

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2014  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Scott Scafe. 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 November 6, 2014.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Mariah Arneson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mike Malott recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

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

*Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Connection with the Community**

*Mariah Arneson reported on:*

1. Senior Kyle Lang was selected, for the third time, to participate in the Wisconsin School Music Association High School State Honors Band on October 30, at the Overture Center in Madison.
2. Marian Arneson, Sam Fellom, Audra Gaikowski, Dan Hessler, Nushoua Xiong were selected to participate in the UW-Eau Claire Honor Band on Saturday, November 8.
3. Senior Social Studies and AP Government students participated in the November 4 Election as inspectors. The high school also held a mock school election to vote for governor. The students voted and the results mirrored the actual election results.
4. Fourteen high school students competed at the Math Club Competition at UW-Platteville on Wednesday, November 5. The results will be mailed in a couple of weeks.
5. The middle school show choir hosted a Halloween Dance fundraiser.

6. On November 6, all middle school staff & students attend a presentation at the La Crosse Center: Supersize Your Dreams Day - Creating Confident Girls, Building Respectful Boys. The event was sponsored by The Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse and presented by Alexis Jones & Joe Beckman.

*Cameron Robaczewski reported on:*

1. On November 3, the winter sports meeting was held. The athletic director went through WIAA rules and regulations and then athletes attended sport specific breakout sessions. The winter sports seasons are beginning.
2. On November 8, the high school drama club participated in a sectional competition for their one act play, *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet*. The team was successful as they advanced to state. The state competition will be at Viterbo, November 20-22. In addition, the team will perform for the high school this Wednesday.
3. Ecology club had its first meeting on October 27. The club advisor, Mr. Baker, is suggesting that the group participates in many different outdoor activities. The club has also "Adopted a Highway" along highway 16 near Nathan's Hill. Mr. Baker has also talked to the club about different fundraising options to allow them to participate in great outdoor opportunities.
4. The high school student council is heading to Milwaukee to attend a leadership conference sponsored by the Milwaukee Bucks. The day includes: keynote speakers Jim Paschke, Bucks play by play announcer, and John Hammond, General Manager of the franchise; the opportunity to shoot around on the court; breakout sessions; and attend a Bucks game against the Thunder.

*Principal Dean Buchanan reported that the West Salem Middle School 8th Grade Band was selected to be a featured performing group at the National Band Association-Wisconsin Chapter Convention in January. This is the first WSMS Band to be selected to perform at a state convention. Ryan Waldhart, WSMS Band Director, will also be directing the Wisconsin All-State Junior Band that same day.*

*Correspondence – None.*

*Public comments – None.*

*Written and Oral Reports*

Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that the board approved the 2014-15 budget, the snow removal bid and the first reading of the public records policy. The next meeting will be December 10, 2014.

Board Grant Review Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that she, Mr. Perri and Mr. Clements met last week to review the five applicants and will recommend three for approval later in the agenda.

District Performance Initiatives updates by Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Smalley and Mrs. Gerke, Mr. Carlson and Mr. Malott, Mr. St. Pierre, and Mr. Gunderson were reviewed.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the October 27, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended; invoices to be paid; and the open enrollment request for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the donation from the Class of 1994 for the OEC, from Roger and Janet Wolter for the high school choral department, and from Logistics Health for the automotive department. Motion carried unanimously.

West Salem High School Physical Education and Health teachers, Jamie Olson, Terressa Leinon and David Neuman, shared with the board a presentation they did at the Health and Physical Education Convention in Wisconsin Dells called "Does Heart Rate 'Spark' Academic Success?"

Mr. Gunderson presented the Strategic Plan: Reporting Dashboards for the 2014-15 school year and summarized the 2013-14 school year dashboards.

Mr. Schlimgen moved to table the 2015-16 calendar until the next meeting. Motion withdrawn. No action was taken on the 2015-2016 school calendar.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the 2014-2015 Board Grants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the additional second semester Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendations for co-curricular recommendations: Jennifer Stenberg will replace Toni Key as the NHS Advisor, Brian Baker as Ecology Club Advisor and Michael Berghefer as a volunteer hockey coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of the Director of Technology Bill Solsrud effective December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to hire Richard Erickson as a vehicle driver. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe 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 administrators' performance evaluations.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:30 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; and Mr. Schlingen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Clements moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk