

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2015  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Thomas Helgeson. 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 July 9, 2015.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Jane Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Josh Mallicoat recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, and Ken Schlimgen. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Dean Buchanan, Josh Mallicoat, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Brennan Bahr. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin, Tom Grosskopf, Gretchen Hanchette, Lisa Gerke, Eric Jensen, and Mike Malott.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Brennan Bahr reported on:*

The high school CAT program is in full swing, athletes are in the weight room or the swimming pool from 7:00-9:00 a.m. each day.

*Correspondence*

A thank you note from the Dorrene Heider family was read.

*Public comments*

Chase Miller expressed concerns with the gymnastics' floor at the middle school.

*Written and Oral Reports*

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that the Board met on July 1 and welcomed the new administrator, Cheryl Gullicksrud, approved an OT Contract, accepted a resignation, reviewed the CESA #6 contract and air conditioning maintenance, and reviewed the administrator's transition plan.

District Performance Initiative reports by Michael St. Pierre and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Helgeson presented retiring administrator, Dean Buchanan, with a flag which was flown over the US Capital on 5 June, the last day of school and a certificate from Representative Ron Kind.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2015; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2015; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment requests for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the following donations: from Pizza Villa for the Elementary Art Department, from the Elementary PTO for the elementary school, from Josh Mallicoat's father for the Diesel Automotive Career Academy, from Anita Jagodzinski for the auto lab, and from Linda's Bakery for the soccer program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the following:

**Resolution:** Whereas the following school districts have handicapped children, and whereas it appears that the educational interests of all children in these school districts will be served best by the districts joining together to offer special services, as authorized by the Department of Public Instruction, to meet the needs of handicapped children. Be it, and it is hereby resolved that the school boards of West Salem School District and Bangor School District, agree to establish and maintain, on a cooperative basis, a handicapped children's special education program(s) pursuant to Section 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the request to share baseball equipment with the legion teams. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to select WEA Trust as the employee benefits insurance carrier and selecting the Essential PPO plan with Adjusted MOOP's (1.9% increase in premium). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Food Service Account Write-off's to be covered by General Fund 10. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the elementary school 2015-16 Student and Parent Handbook, pending the verification of the milk rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the middle school 2015-16 Student and Parent Handbook, and the Athletic Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Holly Schulz, elementary school special education teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Michael Fluekiger as a bus driver. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation from Jamie Holst as the JV girls' volleyball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk