

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 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 December 10, 2015.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Thomas Helgeson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ben Wopat 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, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Josh Mallicoat (7:54) Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Lisa Gerke Gretchen Hanchette, and Brennan Bahr.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Gretchen Hanchette reported on:*

1. Last week, DECA put on a Reality Store. This event aimed to give students a better understanding of what their financial future holds. Local businesses were present representing different booths.
2. Senior Alexa Marchbanks won the Tribune's Extra Effort Honor. You can read her full story on the La Crosse Tribune website.
3. The high school boys' varsity hockey team won 3-1 vs. La Crescent. They have two games this week against Black River Falls and La Crosse.

*Brennan Bahr reported on:*

1. Ali Elliot and Allison Alumbaugh were both awarded art student of the month for their wonderful photography. Their work is currently on exhibit in the Heider Center Gallery.
2. Last Friday, the boys' varsity and JV basketball teams lost against Holmen.
3. High school wrestling met last Thursday against Aquinas, and did very well.
4. This evening, Spanish students are having their annual "Spanish Dinner" featuring authentic Spanish cuisine prepared by students.

*Correspondence*

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week, January 11-15, 2016, was read.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson was not able to attend the meeting.

District Performance Initiative reports by John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2015; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment Requests for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2015. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 0-Nay, 2-Abstained)

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Jerry Schomberg, Brian Guthrie, Kevin Bills, Jeff Moorhouse, and Denise Schomberg from Vantage Architects gave a presentation on their company, projects and what they can do for the West Salem School District.

Brad Simonson and Tim Ruppert from HSR Associates gave a presentation on their company, projects and what they can do for the West Salem School District.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept donations from Zachary Rigotti for the West Salem Scholarship Foundation, and from Linda's Bakery, Salon Professional Academy and The Big Event Company for the high school's Youth Frontiers Club-American Cancer Society fundraiser. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Odyssey of the Mind coaches, Jenny Stenberg, Scott Johnson, Jon Jones; Odyssey of the Mind volunteer coaches, Dave and Becca Bohnsack; girls' basketball volunteer coach, Mitch Burfeind; wrestling volunteer coaches, Nathan Clements, Brian Gaffney, Tyler Shrake, and Cory Scanlan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the 2016-17 high school course offerings as amended by adding Metals Art II to the list of new classes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the resignation of food service worker Lucy Gray and paraprofessional Heidy Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Workplace Dynamics survey results workplace engagement and satisfaction survey. No action was taken.

A discussion regarding a possible April 2016 referendum to address necessary repairs to the swimming pool and/or transportation facility. No action was taken.

Mr. Helgeson welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to deliberate the competitive selection of an architectural firm and the negotiation of related fees.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 10.17 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 10:41 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk