

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 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 October 22, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. This past Saturday, the volleyball team defeated Sparta to become Regional Champions. The team will be playing in Steven's Point on Thursday.
2. Wednesday, October 21, 2015, was Unity Day in which students and staff were asked to wear orange.
3. This week, the Spanish IV students made ofrendas for the Day of the Dead. An ofrenda is a collection of objects placed on a ritual altar during the Day of the Dead. These ofrendas will be on display for the other Spanish classes to see in the upstairs conference room.
4. The high school jazz band started practicing this week.

Brennan Bahr reported on:

1. The high school soccer team competed against Lodi and Edgewood.
2. In preparation for the football playoff game, the high school student councils for Mount Horeb and West Salem held a #DJIF competition.
3. The Mount Horeb football team defeated the West Salem in last Friday's tournament game.

4. The Youth Frontiers group, led by Mrs. Arentz and Mr. Nelson, organized a month-long donation drive for the American Cancer Society; raffles and incentives, class battles, have raised over \$4,000. There will be a large high school assembly on Wednesday.
5. The DECA Club and the West Salem Booster Club held a sign and drive event sponsored by Brenengen and had 127 participants.
6. The mock trial team started for the season with this year's case on police brutality.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Milt and Lynn Strong was read.

A letter was presented from Richard M Chiechanowski, DDS, regarding the community survey.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported the committee met in October and there are policies on tonight's agenda for approval.

Board Grant Review Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the committee met tonight and reviewed the three grants that were received and will make a recommendation later in the agenda.

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

Presentation by Lead Teachers Heidi Schiefelbein, Carrie Johnson, Teri Lassig, and Justin Jehn on how the services they provide are affecting students and staff.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2015; invoices to be paid; Open Enrollment Requests for the 2015-16 school year as presented; and Youth Options requests for the second semester as presented. Motion carried. (6-Aye, Mr. Helgeson abstained)

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the donation from the family of George Rogers for the elementary school LMC. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue Peterson from School Perceptions reviewed the results of the survey taken by the residents and staff of the district. It was noted that there were 1026 respondents, a 25% response rate.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve 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: \$1,300,000 on October 28, 2015, with an additional \$700,000 on November 25, 2015, with a payment of \$1,000,000 to be made on

December 8, 2015, and the final payment of \$1,000,000 on January 20, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the 2015-16 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve to set the 2015-16 school tax levy at \$8,102,109. This includes \$524,000 in defeasance put towards paying down the debt on the high school project and will result in a mill rate of \$10.20. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to set the December Regular Board Meeting date as Monday, December 14, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the board grants, totaling \$4,670, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #370-Rule B High School Co-Curricular Activity Eligibility Requirements and Code of Conduct, #830.3 District Fitness Center/Indoor Track and #321 School Calendar/Year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to eliminate policy #341.3 Driver Education Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to hire Melanie Stellner as the production center administrative assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's middle school co-curricular recommendations: Justin Running-8th grade boys basketball and 7th grade girls basketball; Heather Jehn-7th grade boys basketball and 8th grade girls basketball; Amanda Beld-7th grade boys basketball assistant and 8th grade girls basketball assistant; track-Nicole Friell, Scott Johnson, Bill Jensen, and Sarah Weber; Stacy Rel-8th grade softball; Casi Rochester-7th grade softball; Tyler Shrake-wrestling; Morgan Bertzyk and Turner Albrecht-wrestling assistant; and Bill Jensen-8th grade boys basketball assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the retirement of Dave Rogers, Maintenance, and Jan Love, custodian. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 8:21p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk