

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 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 4, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnun reported on:

1. The high school dance team held a camp last week.
2. The high school National Honor Society (NHS) will hold a blood drive on August 16, 2016.

Simon Buchanan reported on:

High school soccer, tennis and football practices have started.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Gerald Kammel family was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reviewed the meetings of August 2, August 3, and August 8, 2016.

Transportation Committee – Mrs. Griffin reviewed the meeting of August 8, 2016.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that she attended the Buildings and Grounds Committee with the Boys and Girls Club instead of the CESA meeting.

District Performance Initiatives updates by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson.

Student Representative Paige Dunnun gave a report of the recent Spanish class trip to Costa Rica and shared a video from Courtney Koepp.

Simon Buchanan left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Director of Instruction and Technology Michael St. Pierre reviewed the Technology Infrastructure and Services for Instructional Technology.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the information on seclusion and restraint from the elementary, middle and high schools.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2016; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 16-17 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept donations from Vern Romskog for the high school library and from Candice Tlustosch for the art department. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson second to accept the Buildings and Grounds Committee's recommendation to accept bids totaling \$492,049 for the transportation facility. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Abstained; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to authorize the Buildings and Grounds Committee to review and accept any time sensitive bids for the swimming pool project. Motion carried. Mr. Brickl Abstained.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on a possible middle school and outdoor facilities referendum, which included wording of the questions, financial impact and included project items.

Set Special Board Meeting date and time – no action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept the Transportation Committee's recommendation to approve the 16-17 bus routes and the request from drivers to keep school vehicles off site. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the 16-17 Employee Handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to hire Elisabeth Grams and Chelsea Hoffman as elementary teachers pending release from their current contracts; Deborah Lynch as an associate nurse; April Monson as a part-time custodian; Brittany Parry as a part-time Public Relations Specialist/Grant Writer; and Ashley Tauscher, Dean Terasewicz and Robert Schloessler as bus drivers. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the .4FTE art teacher.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to hire Kevin Anderson as the 8th grade head football coach and Ryan Waldhart as the Middle School Athletic Director. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the resignation of paraprofessional Amanda Cain. 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) (c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” regarding the mid-year review and the salary of the superintendent, and a specific co-curricular concern.

Mr. Griffin moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:50 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, 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, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk