

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2015
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 September 24, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mr. Schlingen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Jensen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Brennan Bahr reported on:

1. The high school band performed in the La Crescent Applefest Parade and placed first in Class B.
2. The soccer team competed against Central.
3. The tennis team competed against Viroqua.
4. The varsity football team competed against Sparta. During the half-time show, junior color guard camp members performed as part of Hannah Gaethke's SEP. Senior band members were honored during half time. Ali Servais held a Miracle Minute for the Children's Miracle network.
5. West Salem High School is participating in the American Family Fitness Challenge.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of George Rogers was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Transportation Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported that the committee met tonight and reviewed the double bus routes.

Supervisor reports by Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

West Salem High School Technology Education Instructor Paul Liethen gave a presentation on the Vocational Academy that he is teaching. The following students and instructors were present at the board meeting: Riley Miller (West Salem), Zackery Randall (West Salem), Cody Feehan (Onalaska), Bryce Miller (Holmen), Sergeant Tabor (US Army), Jared Novak (West Salem), and Eric Chant (Instructor from Pischke Motors).

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2015; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept donations.

1. 1st Community Credit Union and Union State Bank for the high school robotics team.
2. Clinton Carlaw III, for the high school Technology Education Department.
3. An anonymous donor for the Horace Moran Scholarship Fund.
4. Festival Foods for the high school football program.
5. Don Brenengen, West Salem Community Foundation, Creative Opportunities Unlimited, Big Boar Barbecue, Hansen's IGA, Burrachos, Buffalo Wild Wings, Texas Road House, Pizza Villa, Features Sports Bar & Grill, Carroll's Popcorn & Frozen Yogurt, Cold Stone Creamery, Dairy Queen, LeCoulee Cheese Castle, La Crosse Milk Marketing Board, Reinhart Foods/West Salem Lunch Program, Hunter's Last Chance, Marcia Thompson, Jeanne Arenz, Jane Bangsberg, Cheryl Kammel, Pizza Oven-Holmen, Dawn Gerke, Jane Macdonald, Linda's Bakery, Timmer's 10 Mile Pub, Cherry Berry Yogurt Bar, Deb Miller, Pat Bahr, A & C Martial Arts, Laura Schulz Tropical Touch Massage, Carlson Insurance, and Ros & Larry Krajewski for the Odyssey of the Mind Worlds Finals-June 2015.

Motion carried.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the proposed 2015-16 budget and tax levy. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve a position for up to 1000 hours/year and not to exceed \$20,000 for a public information specialist/grant writer. Motion carried (4-Aye, 2 Nay)

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Performance Initiative: Workforce Engagement & Development. Not action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Spanish trip request for the summer of 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the 2015-16 Parent Transportation Contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of Production Center Administrative Assistant Pam Noll and the retirement of Paraprofessional Renee Ziebell. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk