

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
November 28, 2011  
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 23, 2011.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

Present: Ken Spraeetz, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, and Thomas Helgeson (7:13). Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representative: Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jason Falck, Eric Jensen, Megan Tabbert, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, and Lisa Gerke.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Taylor Gile reported on:*

The senior class will be nominating graduation ideas tomorrow. They will be suggesting their opinions for a class motto, song, flower and speaker.

*Correspondence*

1. Linda Brown submitted her resignation from the school board dated November 13, 2011.
2. A proclamation from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers was read declaring January 9-13, 2012 as Adult School Crossing guard Recognition week in the State of Wisconsin.
3. An e-mail from high school Spanish Teacher Loretta Zwonitzer concerning the music trip in 2012 was read.
4. Mr. Ward personally thanked the board for the plant that was sent in honor of his mother's recent passing.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Transportation Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met last week and reviewed the bids for a purchase of two school buses.

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported that a School Board Grant recipient took advantage of Black Friday deals and was able to purchase more keyboards.

*New Staff Introductions*

Mr. Gunderson introduced the following new staff who were able to attend the meeting: Michelle Powell, Tami Jessesky, Alisha Neinfeldt, Justin Glodowski, Gary Miller, Eric Manke, Jackie Dawson, Josh Deml, Clara Murphy, Randy Groth, Sara Bradley, Jane Frank, Alyssa Jarosh, Megan Karow, and Shannon Kochie.

Mr. Helgeson arrived at 7:13 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 14, 2011 and the Special Board meeting of November 21, 2011; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Options were discussed in dealing with the school board vacancy created by Linda Brown's resignation. Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to have those that are interested in being appointed to the school board until the end of April, submit their names to Mr. Gunderson by the end of business on December 12, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved to nominate Jason Falck for the office of Clerk. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jason Falck as the Clerk of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

The idea of appointing a deputy clerk to the school board was discussed.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to approve the following committee appointments: Mr. Kindschy will fill the vacancy on the Buildings and Grounds Committee; Jason Falck will be the chair person for the Transportation Committee; Mr. Helgeson will fill the vacancy on the Transportation Committee; Mr. Ward will fill the vacancy on the Policy Committee. Mr. Scafe will serve as an alternate on the Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the donations from Janel Pettis for the elementary school library. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson presented the elementary school job share request from Mindy Court and Jessica Macha. According to the contract the request must be submitted in a timely manner. The request will be discussed at a future board meeting.

LeRoy Krall, Amy Hanson and Dave Kies shared information requested at the previous board meeting regarding the proposed music trip. Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the November 2012 music trip to Florida. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson presented information on the hockey program for 2012-2013. Joe Belling, Randy Groth and Tom Grosskopf also shared information on the teams' status. The school will hold a parent meeting on December 8.

Mr. Gunderson and Mrs. Molling reviewed a summary of the district's location 800 budget.

Taylor Gile was excused from the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the parent contracts for 2011-2012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration and transportation committee's recommendation and accept the bus bid from Wisconsin Bus Sales for two 2013 71 passenger conventional buses at a cost of \$78,760.00 for each unit. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed their attempt to go paperless by piloting tablet computers.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the administration's recommendation and approve the following high school co-curricular recommendations: Rachel Sackett, (4% contract) freshman girls' basketball; Scott Koepnick, girls' basketball volunteer ; Brian Babiash, varsity softball; Julie Kamla, JV softball; Eric Sorenson, varsity golf; Tony Berg, JV golf; Marc Anderson and Scott Pirstill, co-varsity girls' soccer; Charles Ihle, varsity baseball; Jamie Olson, JV baseball; LeRoy Krall, varsity girls' track; Bret Miller, varsity boys' track; and Stacy Mitchell, assistant track. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the lease for a cellular relay tower with USCOC of La Crosse (U.S. Cellular), 8410 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60631. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for 10.5 hours per week in the Early Childhood Program, a 4 hour paraprofessional in the middle school CDS program and an additional two hours to a current paraprofessional in the elementary school CDS program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the revised 2012-2013 school year student calendar as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding the superintendent's evaluation 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” and nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators under Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1)(c).

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:11 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Errol Kindschy, Acting Clerk