

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 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 November 7, 2013.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Tom Ward 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, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, 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: Jason Falck.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Zachary Lang reported on:*

1. Cooper Addington, Abby Bahr, Athen Viner, Zachary Lang, and Josh Baker participated in the Winona State University Honor Jazz Festival held on November 8 and 9.
2. The high school winter sports practices started today.
3. Veterans' Day programs were held today in all three buildings. Zachary played Taps at the elementary program and students' performed a short play "War Letters" at the high school program.

*Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:*

1. The NHS held another successful Trick or Can drive for the food pantry.
2. The Math Club competed at UW-Platteville, results were not available yet.
3. Kaitlin Brueggen and Brady Scafe participated in the UW-Eau Claire Honor Band Festival on November 9.

*Correspondence*

A thank you note from Eric and Lori Jensen was read.

A thank you note from the Heider Arts was read.

Mr. Ward announced that he turned in papers indicating that he will not be running for school board.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mr. Ward reported that the board meets the first Wednesday of each month and the school board will need to find a replacement for him. Mr. Ward also reviewed items discussed at the meeting, which included: WISCNET, the state-wide student information system, cell phone reimbursement policy, revision of the mission and vision statements, and a budget presentation.

District Performance Initiatives updates by Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no Open Enrollment requests to act on.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donations from Target for the middle school, and from Brushtalk Signs for the high school art department. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer School Administrator Lisa Gerke reviewed the 2013 summer school program and answered the board's questions.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed and led a discussion on the 2013-2014 Key Performance Initiatives. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adopt the Strategic Plan Key Performance Initiatives as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to set the December board meeting as December 16, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to recommend the purchase of a new standard projector for the Heider Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to hire Ted Yankee as a vehicle driver. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Nicole Friell, high school winter dance team coach; Ryan Nelson, Diversity Advisor; B.J. Newton, Odyssey of the Mind volunteer. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 1 Nay)

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. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:54 p.m. A roll vote was taken: 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**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Falck, Clerk

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Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk