

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 22, 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 August 18, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen (7:23), Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representative: Paige Dunnum. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Davita Molling, Simon Buchanan and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. On August 27, a Youth archery shoot will take place at the Outdoor Education Center. Safety and instructional opportunities for beginners will be offered, followed by a 14-target shoot. This event is free, but donations are encouraged.
2. The West Salem High School Drama Camp took place last week with over 170 kids taking part in the rehearsals and performances. The kids were able to choose between two 30-minute shows, *Cinderella* or *The Jungle Book*.

Correspondence

A letter from the George Washington Teacher Institute acknowledging West Salem Middle School Social Studies Teacher Jennifer Morgan's participation in the summer residential program. The program *Slavery in George Washington's World* took place July 26-30, 2016.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported that the committee met tonight and opened bids for a portion of the swimming pool project.

Supervisor reports from Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Model Teacher Recognition – Mr. Gunderson introduced the teachers who achieved the status of Model Teacher: Carrie Johnson, Jane Macdonald, Jesse McKinney, Mary Hundt, Ryan Waldhart, and Jenny Morgan. Jamie Olson was unable to attend the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2016; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 2016-17 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

As part of the update on a possible middle school and outdoor facilities referendum including the boys and girls club, Mike Desmond and Don Brenengen presented a letter to the Board. The letter expresses their strong interest in entering into a long-term agreement with the district for shared use of space in the current middle school facility.

While the Board waited for Mr. Schlimgen to arrive, Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Vision Statement and possible suggestions for a new Vision Statement for the district.

Mr. Schlimgen arrived at 7:23 p.m.

Mr. Brickl moved and Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the following resolution: Initial Resolution Number I Authorizing General Obligation Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$20,000,000. Motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school improvement program consisting of: renovations and additions at the current Middle School; renovations and building infrastructure improvements at the Elementary School; site improvements, including additional parking and a new bus transfer area; and acquisition of related furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the following resolution: Initial Resolution Number II Authorizing General Obligation Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$5,000,000. Motion carried. (6-Aye; 0-Nay; 1-Abstained) Mr. Schlimgen Abstained.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of District athletic facilities improvements consisting of: replacing the track and constructing additional track/football stadium seating, constructing and equipping baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and a multi-purpose sports and events facility; and completing related site improvements.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the following resolution: Resolution Providing For A Referendum Election On The Questions Of The Approval Of Initial Resolutions Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$25,000,000. Motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted resolutions entitled: "Initial Resolution Number I Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000,000" and "Initial Resolution Number II Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000,000" (collectively, the "Initial Resolutions"); and

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the questions approved in the Initial Resolutions to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on November 8, 2016.

Mr. Gunderson will schedule building visits during board meetings during September and October.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the Buildings and Grounds Committee recommendation to approve the bids for Demolition, HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical as part of the swimming pool project. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 0-Nay, 1 Abstained) Mr. Brickl Abstained.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskoff seconded to approve the following resolution: The School District Of West Salem Will Borrow Up To \$1.5 Million For The Pool And Bus Garage Projects Through A Construction Loan with Union State Bank Commencing September 1, 2016, For A Period Up To 10 Months. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved 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 The West Salem School District And The Bangor School District, And The West Salem School District And The School District Of Holmen 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. Mrs. Halverson withdrew her motion. The Board will go into closed session later in the meeting in order to obtain more detailed student information.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept the administration's recommendations to hire: Johnnyray Hansen as a .4FTE Art Teacher; and part-time paraprofessionals Kristi Schmitz, Julie McMakin, Leann Stuart, Tammi Gorniak, Tracy Sell, Tina Shaw, Brienna Langrehr, Kalee Hanson, Sara Oldenburg, and Lucy Gray. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the updated committee assignments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the resignations of School Nurse Tiffany Lisk and vehicle driver Teri Simonson. 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)(f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons 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 or investigations" for the purpose of discussing a student issue.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:02 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; 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

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to reconvene into open session at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Brickl Moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield 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 The West Salem School District And The Bangor School District, And The West Salem School District And The School District Of Holmen 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. (6-Aye, 1-Nay) Mr. Schlimgen voted Nay.

Adjournment

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Nay) Mr. Grosskopf voted Nay.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk