

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 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 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 5, 2018.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

The many students that were in attendance at the meeting led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Alexis Brueggen recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingens, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Justin Jehn, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Shawn Handland, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Nate Krien and Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: None.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

Student Representative and WASB acknowledgements were presented.

Student art selections to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year were presented.

*Alexis Brueggen reported on:*

1. The high school softball team went to Orlando, Florida over spring break. The trip was great for team bonding, and there were many learning experiences.
2. Sports practices and events have been rescheduled due to the weather.
3. The district solo and ensemble contest was hosted at West Salem High School this past Saturday. A total of 44 events will go to state, which will be held on May 5th.
4. The top 5% banquet for the seniors is next Wednesday at UWL.

*Nate Krien reported on:*

1. SEP Boards due on Friday, with practice presentations start this coming Monday.
2. West Salem Senior Band students will be going on a trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theater this Wednesday.
3. A *Penny War* held throughout the high school with each class being its own team along with a team for staff, fell just \$160 short of the \$1500 goal, but the war has been extended to this Thursday.

*Correspondence* – None.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the April meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the events of the committee’s meeting which was held last week.

District performance initiative reports by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

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

**Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2018; the invoices to be paid; and the retirement of Bus Driver Darrel Kammel, and the resignation of teachers Cassie Geary, Vikki Gavin and Tyson Young. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the donation from Karl Friedline for the high school band department. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adopt the 17-18 Budget Adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Award contract for the Multi-Purpose Events Center:

Mr. Schlingen moved to reject Base Bid #2. Motion withdrawn.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to award the contract to the lowest bidder on Base Bid #1. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Nay; Mr. Grosskopf, Nay; and Mr. Schlingen, Nay. Motion failed.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to put out to bid again, redefine what we are looking for and add in the masonry to Base Bid #1. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Nay; Mr. Clements, Nay; Mrs. Halverson, Nay; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlingen, Aye. Motion failed.

No more action was taken.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the 2018 Early College Credit Program (Youth Options/Course Options) requests as presented. 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 final notice(s)

of nonrenewal, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22; and the performance of the Director of Instruction and Technology.

And §19.85(1) (e) “Deliberating or negotiating or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session” regarding negotiating the possible purchase of property.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:34 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. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk