

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 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 July 10, 2014.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Syl Clements 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, Fred Perri, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, 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: John Smalley.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Mariah Arneson reported on:*

1. The 124th La Crosse Interstate Fair will be July 16-20. Many students are participating by volunteering, participating in 4H, or by showing animals.
2. High school student Megan Rowe competed at the Rodeo state finals in Richland Center and placed just short of making it to the national competition. Jessa Waldenberger is another WSHS student who competes with Megan in rodeo competitions.

*Cameron Robaczewski reported on:*

1. Last week, Cameron and 4 other boys from the high school cross country team attended a running camp at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. There we took part in multiple sessions on different aspects of running, like apparel, hydration and nutrition, goal setting, and stretching to name a few.
2. Also last Wednesday a group of 17 Spanish students and 2 adults went to Costa Rica. They are spending time doing many activities to experience Latin American culture, such as visiting hot springs, taking part in wildlife tours, coffee tours, chocolate tours, zip lining, lots of hiking, and, of course, shopping.

*Correspondence* – None.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met earlier and reviewed: health insurance, elementary safety and security project and the 13-14 budget.

District Performance Initiatives reports from Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, and Michael St. Pierre were reviewed.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2014, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the middle school 2014-15 Student and Parent Handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the high school 2014-15 Student and Parent Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the district 2014-15 Employee Handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution:** Whereas the following school districts have handicapped children, and whereas it appears that the educational interests of all children in these school districts will be served best by the districts joining together to offer special services, as authorized by the Department of Public Instruction, to meet the needs of handicapped children. Be it, and it is hereby resolved that the school boards of West Salem School District and Bangor School District, agree to establish and maintain, on a cooperative basis, a handicapped children's special education program(s) pursuant to Section 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the health insurance plan and design for the 2014-15 school year as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to hire Rebecca Radle as the .8 FTE elementary school counselor and James Klos, pending release from his current contract, as a high school science teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for Brittany Heilman as a freshman volleyball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for 2014 elementary summer school offerings and staffing as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of early childhood teacher, Barb Wettstein; middle school special education teacher, Stacy Spors; and high school agriculture teacher, Michael Larson, per district policy. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Perri seconded to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk