

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 27, 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 April 23, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jane Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Michael St. Pierre recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Gretchen Hanchette. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mark Carlson, Eric Jensen, and Brennan Bahr.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Organization of the 2015-2016 School Board

Mr. Scafe moved to nominate Thomas Helgeson for the office of President. Mr. Schlimgen, moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Helgeson as the President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved to nominate Syl Clements for the office of Vice President. Mr. Helgeson moved to nominate Scott Scafe for the office of Vice President. Mr. Schlimgen moved Mrs. Griffin seconded to close nominations. Paper ballots were used. Mr. Clements received four votes and Mr. Scafe received 3 votes. Mr. Clements has been elected as the Vice President of the West Salem School Board.

Mr. Scafe moved to nominate Jane Halverson for the office of Clerk. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jane Halverson as the Clerk of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved to nominate Scott Scafe for the office of Treasurer. Mrs. Griffin moved to nominate Ken Schlimgen. Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to close the nominations. Paper ballots were used. Mr. Scafe received 4 votes and Mr. Schlimgen received 3 votes. Mr. Scafe has been elected as the Treasurer of the West Salem School Board.

New student school board representative, Gretchen Hanchette was introduced. Brennan Bahr was unable to attend the meeting as he was at the DECA Conference in Florida.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded a resolution to authorize the board officers to borrow money pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3) for the 2014-15 and 2015-2016 school years. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to authorize facsimile signatures pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3). Motion carried.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded to authorize the board officers to invest surplus funds pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 66.042(3). Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson 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. Motion carried.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Deputy Clerk. Motion carried.

Mr. Helgeson reviewed the board committees, memberships and representations. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the board committees, memberships and representations as amended. Motion carried.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to have Jane Halverson serve as the CESA #4 Representative. Motion carried.

Connection with the Community

Senator Jennifer Schilling and Representative Steve Doyle attended the board meeting and had discussions with the school board regarding events happening throughout the state.

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. High school prom is this weekend.
2. DECA students are at International Career Development Conference.
3. Maggie Solberg held her Senior Exit Project on drinking and driving.
4. Mitch Hansen and Nathan Schomberg were winners of the Junior Achievement Public Service Announcement contest.
5. The FFA will be holding their plant sale May 4-8.

Correspondence

Thank you notes from Mariah Arneson and Cameron Robaczewski were read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Clements reported that the committee reviewed the baseball request and the 5-year maintenance/facility planning.

Staff Relations Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met with the unions to discuss base wages.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2015; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment requests for 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept donations from the American Legion Post #51, the Booster Club and the Friends of West Salem Baseball for the baseball team, and from Mitchell Krien to the District. Motion carried.

Mr. St. Pierre gave a computer update for 1:1 programming: replacement equipment, financial impact, current equipment value, and related issues.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed consulting services for strategic planning and a district survey options.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to offer Joshua Mallicoat a contract as the high school principal. Motion carried.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the administration's high school co-curricular recommendations: cross country head coach, LeRoy Krall; cross country assistant coach, Laura Deal; volleyball head coach, Tina Thompson; volleyball JV coach, Jamie Holst; volleyball freshman coach, Brittany Heilman; soccer head coach, Dave Halverson; soccer JV coach, Cole Andres; dance team coach, Olivia Mercer; football head coach, Justin Jehn; football assistant coach-Bob Gorniak, Dieter Antoni, Scott Johnson; freshman football coach, Jim Klug; tennis coach, Julie Kamla; volunteer baseball coach-Rick Schultz, Jim Selck; and volunteer track coach, Austin Maas. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to issue Final Notices of Non-Renewal to teachers Rachel Hein, Kevin Callahan, Alissa Thome, and Amanda Flottmeier, who were on a one-year contract for the 14-15 school year. Motion carried.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to set the second meeting in May as Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of High School Physical Education Teacher Terressa Leinon. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk