

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 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 May 8, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Scott Scafe led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Catherine Griffin recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Mariah Arneson reported on:

1. DECA Members Erin Faella, Brennan Bahr, Jinal Patel competed at the international competition on May 3-7 in Atlanta Georgia. Unfortunately, no one placed in the top 25.
2. The state solo and ensemble competition was held on May 3. Of the 36 events, 10 entries received a 2 (silver) rating, 26 entries received a 1(gold) rating and 2 entries received an Exemplary Soloist awards.
3. The high school held Star Search on May 9. First place went to Abby Bahr and Brittany Dummer, and Connor Waldhart accompanied.
4. On May 9, the high school student council held a pancake breakfast for teacher appreciation. They also made gift bags for the teachers.
5. The high school NHS (National Honor Society) elected new officers and will have 11 new members. Induction will be on May 20.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Wisconsin State Reading Association for allowing middle school Reading Teacher Kari Schultz to present at the convention in February; Using the iPad for Literacy Learning: Engaging in Best Practice.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Staff Relations Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met and discussed the new teacher salary model.

Transportation Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the committee met tonight to discuss the purchase of a new bus, the sale of a bus, facilities plans at the bus garage, and new regulations.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson shared that there was a conflict and will meet this week.

District Performance Initiative reports from Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre and Troy Gunderson. Additional items shared: a \$20,000 grant was received, ticket prices for athletic events will be raised, the Long Range Facilities Committee and StruXture Architects will meet on May 19, 2014, and the consortium calendar proposal was denied by the DPI.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2014; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the donation from Sherry Hougom in memory of her daughter Sara for the high school dance team. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Strategic Planning Key Performance Initiative: Technology. Elementary Technology Integrationist Rick Martinson and Elementary LMC Director Mary Hundt gave a presentation on how iPads are being used at the elementary school.

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of Board Member Jason Falck. Motion carried unanimously. Candidates will be sought to be appointed to this vacancy.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the 2014-2015 committee assignments, memberships and delegates as presented with the addition of Ken Schlimgen to serve as the TIF District representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to select TCI to manage, design and build the elementary school safety and security project. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin-Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Nay. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 1 Nay)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the soccer storage facility with fundraising. Motion carried unanimously. The final facility plan will need to be approved by the board.

Mr. Gunderson explained a draft of the Teacher Salary Model with the proposed base teacher scale for the 2014-2015 school year and also the related teacher compensation data.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the retirement of food service employee Clarice Kolterman, and the resignations from food service employee Amanda Lunde and hockey coach Bob Monroe. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to offer a contract to Julie Arentz as the high school guidance counselor for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's coaching recommendations. High school: LeRoy Krall, head cross country; Laura Deal, assistant cross country; Julie Kamla, head girls' tennis; Wayne Sackett, head football; Justin Jehn, Scott Johnson and Bob Gorniak, assistant football; Jason Holter, freshman football; Dave Halverson, head boys' soccer; Cole Andres, JV boys' soccer; Tina Thompson, head volleyball; Jamie Holst, JV volleyball; Becki Murphy, freshman volleyball; and Nicole Friell, fall dance team. Middle school: Jilayne Karr, Odyssey of the Mind volunteer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to offer contracts to the school psychologist and teachers for the 2014-2015 school year 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 issuing final 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. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:25 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk