

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2015
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice 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 October 7, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Gretchen Hanchette led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Brennan Bahr recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Josh Mallicoat (7:25), Mike Malott (7:25), Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Gretchen Hanchette and Brennan Bahr. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Thomas Helgeson.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

Last week was homecoming in the district. The theme was “Decades” and there were many student activities throughout the week.

Brennan Bahr reported on:

1. The high school marching band performed at the Oktoberfest Parade in La Crosse and placed second.
2. There were two soccer games last week.
3. The tennis team competed at sub sectionals and two students competed at sectionals.
4. The cross country team competed in two meets last week.
5. Homecoming kick-off activities took place on Sunday, October 4, 2015.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Carrie Johnson and family was read.

A thank you note from Holly Rigotti and family was read.

A thank you note from the family of Vivian Christianson was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that the board met and toured the Blair-Taylor renovation/building, discussed the segregation of duties, and the upcoming Region 6 meeting next Wednesday.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met last week and reviewed the 2015-16 budget.

District Performance Initiative updates by John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2015, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept donations from the Elementary PTO for the elementary school, and Gundersen Lutheran for the district. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson and Mrs. Molling reviewed the 2015-16 budget and tax levy, and annual meeting. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Performance Initiative: Finances & Facilities. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Scafe volunteered to review the board grant applications on October 26, 2015.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of Middle School Wrestling Coach, Josh Brewer, and the retirement of Lead Custodian, Greg Kirscher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: girls' basketball assistant coaches, Scott Koepnick and Sierra Jacobson; gymnastics assistant coach, Brittney Hodgson; golf assistant coach, Jim Klos; High school advisors – marching band, Dave Kies; color guard, Kelli Martin; jazz band, Dave Kies; pep band, Dave Kies; choir, Amy Hanson; show choir, Amy Hanson; 1st and 2nd semester play director, Rhonda Andres; 1st and 2nd semester assistant one-act play, Amy Hanson; stage manager, Dan Heerts; tech. supervisor, Dan Heerts; forensics, Kim Volden; assistant forensics, Andrea Armstrong; summer theatre-director, Amy Hanson; summer theatre-instrumental Dave Kies; summer theatre-vocal, Rhonda Andres; summer theatre-stage, Dan Heerts; student council, Laura Deal; yearbook, Andrea Armstrong; mock trial, Kim Volden; Link Crew, Justin Jehn and Andrea Armstrong; Visual Arts Classic, Quenten Brown; quiz bowl, Jim Klos; ecology club, Brian Baker; math club, Chris Milne; FFA, Brian Baker; Skills USA, Paul Liethen; DECA, Jason Holter; robotics, Erik Mathison and Cole Andres; pep club, Rhonda Andres; NHS, Jennifer

Stenberg; Diversity Club, Ryan Nelson; homecoming supervisors, Quenten Brown, Randy Dammon, Amy Hanson, Loretta Zwonitzer, Rhonda Andres; freshman class advisor, Brittney Hodgson; sophomore class advisor, Brian Baker; junior class advisors, Jenna Umberger and Kim Volden; senior class advisors, Rhonda Andres, Laura Deal.
Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk