

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2017
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 December 7, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Nate Krien led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Alexis Brueggen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingens, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Shawn Handland, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Nate Krien and Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin, Tom Grosskopf and Justin Jehn.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Alexis Brueggen reported on:

1. High school DECA made tie blankets as well as Interact Club for Nursing Homes in the area.
2. NHS bell ringing this Friday and Saturday at Hansen's
3. Mid-quarter grades at the high school were submitted last week.
4. Girls' basketball games update was given.
5. The high school Holiday Choir Concert was held on December 2.

Nate Krien reported on:

1. Boys' basketball games update was given.
2. The high school Holiday Band Concert was held on December 10. Their next performance will be on January 19 at the National Band Association concert.
3. High school DECA went to a Milwaukee Buck's basketball game and worked with their marketing team, toured their offices, and watched the game against the Sacramento Kings.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Ron Solberg family was read.

Public comments

John Hammes from the West Salem Hockey Association was present to get clarification on naming, fundraising and a donor wall.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control - Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the December meeting.

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the last meeting which included co-curricular compensation and district (salaried) positions.

District Performance Initiative reports by administrators Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the results of the Energage/Workplace Dynamics Survey recently taken by the staff.

Mr. Gunderson updated the Board members on the April 3, 2018 School Board Election and the need for candidates to acquire signatures.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of Soccer Coach Dave Halverson; hire David McPheeters as the Director of Buildings and Grounds; Odyssey of the Mind coaches-Becky Tower, Shannon Jones, Angie Hemker, and Heidi Knudson, Odyssey of the Mind Volunteer Coaches-Elissa Kinstler, Kathy Rhoden, Callie Helgeson, BJ Newton, Rachel Lysne, Dave Bohnsack, and Vicki Horman, Mock Trial coach-Emily Maxwell, and DECA volunteer advisor-Josh Maliszewski; and Open Enrollment request for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Duane and Ana Schaper for the Angela Labus Memorial Scholarship Fund, from the La Crosse County Dairy promotions or the High School Family & Consumer Science classes, and from Daren and Jillian Hugo for the elementary library in memory of Lisa Hugo. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Desmond from the Boys' and Girls' Club provided an update on their fundraising efforts. Mr. Desmond also requested clarification on signage on the wall and in the rooms.

Erik Mathison and Luke Jambois presented their request to have an elementary/middle school robotics club. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the high school course offerings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #341.1 Education for Employment, #345.5 Graduation as amended, #423 Early Admission to Five-Year-Old Kindergarten and First Grade, and #460 Student Awards and Scholarships as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk