

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 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 December 9, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Ward led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Kolton Christenson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as amended by removing item IV. A. Curriculum Director 8th Grade Technology Assessment. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

1. The SEP paper is due this Friday.
2. There was a two hour delay today, which caused a little confusion on where the students should start their day at the high school.

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. The high school choirs, Singations, and Glee Club all performed last Sunday and the choirs performed again the following day at Viterbo.
2. The high school band concert scheduled for last night due to the weather is in the process of being rescheduled.
3. Tonight, the seventh grade band and choir performed in the auditorium. Tuesday night is the 8th grade band and choir concert.
4. Many students art work from Art Explorations and 3-D Foundations is on display around the high school.
5. Practice for the upcoming play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* begins tomorrow.
6. All the winter sports have begun, with many games and meets this week.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Jean Johnson was read. Jean was a paraprofessional in the '70's and '80's.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that the group met and had their annual Christmas Party. Instead of exchanging gifts, they collected money to give to a school. The group also approved some grants.

Policy Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee has met twice since the last board meeting to go through the 100's. A few policies are on the agenda for tonight and a few will come before the board at the next meeting.

Administrator reports were reviewed. Superintendent Gunderson presented information on understanding property taxes. He has been working with individuals from the County and Director of Finance for Onalaska School District Larry Dalton to help explain the calculation of property taxes. Superintendent Gunderson also reported that an insurance consultant was in to meet with staff to educate them on insurance to help find a solution.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Spraez moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the regular board meeting minutes of November 22, 2010, as amended, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Ward asked the other Board members to complete and mail the superintendent evaluation to him by January 1, 2011. The evaluation will be compiled and then reviewed in closed session on January 10, 2011.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to accept 2010-2011 middle and high school co-curricular recommendations and approve contracts.

1. middle school: drama director, Amy Hanson; tech supervisor, Amy Hanson; and stage manager, Elle Nimm.
2. high school: head girls' softball, Brian Babiash; JV girls' softball, Julie Kamla; head baseball, Charles Ihle; JV baseball, Jamie Ihle; head girls' soccer, Marc Anderson; head boys' track & field, Corey Peterson; head girls' track & field, LeRoy Krall; assistant track & field, Bret Miller; assistant track & field, Chris Carley; assistant track & field, Stacy Mitchell, and volunteer gymnastics assistant coach, Kelly Schams.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the following donations: from the West Salem High School Sunshine Club in Memory of Jean Johnson for the special education program; from the West Salem High School Sunshine Club in memory of Elmer Beste for the OEC; from the Chaseburg Rod and Gun Club books for the elementary LMC; and from Bob Arceo books for the elementary LMC. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #823 Access to Public Records, #824 Records Retention and #131 School Board Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #112 Harassment. Motion carried unanimously.

West Salem Police Chief Charles Ashbeck reviewed with the Board what is included in the COPS Grant and how the police department and the district will benefit from the grant.

Adjournment

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk