

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 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 May 4, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Grosskopf recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingens, Tom Grosskopf, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, and Davita Molling; Student representative Nate Krien. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin, Lisa Gerke, Josh Mallicoat, and Alexis Brueggen.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of item IV. i. miscellaneous wage rates and item V. Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Nate Krien reported on:

1. The DECA International Career Conference
2. Senior AP Testing
3. SEP Presentations

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Lee Bjerke was read.

A letter of intent to apply for the school board opening from Fred Perri was read.

A thank you note read and 3D printed samples were shared from Mrs. Ebert's Project and Inquiry students.

Public comments

Pete Arentz provided handouts and expressed his concerns regarding the facilities project and the contractor selection.

Kevin Hennessey expressed his concerns regarding the facilities project and the contractor selection.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mrs. Halverson reviewed the committee's recent meeting.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the board's recent meeting.

District Performance Initiative updates by administrators Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Board Grant recipient, high school teacher Jordan Gilge, demonstrated and explained what they did with the funds used for Heart Rate Monitors.

Board Grant recipient, middle school teacher Jenny Morgan, demonstrated and explained what they did with the funds used for Exploring Personal Finance Through Board Games.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2017; the invoices to be paid, and the Open Enrollment requests for the 17-18 school year with the exception to deny one student's request to Open Enroll In as recommended by the administration. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from the following for the Youth Frontiers American Cancer Society fundraiser: Barber Arms, Perkins, The Big E!, Salon Professional Academy, Features, American Cancer Society, Riana Herbold, Gilster family, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dahl Automotive, Union State Bank, and 1st Community Credit Union; and from the West Salem Booster Club for baseball. Motion carried unanimously.

High School Teachers Kelly Rueckheim and Shelly Helland presented a request for the Spanish trip for the summer of 2018, which will include the Ecology Club to Panama. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Spanish trip request as presented for the summer of 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the 16-17 and 17-18 school calendar and the 2014 calendar survey. No action was taken.

School Board committee assignments were reviewed. If any changes, please communicate to President Clements. No action was taken.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation for a first reading of policies #174 Board Organizational Meeting, #133 Filling School Board Vacancies, #841 Naming School Facilities, and #840 Public Gifts to Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve contracts for bus drivers for the 17-18 school year as presented; to accept the resignations of Public Relations Specialist/Grant Writer Brittany Parry, middle school Special Education Teacher Kevin Anderson and Adaptive Physical Education/Physical Education Teacher Tyler Fish; and to hire 1.0 FTE high school special education teacher Colleen Betita, high school Student Services Administrative Assistant Angela Elsen and 1.0 FTE elementary school Title I Teacher Elaine Mott. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to set a Special Board Meeting for the reviewing of bids for the campus building projects dependent upon when the architect will have the bids ready to approve; first option is Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and the second option would be Friday, June 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The following board members will attend the high school graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 28, 2017: Tom Grosskopf, Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Catherin Griffin, Jane Halverson, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield.

The following board members will attend the 8th grade promotion ceremony on Thursday, June 1, 2017: Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Catherin Griffin, Jane Halverson, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk