

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
July 25, 2016  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 July 21, 2016.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Paige Dunnum reported on:*

1. The high school choir held a camp to give students the opportunity to learn music and choreography that they will be competing with this school year.
2. July 8-16, twenty high school students traveled to Costa Rica to continue their studies and completed projects.

*Correspondence*

A note from Dr. Gunderson, regarding a contribution in honor of Krista Beron was read.

A letter from a Vernon and Pamela Huhmann, from Meta, Missouri, regarding the summer musical was read.

A card from Pat Seubert, 2016 recipient of the La Verne Nuttelman Distinguished Service Award was read.

*Public comments*

Tina Thompson, spoke as a former employee of the district, expressing her concerns regarding teacher benefit cuts.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reviewed the recent meeting regarding the swimming pool.

Supervisor Reports from Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

**Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2016; the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2016; invoices to be paid, and Open Enrollment requests for the 16-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept the donations from the West Salem Booster S-Club Baseball Fund for the baseball program, from the UW-L Foundation for the high school football program, and from Ken Schlimgen for the high school drama department. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the current status of the 16-17 health insurance benefit: cash in-lieu of health insurance. Mr. Brickl moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to keep the same cash in-lieu amounts as they currently are and look elsewhere in the budget for savings. West Salem Education Association representatives Chris Milne, Ryan Waldhart and Heather Jehn each made statements to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Kerri Feyen, Director of Nutrition Services, presented the proposal for a Traditional and Grab-and-Go/Breakfast in the Classroom Hybrid breakfast program. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Breakfast Grab and Go options as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve to hire Carrie Niedfeldt and David De Bernardi as part-time cooks. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the 16-17 high school student and parent handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the resignations of Baseball Coach Jamie Olson and Middle School Teacher Tina Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Brickl moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk