

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 February 4.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Schlimgen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Troy Gunderson 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, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Gretchen Hanchette and Brennan Bahr (7:29). Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Josh Mallicoat, Dean Buchanan and Mike Malott.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. On the February 3 early release day, three Senior Exit Projects took place: Lauren Thornton-Dangers of Texting and Driving; Jillian Olson-school wide lipdub; Samantha Peterson-lockdown drill.
2. The high school dance team competed at state and placed 13th out of 14 teams.
3. Elementary, middle and high school show choirs performed on Saturday, February 6, in the Heider Center.
4. Wrestling news – the team placed first at the Conference meet on Saturday, but placed second in conference overall; Nathan Schomberg, Noah Reedy, Devin Bahr and Aaron Broer all hit the 100 career wins mark this season. Devin and Aaron Bahr are on the most pins in a season list. Noah Reedy is also expected to be on the list. This weekend, the team is aiming for its third regional title ever.
5. Boys basketball is home against Luther on February 9.
6. Gretchen also shared pictures of the artwork Mr. Brown selected to be on display in the Heider Center Gallery.

Correspondence

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, School Breakfast Week, March 7-11, 2016, was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the Board's February meeting.

District Performance Initiative updates by Dean Buchanan and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2016; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment Requests for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept donations from Jeanne Van Galder for the middle school music program, from Pizza Villa for the high school art program, from the West Salem Baseball Booster Club fund for the baseball park sign, and from First Supply, LLC and James Poehling for the high school robotics team. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Board Grants as presented in the amount of \$5,188. Ozobot Bits-\$600, 3D Printers & Supplies-\$1,588 and commissioned work-\$3,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Brennan Bahr joined the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Construction management for the proposed future building program – a discussion was held. The Buildings and Grounds committee will review construction management firms and invite a couple of those firms to interview with the full school board. No formal action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on the Spring 2016 Referendum communication materials that will be sent to residents before the April 5, 2016, election. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed revenue limit calculations, enrollment, equalized aid, mil rate, and the adjustment for new choice pupils for 2015-2016 and the projections for 2016-2017. There may be a point when the district will need to run a referendum to exceed the revenue cap.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update of the administration's review of Strategic Planning: West Salem 2021.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Petition to Alter School District Boundaries that the district received from Thomas and Kathleen Roberts. The petition requests the property be moved from the West Salem School District to the Onalaska School District. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to deny the Roberts' Petition to Alter School District Boundaries. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to contract with Kelli Martin as high school assistant show choir advisor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignations of nutrition services employee Clara Murphy effective January 29, 2016, and high school math teacher Eric Wiggins effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk