

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2014
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by 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 April 24, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jane Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen recited the District Mission Statement.

Syl Clements and Catherine Griffin were sworn in prior to the board meeting.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Jason Falck (teleconference), Ken Schlimgen, Scott Scafe, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Mariah Arneson and Cameron Robaczewski. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen and John Smalley.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Organization of the 2014-2015 School Board

Mr. Scafe moved to nominate Thomas Helgeson for the office of President. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Helgeson as the President of the West Salem School Board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved to nominate Syl Clements for the office of Vice President. Mr. Schlimgen moved to nominate Scott Scafe for the office of Vice President. Mr. Helgeson moved to close nominations. Paper ballots were used and Mr. Falck text messaged Mr. Gunderson his vote. Mr. Scafe received four votes and Mr. Clements received 3 votes. Mr. Scafe has been elected at the Vice President of the West Salem School Board.

Mr. Scafe moved to nominate Ken Schlimgen for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ken Schlimgen as Treasurer of the West Salem School Board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe

Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved to nominate Jane Halverson for the office of Clerk. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jane Halvers as the Clerk of the West Salem School Board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

New student school board representatives, Mariah Arneson and Cameron Robaczewski, were introduced.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded a resolution to authorize the board officers to borrow money pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3) for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to select the Union State Bank of West Salem as the bank depository. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to authorize facsimile signatures pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3). A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to authorize the board officers to invest surplus funds pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 66.042(3). A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to continue with the current schedule to select the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for regular school board meetings and one meeting in December. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Deputy Clerk. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson reviewed the board committees, memberships and representations and requested input from the members on their preferences.

Mr. Schlimgen moved to nominate Jane Halverson as the CESA #4 Representative. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jane Halverson to serve as the CESA #4 Representative. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Mariah Arneson reported on:

1. DECA members Erin Faella, Brennan Bahr and Jinal Patel, will be going to International competition in Atlanta May 3-7.
2. The junior prom will be this Saturday, May 3.
3. This Saturday, 75 members of the band and choir will be participating in state solo and ensemble at UW-La Crosse in 37 events (21 band and 16 choir).

Cameron Robaczewski reported on:

1. The high school robotics team placed 67th out of 100 entries in their division at the national competition in St. Louis, Missouri this past weekend. The team competed with teams from countries all over the world.
2. On Saturday, the high school boys and girls track teams placed 1st in the small school division at the Knights of Columbus Relays at UW-La Crosse.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Kaitlin Brueggen was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Helgeson reported that the committee met tonight and reviewed a recommendation for a soccer building, a plan for the Long-Range Facilities Committee to meet, and the plan for the elementary school safety and security entrance.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2014; and the invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Members of the high school robotics team, Gearbox Heroes, summarized the season and their experience at the national competition this past weekend. Members present were Jeff Severeid, Tyler Riemer, Michael Anderson, Justin Severeid, Ted Tiber, Janna Seeger and coach Trenton Harger. Other members not present were Drew Lassig, Tyren Lincoln, Nick Oldenburg, Matt Schams, Duncan Thorn, Erick Moen, and coach Ryan Tracy.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donation from Kohler for the high school auto lab. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adopt the districts OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) document as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the La Crosse County land purchase financial plan and the land being purchased.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the following resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$500,000 at an interest rate of 2.7% from May 16, 2014, until July 20, 2019, for the purchase of land. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey data was reviewed, and input was given from students in the audience.

Curriculum Director Michael St. Pierre gave an update regarding the WKCE and WSAS test results.

Mr. Buchanan, reviewed the changes to the 2014-2015 middle school schedule.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the staffing proposal for the 2014-2015 school year. No action was taken by the board.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to set the second meeting in May as Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Abstained, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignations from Barb Thill, middle school food service; Christine Knutson, elementary resource teacher; and Ryan Tracy, high school technology education. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. 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 issuing preliminary notice(s) of nonrenewal, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22. And (f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons" regarding an administrator.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:00 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, and Mr. Schlingen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck disconnected from the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk