

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2015
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'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 22, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Davita Molling led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Thomas Helgeson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Fred Perri (via teleconference), and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson (7:29), Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Mariah Arneson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Cameron Robaczewski.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as amended by removing two items: hire-Director of Technology and language for administrator contracts. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Connection with the Community

Mariah Arneson reported on:

1. Three high students, Dan Hessler, Kyle Lang and Connor Waldhart applied for and participated in the National Band Association Conference in Wisconsin Rapids this past weekend. Middle School Band Director, Ryan Waldhart was selected and directed the middle school honor band.
2. Tonight is the District Jazz Band Concert in the Heider Center. With performances by middle and high school jazz bands.
3. Semester finals were held on January 20-22 at the high school. Today was the first day of the new semester.
4. Shrek The Musical Jr. was performed in the Heider center on January 15, 17 and 18. Current students, staff, alumni and other community members participated in the show.
5. Upcoming middle school activities include: MathCounts Regionals on February 6, Forensics Level 1 and 2 competitions, Winter Wellness and attendance at the show "Four Score and 7 Years Ago."

6. The middle school Maker Studio class is using technology that was purchased with Board Grant funds, so the class could make robots.

Correspondence

A letter from West Salem Middle School Teacher Lindsey Dederich, thanking the Board for the Board Grant that she received for Vex Robots, was read

A letter from Cliff LeCleir, member of the Coulee Christian School Long Range Planning Committee, expressing interesting the current middle school, was read.

Public comments

Chase Miller spoke on behalf of a gymnastics team request and expressed gratitude to the High School Athletic Director, Jordan Gilge, for his support, and asked questions about referendum related issues.

Written and Oral Reports

Mrs. Halverson, Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Clements, Mr. Perri, Mr. Helgeson, Mr. Scafe, Mrs. Molling, and Mr. Gunderson reported on some of the sessions they attended at the State Education Convention last week.

Department reports from Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, and Rick Kline were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2015; invoices to be paid; and an Open Enrollment request for the 2014-2015 school year. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept donations from Vicki Miller and the Hillview Urban Agriculture Center for the district, from the family of the late Korry Servais for an Agriculture Scholarship, for the Diversity Club from Features, and from the La Crosse County Clerk's office for the Social Studies Department. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Jordan Gilge, High School Athletic Director, gave a summary of his first eight months on the job and the position as a whole. A discussion was then held about the part-time athletic director position.

Campus Facility Planning and Referendum Preparation:

1. Mr. Gunderson reviewed the facility project January 17, 2015 update that was in the board packet.

2. Mike Desmond spoke on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club expressing their intent lease part of the current middle school, pending the outcome of the April 7, 2015 referendum.
3. The board reviewed the updated referendum levy projections provided by the financial consultant.
4. John Hammes and Joe Belling from the West Salem Hockey Association provided an overview of the possible hockey sports complex.
5. Reviewed the ballot for a possible April 2015 referendum.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve :

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,200,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$31,200,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of constructing a new middle school; renovating and repurposing the existing middle school; improving and/or repairing outdoor facilities including the bus garage, swimming pool, running track, and stadium; constructing tennis courts and ball diamonds; and acquiring related fixtures, furnishings and equipment.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,200,000

A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Nay. (6 Aye, 1 Nay) Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adopt the Designation of Open Enrollment Limits for the elementary school as presented with one correction; the current fifth grade should have six sections, not five. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a second reading of policies: #211 Professional School Administrator Code of Ethics as amended, #720 School Safety Program, #723 Crisis Plan, #723.3 School Closing Due to Weather or Other Emergencies, #723.7 School Closing Due to Infectious Disease, #724 Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), #751.2 School Bus Safety Program, #754 Replacement of School Buses, #761 Food Service Accounts, and #780 Insurance Management. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Perri seconded to accept the resignation of High School Principal Mark Carlson, effective June 30, 2015. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements,

Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

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 evaluation; contracts for specific administrative personnel; nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension and employment of administrators; and compensation for a supervisor.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:55 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Perri moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk