

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2012
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 November 21, 2012.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre (7:01), and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Alyssa Noll and Kevin Martinson (7:47). Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jason Falck.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of a Buildings and Grounds Committee Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Alyssa Noll reported on:

1. On November 25, 2012, the high school band and choir returned from Florida. The groups performed exceptionally well in front of thousands of people.
2. The high school math club received their results from the competition at Platteville, placing 2nd.
3. The boys hockey team won their first game.

Correspondence

An letter from the NBA-WC All-State Junior Band announcing that students Carlie Burkhardt, Paige Dunnun, Kaylee Mulholland, and Courtney Koepp (alternate) were selected to perform at the annual state convention on Saturday, January 19, 2013.

Mr. Ward shared with the board that West Salem Historical Society Christmas Raffle tickets are available.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met tonight and discussed the job description of the maintenance director and the possibility of creating a flow chart of positions.

Reports by Mark Ledman, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2012; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept donations from Waylan Walters and Walters Concrete for pouring sidewalk, the family of George Bahr for the Outdoor Education Center, and from Jeri Lee Weigel and Melanie Weigel in memory of Lisa Hugo for the elementary school LMC. Motion carried unanimously.

West Salem Middle School Art Teacher Krista Dunnun shared a video of a project her students created using the iPad. Students Sophia Hughes, Caleb Weber, Kekoa Novak and families were present.

Syl Clements left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Ken Zastrow, representative from National Insurance, presented information on Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) options and answered board member questions.

Kevin Martinson joined the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Lisa Gerke shared with the board a proposal for the 2012-13 K-8 Summer School program.

Mr. Gunderson shared with the board the possibility of applying for a federal grant offering \$25,000 for each new school bus purchased. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve applying for a federal Transportation EPA Rebate grant with intent to purchase four new buses. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the 2012-2013 school year budget revisions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #903 High School Associate Principal, #906 Elementary School Associate Principal and #937 Production/Copy Center Specialist. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to hire Cheryl Kammel as a 4K paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for Odyssey of the Mind, Carrie Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) options for district non-union employees.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk

Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk