

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2018
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, 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 June 7, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Dagan Hemker 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, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Robin Fitzgerald, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton reported on:

1. 67 students from the class of 2019 have been approved to start their SEPs this summer.
2. Band camp starts on tomorrow, the 12th, and will go until June 22nd. At the camp, the band members and color guard learn the new marching song and its routine for the upcoming school year.

Dagan Hemker reported on:

1. The 19u legion baseball team had its first game on June 8th against Onalaska.
2. The trap shooting team placed 3rd at state this past Saturday with some students advancing to nationals.

Correspondence

Letters were read that indicated that the elementary and middle schools were being recognized by the Department of Public Instruction and the Wisconsin RtI Center.

Public comments

Peter Opsahl, who owns the current Lakeview property, shared his interest in gaining road access to his property through the district's property.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the Board’s Annual and Regular meetings.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mr. Clements reported on the events of the committee’s last meeting last week.

District Performance Initiative reports by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott and Justin Jehn, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of Cindy Schroeder-high school nutrition services; to hire - John Hentges-bus driver, Abigail Maliszewski-pool director, Nancy Schlichenmeyer-elementary nutrition services.

DECA Advisor Jason Holter and DECA Officers Danielle Miller, Julie Krien, Carissa Hass, Kylie Wright, Kendra Ames, and Abigail Sharp shared information about DECA and the International Career Development Conference.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2018; the invoices to be paid; and the resignations of Elementary School Counselor Rebecca Radle and high school teacher, Dave Kazda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the hiring of Michael Johnson as Middle School Associate Principal pending the acceptance of that principal’s resignation by the other district’s board, Carly Anderson as Speech and Language Pathologist, and Ammar Sabar as the high school head boys’ soccer coach. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Abstain (Mr. Schlimgen)

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the donation from the Elementary School PTO for the Outdoor Education Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Review bids and select contractor for auto lab project. Jerry Schomberg from Vantage Architects reviewed information on the project. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to table the selection of a contractor for the auto lab project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Speech and Language paraprofessional position as presented with the utilization of flow through dollars. Motion carried unanimously.

Charging students to participate in sports/extra-curricular activities. As a result of the feedback from the Board, Mr. Gunderson will continue to investigate charging students to participate in sports/extra-curricular activities. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the 18-19 Miscellaneous Wage Rates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agreement with the West Salem Hockey Association update. Mr. Gunderson reviewed information and received feedback from the Board. No action was taken.

Financial Planning. Mr. Gunderson reviewed preliminary estimates for the upcoming years and the possibility of holding an operational referendum. No action was taken.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to authorize holding a Special District Meeting on July 30, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Heider Meeting Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to set the time for the July 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. to accommodate the Board Retreat with the administrators. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy #690 Sale and/or Disposal of Equipment/Materials. Mr. Gunderson informed the Board about the sale/disposal of equipment/materials due to the remodeling at the middle school. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson 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 an administrator and additional duties/assignments.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:11 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 10:06 p.m. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Grosskopf)

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk