

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2014
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice 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 January 23, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jane Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Thomas Helgeson 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 and Michael St. Pierre; Student representative: Kaitlin Brueggen. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Zachary Lang, and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. High school students took semester finals last week.
2. On January 20, the Link Crew sponsored Cocoa and Cram event.
3. Kaitlin plans on doing some research into the keyboarding skills for middle and high school students.
4. This week is Winter Homecoming, sponsored by the Pep Club, highlighted by a Sadie Hawkins Dance.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Marlin Tauscher was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Mrs. Halverson, Mr. Clements, Mr. Falck, Mr. Helgeson, Mr. Scafe, Mrs. Molling, and Mr. Gunderson reported on some of the sessions they attended at the State Education Convention last week.

Department reports from Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, and Rick Kline were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2014; the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2014; and the invoices to be paid. Mrs. Halverson and Mr. Scafe agreed to a friendly amendment to their motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2014. Motion carried. (5 Aye, Mr. Falck Abstained)

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2014, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to continue with a six (6) member board until new members are seated in April. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved to nominate Mr. Scafe for the office of Vice President. Mr. Falck withdrawn his nomination. Mr. Schlimgen moved to nominate Mr. Helgeson for the office of president. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Helgeson as President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved to nominate Mr. Scafe for the office of Vice President. Mr. Schlimgen moved to nominate Mr. Clements for the office of Vice President. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to close nominations and cast a vote. The first vote was tied 3-3. Mr. Scafe and Mr. Clements each spoke as to why they want to serve as the Vice President. The second vote was tied 3-3. Mr. Clements and Mr. Scafe mutually agreed to a coin flip to select the Vice President. Mr. Clements picked heads. Wayne Sacket from the audience did the coin flip. Heads was the winner. Mr. Clements will serve as the Vice President of the West Salem School Board.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a recent meeting he and Mr. Clements attended with parties that are interested in the current middle school. John Hammes from the Hockey association was also present and participated in the discussion for a plan for the current middle school.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Open Enrollment limits as presented with the addition of adding four-year-old kindergarten to be limited to 130. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the draft of an enrollment study that is being completed.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a draft of a calendar for the 2015-2016 school year which would be used by many area school districts as part of a consortium.

Mrs. Molling presented a 2013-14 budget review.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for athletic cooperatives for girls' hockey with Onalaska and boys' hockey with Bangor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve a contract for Brenna McGuire as the swimming pool director as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action 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" regarding nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:44 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk