

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 October 10, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the agenda as amended by moving item IV C high school presentation on conference realignment for football before item IV C new building update from StruXture Architects. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. High school parent/teacher conferences were held on October 8, 2013.
2. Homecoming was this past week; football won over Westby.
3. The high school soccer team is ranked first in sectional playoffs, which begins tomorrow night at home.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. The high school volleyball team won against Arcadia and will play Westby next.
2. The high school marching band played their last half-time show at homecoming, which was also senior night.
3. The high school concert band auditions started today.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Julie Meier was read.

A thank you note from Stephanie Zais was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met and discussed the budget, revenue limit, property values and the annual meeting.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mr. Ward reported that the board outreach event was cancelled and there will be a rural schools alliance conference on November 13-14.

Reports from administrators Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2013; invoices to be paid; and the open enrollment requests for 2013-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the donation from the West Salem Booster Club/Baseball Fund for the school district. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Carlson shared a presentation and information on the football conference realignment. A delegation from the school will head to Stevens Point on October 23, 2013.

Representatives from StruXture Architects were present to give a building project update.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the request for a summer 2014 Spanish trip. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the proposed revenue limit, equalized aid, and state property tax decrease.

Mr. Gunderson shared the budget plan for the Annual Meeting on October 21, 2013.

Mrs. Halverson, Mr. Falck and Mr. Ward will meet on October 21, 2013 to review board grant applications.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administrations co-curricular recommendations to approve the following:

 Middle school – yearbook, Jenny Morgan and Nicole Friell; vocal, Elle Nimm; jazz band, Ryan Waldhart; band, Ryan Waldhart; and assistant band, Mardeana Glasel.

 Elementary school – Odyssey of the Mind, John Knepper.

 High school – JV boys' hockey coach, Eric Borre; JV girls' basketball coach, Alyssa Jarosh; and co-gymnastics coaches, Amy DuPont and Carrie O'Hearn;
Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignations of bus driver Kathy Ganyo, forensics advisor Darcy Sawyer, and dance team coach Nicole Friell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the 2013 -2014 parent transportation contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties" regarding the purchase of county land.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:59 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk