-Mart and Cathy Tyink for the high school commons; and from the Trane Company for the arts and theater department. Motion carried unanimously.

School board grant presentations were made by elementary physical education teacher Lindy Meyers and fifth grade teacher Sara Jeranek. Both teachers made a presentation on ways the grant was used and thanked the Board for their support.

The district's Director of Technology Bill Solsrud gave a presentation on the coming e-mail change from Groupwise to Microsoft Exchange/Outlook.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the summer school course offerings with the additions of the summer musical and summer band contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve to increase the Curriculum Director position from .5 FTE to 1.0 FTE for one-year only. Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to amend the motion not to exceed the amount given of 15,761. Motion carried unanimously on the amendment. Motion carried unanimously on the original motion as amended.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the elementary .5 FTE paraprofessional position for supervision. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Stacy Rel as a middle school special education teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Amanda Temp as an elementary school special education teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Jeremy Hoff as an elementary school special education teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the revised MOU for the Wisconsin Phase Two Race to the Top application. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the board committees and appointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

No resignations/retirements were presented for Board consideration.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to send to the Finance Committee the 2010-2011 high school and middle school athletic directors contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

A school board grant presentation was made by middle school band teacher Ryan Waldhart on how his grant was used and thanked the Board for their support.

Heider Center Theatre Director Dan Heerts presented proposals for microphones that will need to be purchased for the auditorium to be in compliance by June 12, 2010. Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve quote #3 from Commercial AV Systems of Onalaska and to be paid for out of the Heider Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Errol Kindschy, Acting Clerk