

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2014
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Scott Scafe. 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 September 18, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Dean Buchanan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Troy Gunderson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Fred Perri, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Mariah Arneson and Cameron Robaczewski. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Thomas Helgeson, Mark Carlson, Lisa Gerke, Mike Malott, and Davita Molling.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Mariah Arneson reported on:

1. Many West Salem High School graduates have continued their music education at universities: 6 at UW-La Crosse, 4 at UW-Eau Claire, 1 at UW-Madison, and 1 at Navy boot camp.
2. On September 28, the high school will kick off the homecoming celebration with a variety of activities, including: co-ed volleyball tournament, gaga ball, powder puff football, games, a pep rally to announce the homecoming court, and a bonfire. The parade will be on October 3 and the dance will be on October 4.

Cameron Robaczewski reported on:

1. Over the previous weekend, the high school marching band performed twice, once during halftime at the football game and again at Sunday's Applefest Parade in La Crescent. On Friday's performance, the band played the songs Brick House, Vehicle, and Super Freak as a tribute to the 1970's. On Sunday, the band placed first in Class B at Applefest. This weekend, the band will perform in the Oktoberfest and Cranberryfest parades.

2. Homecoming week is next week at the high school. This year's theme is A Tribute to Robin Williams. The upcoming week will be an exciting one with many students participating in the dress-up days and activities.

Correspondence – None

Public comments

Al Belling and Mary Hubbard shared a petition area residents gathered in favor of the swimming pool.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the committee met and reviewed some policies. Some are on tonight's agenda for a first reading and some will be back for administrative review.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Clements reported the committee met tonight and reviewed bids for the proposed football practice field, and reviewed the outdoor facilities and projected costs for recommended upgrades.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2014; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment requests for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

The high school Travel Abroad Summer School class who, along with Teachers Michael and Loretta Zwonitzer, traveled to Costa Rica this past summer, thanked the board for the opportunity and the experience. They presented a video project made following the trip, and shared both their personal and educational learning experiences with the board. Student presenters included: Nathan Schomberg, Erica Craig, Makenzie Dejno, Erin Faella, Audra Gaikowski, Alexandra Galbraith, Leah Galstad, Mayzee Hernandez, Maria Otto, and Hunter Priebe.

Rick Schultz of the Friends of West Salem Baseball gave a presentation on the stages of the baseball field project. The Friends of West Salem Baseball presented their request for permission to construct seating and a press box. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Perri seconded allow the Friends of West Salem Baseball to proceed with the foundation for the stadium. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the proposed 2014-15 budget and tax levy.

Curriculum Director Michael St. Pierre reviewed and explained the district's 2013-2014 School Report Cards.

Curriculum Director Michael St. Pierre gave an overview of Educator Effectiveness process and how it affects our district.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve for a first reading of policies #671.1 Payroll; #760 Food Service Management; #765 Jane Doe Fund, as amended; #764 Food Service; and #733 Energy Conservation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the elimination of policy #760-Rule Procedures for Verifying Free and Reduced Priced Meals and #763 Nutrition. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's middle school co-curricular recommendations: drama director and tech supervisor, Amy Hanson; drama stage manager, Elle Nimm; forensics, Nicole Friell and Darcy Sawyer; MathCounts, Tammy Bentzen and Jonathan Jones; Odyssey of the Mind Leader, Angie Hemker; WEB Leaders, Amanda Beld and Heather Jehn; yearbook, Nicole Friell and Jenny Morgan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignation of elementary school paraprofessional, Roxie Whitehead; quiz bowl advisor, Laura Skemp-Deal; bus driver, Vilas "Pete" Kirchner. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe 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 performance of administrator.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:15 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Perri seconded to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk