

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2018  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, 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 December 6, 2018.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen.

*Approval of Agenda*

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Connection with the Community**

*Rachel Newton, Student Representative reported on:*

1. An update on wrestling, girls basketball and boys basketball was given.
2. The dance team jazz performance placed fourth during their competition on December 8.

*Dagan Hemker, Student Representative reported on:*

1. The NHS put up a Giving Tree in the library that clubs, sports, homerooms, etc. have been taking tags from to support children and families in our community.
2. The band program had their winter concert last night.

*Correspondence*

A letter from Executive Director Adam Jacobi, Wisconsin High School Forensics Association, congratulating the school, the director and the cast of the play *Selfie* for their outstanding achievement at the 2018 State Theatre Festival held in November at Viterbo University.

*Public comments*

Steve Martin spoke on various topics, including bleachers, taxes, cuts, and today's threat.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Finance Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the events of tonight’s committee meeting: 19-20 budget reductions following failed referendum, high school activity costs and course reports and operational referendum planning.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the Board of Controls December meeting.

District Strategic Initiatives updated by the Superintendent Cabinet Team, Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the hiring of Rhonda Schmidt as a limited-term paraprofessional.

An update on the financial progress of building projects was given.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2018; the invoices to be paid; and to accept the administration’s recommendation to hire Janel Lochen as the 8th grade assistant girls’ basketball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the anonymous donation for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #671.2- Rule Expense Reimbursement as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the two new high school course options for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2019-2020 district budget reductions. Mrs. Griffin provided an updated from the Finance Committee earlier this evening. No action was taken.

Operational Referendum. No action was taken.

Set Special Board Meeting date for January 2019. No date was able to be set at this time.

The Board verified with the building principals that the Run, Hide Fight drills took place in each building. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the School Safety Plan that was presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Board Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson 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.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:31 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk