

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2016
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, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Greg Brickl led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Eric Jensen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum's report:

1. Brandon Bahr, a graduate of West Salem High School, will be graduating from the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program this month. Brandon cultivated his aptitude for automotive work in Paul Liethen's class and his sponsor is Brenengen Auto, where he is soon to become a full-time technician.
2. There was a great turnout at West Salem High School's Junior Prom, which took place this past Saturday, May 7. This prom's theme was "Aurora Borealis" and Prom King and Queen were awarded to Tommi Hemp and Simon Buchanan.
3. Maria Ekern, a junior who also holds the title of Miss River City's Outstanding Teen, held a fundraiser last Friday, May 6, to promote her pageant community service platform, which is focused on foster care. Maria managed to fundraise over \$1,700 for her cause.
4. On March 19, the West Salem Middle School sent 7 teams to the Odyssey of the Mind State Competition in Madison. They came home with a 4th, two 3rd's and 4 - 1st place finishes. These 4 teams were invited to the World's competition on May 25. Over 800 teams will compete in this year's World's competition, which will be held in Ames, Iowa.

Simon Buchanan's report:

1. Elementary is currently completing the WI forward exam, in grades 3-5. Kindergarten through 5th grade students will be attending the school forest between now and the end of the school year. 5th grade went to the international crane foundation last week. The 5th graders are also getting ready to visit their AA's at the middle school.
2. Recent and upcoming golf, track and soccer events were reported on.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments

Marc & Marbeth Johnson agreed to wait until closed session to comment to the Board

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the May meeting business.

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

Board Grant Recipient Heidi Ebert, Project & Inquiry Teacher, shared the outcome of the 3D Printer Project at the middle school.

Allison Rigotti, Kaylee Mulholland and Advisor Jason Holter of the High School DECA Club summarized the DECA International Conference in Nashville at the end of April. Allison and Kaylee were top finishers of the 17 students from West Salem at the conference.

District Technology Integrationist Kathy Hilby, Social Studies Teacher Ryan Nelson and English Teacher Kim Volden were present to invite the Board to participate in the SEP day at the high school. The day will include a visit from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers and Chief of Staff Emilie Amundson during the SEP presentations, and an Ice Cream Social during the evening. They also summarized the SEP process the students go through.

Public Relations Specialist/Grant Writer Abby Johnson presented a summary of the new position and its goals and accomplishments.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2016, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donations from Syl's Supper Club for the Varsity Baseball Team and the High School Football Team, and from the Baseball Booster Club for the Damian Miller Field complex. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Baldrige consulting services to be provided by Lapekas & Associates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board Committee assignments were reviewed. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to nominate Catherine Griffin as the WASB Convention Delegate. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to nominate Jane Halverson as the WASB Convention Alternate Delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed operational budget, long-term debt and Mill Rate information with the Board with regard to future financing and budgeting.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Tiffany Lisk as the School Nurse beginning July 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of school nutrition employee Shelly Horstman, bus driver Gary Roesler and student council advisor Laura Skemp-Deal. 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 the salaries and benefits of specific administrators and district staff members; and (f) Considering social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems regarding student records.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:37 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk