

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

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 22, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Scott Scafe 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, 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

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

Connection with the Community

Mariah Arneson reported on:

1. On May 18, the high school held their farewell concert: Brennan Bahr was selected as drum major, awards were given and a picnic was held.
2. The high school student council elected new officers.
3. The high school scholarship night was May 14. There were 46 scholarships distributed to 43 different students.
4. Senior sports awards were given. Zachary Lang and Marissa Massoth received the Athlete of the Year and Anna Lattos received the most letters. Athletic Director was also acknowledged for his work with the athletic program.

Correspondence

E-mails from parents Jennifer Black, Robin Fitzgerald, Cindy Averbek, and Pamela Arneson were received by the district in support of continuing block scheduling at the middle school and were acknowledged.

Public comments –

District resident Terri Martinson and parent Tammy Bentzen expressed their support for the continuation of the middle school block scheduling.

Written and Oral Reports

Long Range Facilities Committee – Mr. Clements reported that the committee met last week and discussed the pros and cons of how people voted in the referendum, the possibility of sending out a survey and getting tax payer involvement.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met last week and looked at the implementing the new salary model and what could happen in the next three years.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson that the board met and approved the following: contracts, new policies, purchase of a delivery van, summer maintenance projects, the upgrade to the access system, new carpeting, health and dental benefits, and employee compensation of 1.65%. The annual meeting will be June 4.

Reports from Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, and Rick Kline. Troy Gunderson also reported that he met with the insurance consultant and the insurance company regarding benefits; he gave an update on the elementary safety and security project, and the recent baseball field dedication. Mr. Buchanan expanded upon his report on the middle school schedule.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2014 and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Open Enrollment requests for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the donations from Brenengen Autogroup and from Aquinas Catholic Schools for the high school robotics team, and Shenanigans Family Entertainment Center of La Crosse for the students of the district. Motion carried unanimously.

Elementary teacher, Amy Chambers, thanked the board for the board grant she received for benchmark reading assessment materials.

Art teachers, Krista Beron, Courtney Vesperman and Angie Hemker thanked the board for the board grant they received for upgrades to the kilns that were purchased.

High School DECA Advisor Jason Holter introduced students Erin Faella, Brennan Bahr and Jinal Patel who competed at the national competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Gunderson shared a two-year roadmap from Laura Veglahn, CESA #4 Reading Specialist. Mrs. Gerke and Mr. St. Pierre also shared supporting information of Mrs. Veglahn and the services that are provided.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the Transportation Committee's recommendation to purchase the Freightliner/Thomas – 74 passenger Model C2 bus for \$89,987. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin, and Mr. Schlimgen Nay. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 1 Nay)

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the sale of a bus and food steamer as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the WIAA affiliation for the middle and high school level athletics for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the retirement of bus driver Lorna Wehrs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to hire Jordan Gilge as the high school athletic director (\$30,600) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's middle school co-curricular recommendations: Stacy Rel, 8th grade volleyball coach; John Knepper, 8th grade assistant volleyball coach; Alyssa Jarosh, cross country coach; Sarah Weber and Jeremy Hoff, assistant cross country coach; Justin Running, 7th grade football coach; Josh Brewer, 8th grade football coach; and Matt Duster, 7th grade assistant football coach. 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 the performance of individual support staff employees.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:50 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.

Adjournment

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk