

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2016
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 October 20, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat (7:10), Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, Davita Molling, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Paige Dunnun and Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Josh Mallicoat and Ryan Rieber.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnun reported on:

1. On Wednesday, October 19, the whole school district wore the color orange to support Unity Day. October is Bullying Prevention Month and Unity Day is a day for the community and schools to come together to unite against bullying and to teach students about the importance of compassion.
2. Last Thursday, the drama department put on a play entitled “The Night of the Living Dead”. The performance was based off of the 1968 film in which seven people are trapped in an isolated farmhouse as a mysterious radiation transforms the undead into flesh eating zombies.
3. Also on Thursday, a debate took place in the Heider Center between Julian Bradley and Steve Doyle, candidates for the 94th Assembly District seat. Senior, Nick Schultz organized this event for his senior exit project.

Simon Buchanan reported on:

1. This past Friday the football team won their first playoff game over Nekoosa. The next playoff game will be this Friday, and they will play G-E-T.
2. The volleyball team is regional champions winning 3 games over Neillsville. Their sectional game will be at Merrill on Thursday.

3. The soccer lost their first playoff game last week at Dodgeville.

Mr. Clements presented Catherine Griffin her WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) Level I Certificate for demonstrating a high level of commitment to Wisconsin public school students by participating in WASB professional development opportunities.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Einor Olson family was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Board Grant Review Committee – Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield reported that the committee met and reviewed ten applications and is recommending awarding seven for a total of \$9,146.15.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2016. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 0-Nay, 1-Abstain) Mrs. Griffin Abstained.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Open Enrollment requests for the 16-17 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the second semester Youth Options requests. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 0-Nay, 1-Abstain) Mrs. Griffin Abstained.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept multiple donations for the DECA Club in memory of Frances Koukol. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adopt the following:

Resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$2,000,000 for the operation of the schools of the district: \$1,000,000 on October 27, 2016, with an additional \$1,000,000 on November 28, 2016, with a payment of \$1,000,000 to be made on December 7, 2016, and the final payment of \$1,000,000 on January 23, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the 2016-17 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to set the 2016-17 school tax levy at \$7,837,479 with a mill rate of \$9.42. Motion carried unanimously.

Little Learners Day Care has officially informed the School District of West Salem that they do not want to renew the agreement to provide four-year-old kindergarten beyond the 16-17 school year. No action was taken.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to set the December board meeting date as Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the Board Grant Review Committee's recommendation to approve the Board Grants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to hire Eric Trautman as the part-time Fitness Center Director. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the administration's recommendation as follows:

Elementary advisors – 5th Grade Choir, Lisa Jones; After School Art, Angie hemker and Johnnyray Wildt; Council for Kids, Mary Czajka and Martha Burdick; Yearbook, Jamie Steinhoff; Odyssey of the Mind Leader, Angie Hemker.

Middle school coaches – 7th grade boys' basketball head coach, Heather Jehn; 7th grade boys' basketball assistant coach, Janel Lochen; 8th grade boys' basketball co-coaches, Brett Thompson and Larissa Jacobsen; 8th grade girls' basketball head coach, Heather Jehn, 8th grade girls' basketball assistant coach, Janel Lochen; wrestling head coach, Tyler Shrake.

High school advisors – DECA, Jason Holter; Drama Club-Rhonda Andres & Amy Hanson; Forensics, Kim Volden; Forensics Assistant, Andrea Armstrong; Freshman Class, Eric Borre; Play Director (1st & 2nd), Rhonda Andres; Play Assistant (1st & 2nd), Amy Hanson; Play Stage Manager, Dan Heerts; Play Tech Supervisor, Dan Heerts; Homecoming, Rhonda Andres, Quenten Brown, Laura Deal, Amy Hanson, and Eric Borre; Junior Class, Jason Holter & Kim Volden; Link Crew, Andrea Armstrong, Justin Jehn Jamie Olson, and Missy Haas; Math Club, Chris Milne; Mock Trial, Kim Volden; Neshonoc, Andrea Armstrong; NHS, Jennifer Stenberg; Pep Club, Rhonda Andrea; Quiz Bowl, James Klos; Robotics, Erik Mathison; Robotics Assistant, Dave Halverson; Senior Class, Julie Arentz, Rhonda Andres, Laura Deal, and Rhonda Andres; Chorus, Amy Hanson; Colorguard, Kelli Martin; Jazz Band, Dave Kies; Marching Band, Dave Kies; Pep Band, Dave Kies; Show Choir Assistant, Kelli Martin; Show Choir, Amy Hanson; Skills USA, Paul Liethen; Sophomore Class, Jenna Umberger; Student Council, Maddie Vinzant & Jenna Umberger; Summer Musical Director, Amy Hanson; Summer Musical Instrumental, Dave Kies; Summer Musical Stage, Dan Heerts; Summer Musical Vocal, Rhonda Andres; Visual Arts Classic, Quenten Brown.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk