

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2018
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 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 February 8, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Michael St. Pierre 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, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson (7:02), Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott (7:42), Justin Jehn (7:39), Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Shawn Handland, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Nate Krien.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Alexis Brueggen reported on:

1. West Salem/Bangor high school wrestlers finished second as a team at Regionals on Saturday and will be sending five individuals to the Sectional tournament, which is this weekend
2. The high school show choir performed this past weekend. Salem Singsations made finals for the first time and placed 5th and Vivace placed 1st.
3. The West Salem indoor softball league, which plays in Eau Claire, competed in playoffs on Sunday and ended up winning their division.
4. Senior night for boys' and girls' basketball is this week.

Correspondence

Syl Clements received WASB Level 2 Member Recognition and was presented with a pin and a certificate for his participation in Board Member activities.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Board Grant Recipient: Knitting Us Together. Middle School Teacher Terri Martinson and two of her students Amalia Hemker and Alyssa Kruse were present to thank the Board for the grant and to share what they accomplished with the grant money they received.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the recent Board of Control meeting.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that at the last Finance Committee meeting the 17-18 and 18-19 budget was reviewed.

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that they met with WSEA (West Salem Education Association) members to negotiate the 18-19 teacher salary schedule.

District Performance initiative updates by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the hiring of Vicky Stegmaier in our elementary school nutrition program as a cook.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2018. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Abstain (Mrs. Halverson)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the invoices to be paid, the retirement of middle school Teacher Heidi Ebert, the resignation of dance coach Jami Greer, the retirement of track coach LeRoy Krall, co-curricular recommendation-Chris Jandt as the girls' varsity soccer coach, and the Open Enrollment request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept donations from the Friends of West Salem Hockey for the hockey program, from Michael St. Pierre for the automotive program, and from retired teacher Vernetta Fish for the elementary school LMC. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to set Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. as a special meeting for principal interviews. Motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary staffing review – No action taken.

Review of state funding for 18-19 – No action taken.

Mr. Clements 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 bargaining reasons require a closed session; for the purpose of discussing the employee compensation with the West Salem Education Association for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:26 p.m. A roll vote was taken: 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. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk