

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2018  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 March 22, 2018.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Shawn Handland 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, Ken Schlingen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, 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 representative: Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Nate Krien.

*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. The National Honor Society had a pork chop fundraiser this past Sunday at Hansen's to raise money for Relay for Life which is next week Friday. It was successful and raised about \$450.
2. Youth Frontiers Leadership Council which is a senior club that helps the school and community, organized a Penny War competition that started today between the grades and staff and will go through next week Friday to also raise money for Relay For Life. There will be different incentives along the way.
3. The high school sports teams' competition season has begun.
4. The softball team is leaving for Orlando, Florida on Wednesday morning for their spring training at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. They are there until Monday and we get to play teams from all across the US, so it will be a really cool experience.

*Correspondence*

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

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of tonight’s meeting.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the events of their last meeting.

Bearing Wall Committee – Mrs. Halverson announced that Mark Ledman and Verda Drecktrah have been selected as the 2018 LaVerne Nuttelman Distinguished Service Award recipients, and John Goodwin was selected as the Bearing Wall recipient for 2018.

District Performance reports by David McPheeters, Shawn Handland, Rick Kline, Kerri Feyen, Barb Buswell, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson had no non-certified staff hiring or resignations to report on.

Aquaponics Teacher Kelly Rueckheim and students Gracie Larson and Erin Paddy gave a presentation on the new Aquaponics Class and system.

Dean of Students Justin Jehn gave an update on Redefining Readiness.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 12, 2018 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2018; invoices to be paid; the resignations of English Language Learner provider (.2 FTE) Elle Nimm, Director of Instruction and Technology Michael St. Pierre pending approval by the La Crosse Board of Education and assistant girls’ basketball coach Makenzie Becker; accept the administration’s curricular recommendations for middle school track-Nicole Friell, Sarah Weber, Bill Jensen, and Ben Tashner, 8th grade softball head coach-Katie Fink, 7th grade softball co-head coaches Ethan Ringlien and Makenzie Becker, high school dance coach-Kristi Herman, volunteer track coach-Teesha Willinger, volunteer soccer coaches-Sydney Dunham, Dave Hemker, and Joe LaMere. Motion carried unanimously. There were no hires to act upon.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from the Friends of West Salem Baseball and Corrine Zielke Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation for batting cages, and from Corrine Zielke Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation for the baseball field media and disabled spectator viewing deck. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to waive policy #751 Student Transportation Services, for the Seven Rivers Regional FIRST Robotics Competition in La Crosse and in the future, authorize the Superintendent to grant permission to the robotics team for the same competition. Motion carried unanimously.

18-19 budget update and financial planning. Mr. Gunderson provided a summary. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the rate of 3.25% offered by Union State Bank of West Salem when borrowing the 1.5 million per the approved referendum. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to authorize the purchase of three school buses as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the following staffing requests for the 18-19 school year: .5 FTE 4-year-old kindergarten teacher, 1.0 FTE grade 1 teacher, 1.0 FTE grade 4 teacher, 1.0 FTE middle math teacher, 2.0 FTE special education teachers, 1.0 FTE high school math/computer teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adopt the co-curricular compensation model for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the CESA #4 contracts for services for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a second reading of policies: #222 Administrative Contracts, #425 Public Open Enrollment, #425-Rule West Salem School District Procedures for Dealing with Public School Open Enrollment Applications, #901 Superintendent, #904 Middle School Principal, #905 Elementary School Principal, #907 Director of Pupil Services, #911 Director of Buildings and Grounds, #914 Director of Finance and Business Operations, #916 Director of Transportation, #917 Director of Instruction and Technology, and #942 Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve for a first reading of policies: #527 Family and Medical Leave Policy, #902 High School Principal and #913 Director of Nutrition Services, #948 Director of Human Resources, and #954 District Accountant. Motion carried unanimously.

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) (c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” regarding issuing preliminary notice(s) of nonrenewal, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22.

And, if needed, make an offer to a candidate or hire for the position of high school principal.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:05 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. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk