

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2017  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Syl Clements. 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's 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 January 19, 2017.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Paige Dunnun led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Simon Buchanan recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Ryan Rieber, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Paige Dunnun and Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Josh Mallicoat, Michael St. Pierre and Davita Molling.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Paige Dunnun reported on:*

1. On January 28, the Panther hockey team is hosting a game against Stevens Point to benefit cancer patients in the Coulee Region. They have involved numerous high school organizations and local businesses. The money raised will be donated to a local fund for cancer patients through Mayo Clinic.
2. The West Salem High School Interact club was recently awarded The La Crosse County Health Department's Healthy Living Hero Award. Their volunteer work in this year's iFeed event helped collect over 30,000 food items for those in need in our community.
3. The West Salem Dance Team competed in Sparta on January 14, taking first in pom, second in hip hop, and second in jazz within their division. This weekend they will be competing at regionals in New Richmond.
4. Abby Tower, a West Salem Senior, began her senior exit project (SEP) by joining a mission trip to Haiti this fall. In Port-au-Prince, Abby taught an art lesson to a group of 12-year-old Haitians, asking them to draw what they wanted most in the world. On Thursday, Jan. 12, Abby displayed these student's drawings in the Heider Center lobby and collected donations to support the Haitian school and its students. The drawings along with pictures of their authors will be on display until the end of January.

*Simon Buchanan reported on:*

A summary of recent and upcoming competitions in girls' basketball, boys' basketball, wrestling, hockey and gymnastics was reported. The gymnastics team is ranked first in the state in Division 2 according to WSHGA (Wisconsin High School Gymnastics Association) Honor Roll.

*Correspondence*

District attendees to the Wisconsin Education Association Conference in Milwaukee shared their experiences.

A thank you letter from the McConkey family was read.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on tonight's committee meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the January 11, 2017, committee meeting.

Reports from Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Rick Kline, Kerri Feyen, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Roger Fish, James and Karen Kindschy, and Microtel Inn of Onalaska for the Jane Doe fund; from Kwik Trip for the high school; from the West Salem Aquatic Center for the School District; from the West Salem Community Foundation for the 2016 Scholarship fund; from an anonymous donor for the 8th grade student fund; from David Hallum for the Korry Servais Scholarship Fund; from Stephen and Deborah Kraus for the Horace Moran Memorial Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

High School Athletic Director Jordan Gilge presented a request to participate in a swimming cooperative with the La Crosse School District. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve a request for a 17-18 and 18-19 boys and girls swimming cooperative with the La Crosse School District as presented, with the exception if the numbers are lower than four, the parent contribution cap will be revisited. Motion carried unanimously.

Ellen Thorn from the Heider Center for the Arts Board was present to answer any questions regarding the Arts Board's request to sell wine and chocolates, enhanced concessions, at their Sunday, February 19, 2017, 4:00 p.m. show, Sons of Serendip. Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Heider Center for the Arts Board request to sell alcohol, enhanced concessions, at the show on February 19, 2017. Motion carried. (5-Ayes, 2-Nays; Schlimgen and Griffin)

Jerry Schomberg, Brian Guthrie, Jeff Moorhouse, and Tyler Schomberg of Vantage Architects presented drafts of designs for the campus and facility projects. Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to authorize the Buildings and Grounds to review the configuration of the sports area and provide direction to the architects. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to set the designation of Special Education Open Enrollment spaces for the 2017-2018 school year as presented; the open end, in process of an evaluation students, the district can deny based on available spaces for service; and the students already in place in the district, the district will allow them to stay. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to designate the Open Enrollment spaces as presented, with the exception of grade three will be six sections with zero spaces for open enrollment students. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Ryan Carroll as head boys' track coach and Katie Shepardson as the assistant boys' track coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements 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 nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators;

and (f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations" regarding a student request.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 10:36 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 10:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk