

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2016
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice 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 April 20, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Schlimgen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Josh Mallicoat recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield (teleconference), and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representative: Paige Dunnum. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Lisa Gerke, Simon Buchanan and Dean Buchanan.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Organization of the 2016-2017 School Board

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the voting process for the election of officers since one member was voting remotely. There were no objections to the process.

Mr. Grosskopf moved to nominate Tom Grosskopf for the office of President. Mr. Brickl moved to nominate Ken Schlimgen for the office of President. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to close nominations. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Paper ballots were used. Mr. Clements received four votes and Mr. Schlimgen received three votes. Mr. Clements was elected as the President of the West Salem School Board.

Mrs. Halverson moved to nominate Tom Grosskopf for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tom Grosskopf as the Vice President of the West Salem School Board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved to nominate Jane Halverson for the office of Clerk. Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jane Halverson as the Clerk of the West Salem School Board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, to nominate Ken Schlimgen for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ken Schlimgen as the Treasurer of the West Salem School Board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

During roll call, Mr. Clements introduced the new student representative, Paige Dunnum, and welcomed her to the Board. Simon Buchanan was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded a resolution to authorize the board officers to borrow money pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 67.12(3) for the 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 school years. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved Mr. Grosskopf seconded to select Union State Bank of West Salem as the bank depository. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to authorize facsimile signatures pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3), and to authorize the board officers to invest surplus funds pursuant to Wisconsin statutes 66.042(3). A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf 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. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Deputy Clerk. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlingen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements reviewed the board committees, memberships and representations. Members were asked to convey their interest by early next week.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to have Jane Halverson serve as the CESA #4 Representative. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlingen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnun reported on:

1. The high school forensics team sent 10 students to the state forensics competition on April 15. Five of these students achieved the highest ranking in their categories and were awarded gold medals.
2. Mayfair will take place this Sunday, May 1, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM in our High School commons and gym. Admission is free, and this celebration of the arts will include an art fair, kid's craft activities, a silent auction, and live entertainment. Both High School Jazz ensembles will be performing from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and the Ecology Club will be holding a plant sale.
3. Seventeen DECA students left for Nashville, Tennessee this past Friday, April 22, to compete at the International Career Development Conference. Nate Krien, the DECA state officer, will also be competing and attending leadership conferences. Students will return home on Wednesday, April 27.
4. The State Solo/Ensemble festival will take place on Saturday, May 7, at UW-La Crosse. Over 40 West Salem students will be participating in a total of 27 events (15 band and 12 choral) throughout the day on that Saturday.
5. The high school spring sports are in full swing with lots of events happening.

Correspondence

1. The 2015 Annual Report for Village of West Salem TIF District #1 report was shared with the Board.
2. A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Money Smart Week in Wisconsin, April 23-30, 2016, was read.
3. An invitation from the Neshonoc staff for the upcoming Neshonoc Dedication ceremony on May 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Supervisor reports from Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Board Grant recipients Josh Mallicoat, Michelle Schwier and Bridget Peterson (Recognition Committee members) were present to share the outcome of their Commons TV Project.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Abstained; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Abstained; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried. (5-Ayes, 2-Abstained)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Gunderson gave a summary of recent strategic planning activities around input gathering and goal setting. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson provided information to the Board from Lapekas & Associates: Organizational Performance Consulting for possible Baldrige consulting services. Mr. Gunderson will gather more information and bring back to the board. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve contracts for the school psychologist and teachers for the 2016-17 school year as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to hire and contract with Darren Fruit as a high school math teacher beginning with the 2016-17 school year. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to hold a special board meeting on May 16, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of working with architects on the middle school and outdoor facilities project. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's volunteer recommendations: Lucas Schultz, baseball; and Mike Zwonitzer class trip chaperone. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no resignation/retirements received by the district to be acted upon. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk