

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 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 June 5, 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.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Cameron Robaczewski reported on:

1. The high school boys' and girls' track teams competed at the State Track Meet at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse this past weekend. Top finishers include Mitchell Lehmann, Brett Thompson, Tyus Hoepfner, Marissa Massoth, and Anna Latos.
2. The high school sent two Quiz Bowl teams to compete at nationals May 30-June 1 in Illinois. One team placed 261st and the second team placed 267th in a tough field of competition

Mariah Arneson reported on:

1. The high school girls' varsity soccer team in participating in the playoffs.
2. The high school band camp began and will run for two weeks. Members will learn the new marching song and routine and will also learn the half-time routines.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Staff Relations Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met and is almost ready with the base pay schedule. The long term care benefit was discussed.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Clements reported that the committee met and discussed at various proposals for the elementary safety and security project.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported the following items were discussed or acted upon at the recent annual and organizational meeting: Jane was selected as the WASB Delegate, contracts, resignations technology upgrade, vehicle purchase, and an increase in itinerant services.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2014; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the donations from the American Legion Post 51 Baseball for the baseball facility, from Michael and Michelle Lorenz, Mary Jochen, Patricia Cox, Clint and Amanda La Rock for the “Jane Doe” lunch account, and from Taco John’s and Ship Shape Car Wash for staff appreciation. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Nutrition Services, Kerri Feyen, presented information on the awarding of the prime vendor bid and the renewal of the bread and milk bids.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the school breakfast and lunch prices for the 2014-15 school year as presented.

Breakfast: Elementary-\$1.50, Middle-\$1.50, High-\$1.75, Adult-\$2.25, Reduced-Free

Lunch: Elementary-\$2.30, Middle-\$2.55, High-\$2.75, Adult-\$3.75, Reduced-\$.40

Milk/Juice: \$.50

Mrs. Feyen also presented a request to eliminate the morning milk program and to fund (free) breakfast for the reduced price meal students. No action was taken on these items.

Mrs. Feyen also informed the Board that the Policy Committee will need to update the Board Policy #452 Wellness to include the Smart Snacks ruling.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to renew the food service co-op with the Bangor School District for the 2014-15 school year as presented which includes a 2% increase in cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to cancel the Long-Term Care Insurance benefit effective October 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adopt the 2014-2015 salary model for the West Salem Education Association as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on the repairs to the district’s swimming pool.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on the elementary school safety and security project.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on the school board vacancy. Fred Perri and Robin Fitzgerald have filled out the questionnaire to express their interest in filling the temporary board member position.

Mr. Schlimgen 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 June 5, 2014, until June 17, 2014, to meet cash flow needs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adopt the 2013-2014 budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve setting the admission fees for athletic contests at four dollars (\$4) beginning July 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignations of high school varsity basketball coach, Chad Hayes; freshman volleyball coach, Terressa Leinon; and high school football coach, Rick Martinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to set the summer Board Retreat date as Monday, August 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. 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 compensation of two employees.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:48 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk