

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
July 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 July 24, 2014.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

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

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Mariah Arneson reported on:*

1. Five DECA officers attended a workshop in Madison this month to set goals and learn ways to improve the chapter.
2. The NHS team leaders are meeting to organize and plan for their August 12 blood drive.
3. West Salem High School foreign exchange student, Kayla Adams, returned from Sao Paolo, Brazil. Kayla attended a small school with about 23 students per class during the 2013-14 school year. Kayla was able to explore the country and participated in many activities.

*Cameron Robaczewski reported on:*

1. On Wednesday, July 30, fall sports athletes will be attending the mandatory fall sports preseason meeting. After the big group meeting there will be break-out sessions for the individual sports.
2. On Wednesday, July 30, the high school student council will be holding a meeting to discuss the goals and fund raising for the upcoming school year.

3. For the next two weeks, a group of 35 seniors will participate in a class designed to get a head start on the SEP. Students will have the chance to start on their research paper, project plan, or portfolios. The goal of the class is to give students a head start in order to meet the deadlines of the project and to have more free time during the school year to work on other parts of their project.

#### *Correspondence*

A letter from the American School Band Directors' Association commending the district of the acceptance of Ryan Waldhart, band director at West Salem Middle School, into membership in the ASBDA was read.

*Public comments* – None.

#### *Written and Oral Reports*

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Clements reported that the committee met on July 15 and July 28 and discussed the elementary school safety and security project and other facilities.

Transportation Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the committee met tonight and will have items to be acted upon later in the agenda.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Minutes of July 14, 2014; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment requests for the 2014-15 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the donations for the art and drama departments from George and Joann Kapanke, for the Food Service Jane Doe Fund from inactive account holders. Motion carried unanimously.

Ernie Tourville, Tim Ruppert, and Ben Johnson from TCI Architects reviewed the plans and costs involved in the elementary safety and security project. Mr. Perri moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to allow TCI to purchase bricks for the elementary project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Sebesta from the Sebesta Group gave an overview of the pool facility and reviewed his proposal for repair.

Mr. Helgeson left the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Schlimgen is acting Board President.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Perri seconded to approve the soccer storage and player shelter project as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Johnson, Maintenance Director, reviewed the Strategic Planning Performance Initiative – Energy Efficiency and an action plan for the district.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Long-Term Disability and Life Insurance plans as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the elementary school 2014-15 Student and Parent Handbook with changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Perri seconded to accept the Transportation Committee's recommendation to approve the bus routes for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halveson seconded to accept the Transportation Committee's recommendation to approve the requests from bus drivers to keep a school vehicle on their own property from Bonnie Kortbein, Stan Tauscher, Donna Bruemmer and Ted Yankee, with Betty Hanson keeping the bus at the bus garage on the weekends. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Perri seconded to accept the resignations from high school social studies teacher, Justin Glodowski, and high school science teacher, Wayne Sackett. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Perri moved, Mr. Clements seconded to hire Laura Lusk, part-time food service; Karly Baganz, .5 FTE 4K teacher; Brian Baker, 1.0 FTE middle/high school science teacher; and Shannon Jones, 1.0 FTE elementary EBD Teacher. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the high school science teacher or the Early Childhood teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to contract with Julie Arentz, 7th grade volley ball coach; Jennifer Perz, 7th grade assistant volleyball coach; Casi Rochester, 8th grade assistant volleyball coach; Tyler Shrake, 7th grade assistant football coach; Jake Merrill, head boys' basketball coach; and Justin Jehn, head varsity 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 superintendent's mid-year review; and salaries for individual administrators for the 2014-2015 school year.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:01 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mrs. Griffin Aye, Mr. Perri Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### *Closed Session*

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to return to open session at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

*Open Session*

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Perri seconded to set the administrators salaries for the 2014-15 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Perri moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk