

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2017  
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 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 23, 2017.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Ryan Rieber 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 Schlingens, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat (7:21) Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Davita Molling, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Paige Dunnun and Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused:

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Paige Dunnun reported on:*

1. The West Salem Music Department held their annual alumni band and choir concert in the Heider Center on March 18. This year's concert featured over 200 band and choir students and nearly 40 alumni and community members.
2. The West Salem Music Department also took over 40 senior band and choir members on a field trip to the Fireside dinner theatre this past Thursday. The seniors watched Fireside's production of *Beauty and the Beast*, which will also be performed by our own students in the Heider Center in June, as the show is the high school summer musical.
3. A fourth and fifth grade Odyssey of the Mind team, which is an international program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college, competed last weekend at Madison Technical College. The team scored very well, taking third out of all the elementary school teams.
4. Youth frontiers, a group of Senior leaders, kicked off their Relay for Life Fundraiser this year in a pep assembly. In order to raise money for the American Cancer Society, they have created various incentives. These incentives include teachers dyeing their hair, getting pied in the face, getting dunked in a dunk tank, and even kissing a pig. The standards are set very high. Last year the group raised over \$7,000 through this fundraiser.

5. On April 1, West Salem High School will host the annual High School Solo and Ensemble Festival. This event, consisting of high school musicians and vocalists, brings together students from surrounding schools to compete in a contest to get the best score they or their group can receive. Students with a rating of 1 will move on to the state competition in May.

*Simon Buchanan reported on:*

The spring sports, golf, baseball, girls soccer, track, and softball, initial meets and games for each sport were summarized for the board.

*Correspondence*

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

A thank you note from Trish Martin and family was read.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Transportation Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on tonight's committee meeting, which dealt with transportation and possible contracted services.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on last week's committee meeting, which dealt with the 17-18 budget, and possible reductions and additions.

Reports by Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Robotics – Gearbox Heroes 5019: Andrew Murphy and Advisor Erik Mathison were on hand to show the robot and shared a video about what the robot can do at the upcoming Seven Rivers Regional April 13-15, at the La Crosse Center.

High School Principal Josh Mallicoat arrive at 7:21 p.m.

West Salem Middle School Physical Education Teachers Josh Brewer and Erika Olson, and students Paige Wiedemann and Maddy Wopat provided a live demonstration of an activity for which board grant funds were used.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to set May 8, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. as the date for a Special District Meeting to seek authority to enter into a long-term lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Simon Buchanan left at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a staffing update for the 17-18 school year. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Youth Options and Course Options requests for the fall of 2017 school year.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation report as presented by Eric Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the CESA #4 contracts for services for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on Policy #841 Naming School Facilities. The Policy Committee will review the policy.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for coaches: assistant high school track-Bret Miller and Nicole Ryan, middle school track coach-Sarah Weber, and middle school volunteer track coach-Jim Klug. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no resignations or retirements for the board to take action.

### **Adjournment**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk