

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jane Halverson. 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 April 17, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Sean Gavaghan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Robin Fitzgerald recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Michael Johnson, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Justin Jehn, Ryan Rieber, Lisa Gerke, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused:

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Organization of the 2019-2020 School Board

Mr. Clements moved to nominate Mrs. Halverson for the office of President. Mr. Schlimgen seconded to nominate Mr. Grosskopf for the office of President. Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Paper ballots were used. Mrs. Halverson received five votes and Mr. Schlimgen received two votes.

Mrs. Griffin moved to nominate Mr. Clements for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Syl Clements for the office of Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved to nominate Mrs. Fitzgerald for the office of Clerk. Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Fitzgerald for the office of Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved to nominate Mr. Schlimgen for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Clements moved to nominate Mrs. Griffin for the office of Treasurer. Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Paper ballots were used. Mr. Schlimgen received two votes, Mrs. Griffin received five votes.

Introduction of the new student board representatives Summer Houck and Liam Sjoquist.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded a resolution to authorize the Board officers to borrow money for the 2018-2019 and the 2019-2020 school years per Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to select the Union State Bank of West Salem as the bank depository. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to authorize the use of facsimile signatures per Wisconsin State Statute 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to authorize the Board officers to invest surplus funds per Wisconsin State Statute 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to continue with the current schedule to select the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for regular school board meetings and one meeting in December. Also moving the May and June dates and setting the December date: May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17, and December 16. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Deputy Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members should provide their input to the Board President on Committees interested by the end of the week.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to select Jane Halverson as the CESA #4 Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Band and choir members got back from the New York trip last Thursday.
2. DECA is taking 16 students to Orlando, Florida this Friday for the international DECA competition. The team consists of Ryan Schlimgen, John Glassmaker, Aaron Bahr, Kylie Wright, Carissa Hass, Dani Miller, Kate Fitzgerald, Julia Krien, Kendra Ames, Abby Sharp, Rayna Dressel, Max Schumacher, Josie Hanson, Julia Stoleson, Garrett Lord, and Dagan Hemker. Max Schumacher and Julia Stoleson will be representing Wisconsin DECA as a whole as they were elected State Officers at the State competition in March.
3. HOSA members Madison Dutton, Anna Gorski and Samantha Thompson all placed in the top 3 at their state competition and qualified for the national competition this June in Orlando, Florida.
4. The NHS induction ceremony will be held on May 5 with 28 new students to be accepted into NHS.

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The high school visual arts classic team took first at their state competition on April 12, and were the first team ever from West Salem to do so. The team consisted of 13 students including Anna Johnson, Claudia Dorado, Abby Sharp, Abby LeDoux, Ada Hage, Matthew Baldwin, Megan Lassig, Samantha Quam, Kendra Davidson, Alyssa Szewczyk, Mahli Fleckenstein, Emma Deal and Morgan Lance.
2. The dance team has tryouts on April 27.
3. Skills USA has 11 students that will compete at the state competition on April 30 and May 1 in Madison.
4. Softball is having a great season and are currently undefeated in the Coulee Conference.
5. SEP presentation boards are currently on display in the library.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Terry Miller was read.

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Public comments

Kevin Feyen, Beth Jacobson and Samantha Thompson signed up to speak on behalf of the softball team and parents.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee: Mrs. Griffin reported on the events of the meeting held earlier tonight.

District Strategic Initiative updates by the Business Operations Team and the Superintendent were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignations of Peggy Winters and Mike Winters, commons supervisors, and the hiring of Dave De Bernardi as a 4-hour custodian at the middle school which will be shared with the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Gunderson reported on the following topics from his Superintendent Spring Conference: orange frog, School Perceptions, leading for equity, board governance, and managing underperforming employees.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019; the invoices to be paid; the Open Enrollment Requests for the 18-19 school year, the resignation of Alicia Lokken; the hiring of Rose Wrobrink as an Odyssey of the Mind Worlds Volunteer Coach, the hiring of fall 2019 head coaches: LeRoy Krall-cross country, Justin Jehn, football, Ammar Sabar-boys' soccer, Julie Kamla-girls' tennis, Brett Thompson-volleyball. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donation from the 4th grade class for the elementary school 4K book program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #345.5 Graduation, #830 Facility use, Excluding Center for the Arts and #830-Rule Facility Use Requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #830-Exhibit, Fee Schedule as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the health insurance bid from Quartz and to offer dental coverage to all employees who qualify for health insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson provided a 19-20 budget and staffing update. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded the following Resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$2,500,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from April 26, 2019 until June 21, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the list of to do items/information requests. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk