

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 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 March 19, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Fred Perri led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Lisa Gerke recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Fred Perri, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Mariah Arneson and Cameron Robaczewski. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: None.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Perri seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Connection with the Community

Cameron Robaczewski reported on:

1. Last Wednesday on the early release day, the high school had another day full of sessions and fun. Students participated in surveys, test prep and other activities. The last session was about working on our portfolios for our SEP. After the morning sessions, the entire school went to the gym to participate in session with army recruiters from Onalaska.
2. The senior year is starting to wind down and SEP portfolios are due on Thursday. The social studies department gave us a rubric and check sheet for our portfolios to make sure they meet the requirements. Seniors also worked on local scholarship applications. Students in senior social studies have been practicing their presentation times with an 8 minute presentation.
3. Last Saturday, the state Odyssey of the Mind tournament was held at the Madison Area Technical College. Many schools were in attendance, including a number of teams from West Salem. Overall, the West Salem teams did very well. A number of West Salem teams received first in their divisions, thus earning an invitation to the world competition. This year's worlds competition is being hosted at Michigan State University at the end of May.

Mariah Arneson reported on:

1. The National Honor Society Blood Drive Results from March 13 are available: the NHS has exceeded their goal of people walking in to donate and the number of people able to donate. There were many students and a few community

members that came to donate blood. The donations exceeded what the Red Cross expected.

2. Nineteen West Salem DECA students competed in Lake Geneva, WI at the State DECA competition on March 17-19. There were about 2,000 students competing with seven of the 19 West Salem students qualifying to go to the International competition. Those competing at the international competition in Orlando, Florida: Jinal Patel, Allison Rigotti, Avery Strangstalien, Brennan Bahr, Ben Sharp, Nate Krien, and Erin Faella. Erin Faella double qualified - two 1st place wins, and won a State scholarship and International scholarship.
3. The high school Interact Club went to a conference on March 14th in Lodi, WI. There were 30 total students involved in the conference from six schools. The students met many new people, listened to a speaker: Carl "The Energizer" Olson who talked about leadership, shared ideas for projects to do in their clubs. The club will create a video from the poem the "Lost Generation" as inspiration and to promote involvement in Interact from underclassmen. The club also participated on March 18 to fill 4,000 Easter eggs for Annual Kids Easter Egg hunt in Village Park, and students volunteering at the Come to Supper at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in La Crosse where they help serve a meal once each week.
4. On March 16, the three middle school bands performed in the Middle School Band Extravaganza Concert.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the middle school MathCounts team was read.

A thank you note from Pat Clements was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on last week's meeting and shared revenue information.

Reports from Scott Johnson, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline, Davita Molling, and Troy Gunderson were read.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2015, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Perri seconded to accept the following donations:

1. Syl's Supper Club for the high school tennis team
2. Nancy and Kerry Koepp, Alana and Darrel Olson, and Jean Solberg for the elementary art department
3. 1st Community Credit Union, Family Tree Floral, Marcie's Pet Supply, Features, Le Coulee Cheese Castle, Pischke, Scott Friell, Subway, Linda's Bakery, Kwik Trip, and Hansen's IGA for the High School National Honor Society (NHS).

Motion carried.

Dr. Melissa Matarazzo, Studer Education coach, gave a presentation on what Studer Education could do for the school district in regards to strategic planning.

High school gymnastics coaches Carrie O’Hear and Amy DuPont were present to update the board on the possibility of moving the gymnastics program to an offsite location on French Island. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Perri seconded to have the high school administration pursue and draft an agreement with the off-site gymnastics facility for a one-year agreement. Motion carried.

Mr. Schlimgen moved to have the CESA #4 contracts be at the same level for the 2015-16 school year as the 2014-15 school year. Motion failed for lack of a second. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Perri seconded to approve the CESA #4 contracts for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 1 Nay)

Mr. Perri moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Youth Options requests for the fall of 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on the state and local budget for the 15-16 school year, which included budget areas under consideration. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on preliminary staffing for the 2015-2016. No action was taken.

Campus, facility planning and referendum preparation – No action was taken.

Resignation/Retirements – None received and 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) (f) considering financial or personal histories, and preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons, regarding a parent complaint.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:50 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk