

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. 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 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 October 7, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jason Falck led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Spraetz recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Christina Locante and Kolton Christenson. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe, Thomas Helgeson and Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

1. The high school Link Crew had their Freshman Fun Night last Thursday.
2. The high school Link Crew are going on a field trip to St. Paul, Minnesota, on Tuesday, October 26.
3. The English 110 class will be going to UW-La Crosse on October 25.
4. Friday, October 15 is picture retake and club photo day at the high school.

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. The faculty play, Alice in Wonderland, which includes a cast of educators from our school district and surrounding schools, performed this past weekend in the Heider Center.
2. The fall student play, Sleepy Hollow, began practices today and will be performed in mid November.
3. Tonight “La Tertulia” (which means a group that gets together to speak Spanish) has its first club meeting. All high school Spanish students are welcome to attend.
4. This past Thursday, the first high school parent/teacher conferences were held at the high school.

5. The junior class had the opportunity to attend a Career Expo at the La Crosse Center.
6. This Friday, the senior class will be taking their annual class photo at the Neshonoc Campground.
7. This Wednesday, 25 juniors will be taking the PSAT. This test allows them to be placed in the running for the National Merit Scholarship.

Correspondence—None

Public comments on non-agenda items—None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – no meeting to report on.

Policy Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met twice and policies will be coming forward for first reading. The committee is working their way through the 100's section.

The administrator reports were reviewed. Mrs. Gerke reviewed the elementary school spelling program and Mr. Carlson showed the board the certificate which was received from the Senior Project Center, recognizing the high school as a Nationally Certified Senior Project High School.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 27, 2010, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the donation from the Knights of Columbus for special education programming. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smalley and Mr. Buchanan introduced the following new teachers to the board: Stephanie Zais, Jennifer Wheeler, Jennifer Mick, Ruby Kerkman, Becky Tower, Erika Olson, and Stacy Rel.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to waive the fee for this year and appoint a committee of administrators to meet with the village and come up with a solution. Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to amend the motion to include: for all of the recreation department's events that are printed. A vote on the amendment was approved. A vote on the full motion carried unanimously. The committee will consist of Superintendent Troy Gunderson and Associate Principals Barb Buswell and Lisa Gerke.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the second semester Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the resignation of Veronica Iverson, high school food service. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the middle school co-curricular recommendations: Charles Ihle, grade 6 unit leader; Terri Martinson, grade 7 unit leader, Nicole Friell, grade 8 unit leader; Stacy Spors, support services unit leader; Elle Nimm, encore unit leader; Tammy Bentzen and Rick Dobbs, Mathcounts; Nicole Friell and Jenny Morgan, yearbook; Jane Henricks, student council; Ellen Bice and Nicole Friell, forensics; Ryan Waldhart, band; Mardeana Glasel, assistant band; Elle Nimm, vocal; and Ryan Waldhart, jazz band. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to set the ground rules for the annual meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy and Mr. Spraetz will review the board grant applications and make recommendations for the next board meeting.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve a 2.5 hour middle school supervisory paraprofessional position. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve a 3 hour elementary school supervisory paraprofessional position. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to eliminate the Personnel Committee, the G/T Ad Hoc Committee, and board representatives to the Staff Development/Curriculum, Technology, School Forest and Territorial Technical Advisory Committees. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #185 Board Committees. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding superintendent expectations 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.”

Also, regarding litigation it is or is likely to be involved, pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(g) for conferring with legal counsel for the District who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Board with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Brown seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:08 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to reconvene into open session at 8:26 p.m.

Open Session

Adjournment

Mr. Spratz moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk