

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
June 3, 2019  
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 May 30, 2019.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Robin Fitzgerald recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Summer Houck and Liam Sjoquist. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jense and Ryan Rieber.

*Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Connection with the Community**

*Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. 4 athletes competed at the state track meet this past weekend. Charlie McKinney placed 15th in the 2-mile, Joe Wopat placed 14th in the 400 meter dash, Dawson Frydenlund placed 14th in shot put, and Natalie Jeranek placed 10th in the 100 meter hurdles.
2. The following Trap Team members finished at the top of the conference this spring: Trent Perret-4th, Ryan Nickles-5th and Chris Modlin-11th.

*Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. Girls soccer season came to an end this Saturday with a 6-1 loss against McFarland.
2. Current juniors have started the planning process for their SEP's.

*Correspondence* – None.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Teaching & Learning Committee – Mrs. Fitzgerald reported on the following meeting agenda items: student fees for co-curricular activities and sample of student performance data.

Workforce Engagement and Development – Mr. Clements reported on the agenda item negotiations with the West Salem Education Association.

District Strategic Initiative updates by the Superintendent’s Cabinet Team and the Superintendent were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced the resignations of Melissa Olver-accounts payable and Kaylee Fellom-paraprofessional.

Music Department teachers Amy Hanson, Kelli Martin and Dave Kies were present to summarize the departments trip with students to New York this past spring.

Seniors Samantha Thompson, Laura Burdick and Tori Greer thanked the board for the opportunity to participate in the CNA program, and answered questions from the board.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve these Consent Agenda items.

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019;
- b) invoices to be paid;
- c) to hire Emily Phillips as a 1.0 FTE middle school Spanish teacher, Alexis Kuchta as a 1.0 FTE middle school special education teacher and Jeremy Johnson as a 1.0 FTE elementary school special education teacher;
- d) accept administration’s co-curricular recommendations for the 19-20 school year: high school football assistant coach-Bob Gorniak, Dieter Antony, Jamie Olson, Mark Byom, Ethan Ringlien; 8th grade football head coach-Josh Brewer, 7th grade football head coach-Justin Running, middle school cross country head coach-Ben Tashner, high school girls’ tennis assistant coach-Brian Baker and Danielle Schultz, high school girls’ tennis volunteer assistant coach-Dennis Kreuser; high school dance team volunteer assistant coach-Jamie Greer;
- e) and accepting donations from Nick Stachowitz for the high school band department, from David Adams for the high school art department, from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the middle school Physical & Health Education Department, from the Wisconsin Health & Physical Education Program for the elementary Physical Education Department, from Pizza Oven, Le Coulee Cheese Castle, The Salon Professional Academy, Oma, B’s Place, Village Cut and Curl, A/C Doc, Yarn Cakes, Festival Foods, Kwik Trip and Linda’s Bakery for the Youth Frontiers fundraiser for the West Salem Community Assistance and Disaster Relief.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to accept the administration’s recommendation to approve a request for a memorial in honor of Anna Isler. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no retirements or resignations received – no action was taken.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Open Enrollment requests for the 19-20 school year with the exception to deny two students as noted in the packet. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to authorize the purchase of bleachers for the Panther Den by going out for bids and having the Business Operations Committee select the vendor. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to set student fees for co-curricular activities beginning with the 19-20 school year: \$50/sport, \$25/clubs with a \$100 maximum per student, and there won't be a fee for service clubs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #452 Local Wellness Policy; and a second reading of policy #720 School Safety Policy and #723 Crisis Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to have the Policy/Communication & Engagement Committee review the administration's recommendation to have the communications specialist position be a full-time position. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the wages/salaries for teachers, support staff, district employees and administrators for the 19-20 school year, for a total of \$536,000 (4.76%) as presented.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. No action was taken.

### **Adjournment**

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk