

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2012
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 17, 2012.

Mr. Ward requested a moment of silence to acknowledge the school shooting in Connecticut.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mr. Helgeson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Kevin Martinson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck (8:30), Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott (7:32), John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Alyssa Noll and Kevin Martinson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: None.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as amended by delaying the Delegate Assembly Proposals until Mr. Falck joins the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward recognized the Students of the Season who were in the *Coulee News*.

Connection with the Community

Kevin Martinson reported on:

1. The high school hockey team is undefeated, with a record of 7-0.
2. The high school boys' basketball team will play rivals Bangor.
3. The high school Spanish II dinner is being held this evening.

Alyssa Noll reported on:

1. The high school recently held a blood drive.
2. The high school entrepreneur class will be operating the school store.
3. The high school jazz band performed Christmas Carols at Mulders and Lakeview Health Center today.

Correspondence

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was read, proclaiming Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week, January 14-18, 2013.

Public comments

Diane Rogala requested to speak regarding concerns about fundraising.
Mary Morgensen-Hardie requested to speak to express her thoughts on safety.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 – Mr. Ward reported that CESA #4 will be converting their payroll to Skyward, there was discussion on the La Crosse Promise, and Dave Anderson from the WIAA discussed issues. Reports by Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, Michelle Kloser, Mark Ledman, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2012; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept donations from Kwik Trip for the middle school, from Marcia Thompson for the elementary school art department, and from Keaton Linse, Kerin Linse, Mariah, Malivanh Fleckenstein, Ben Fleckenstein to the elementary school to be put towards the Lisa Hugo memorial window. Motion carried unanimously.

Melanie Lendosky of Johnson Block and Company presented the 2011-2012 district audit report.

High School Choir Director Amy Hanson shared information and highlights of the recent Music Trip to Florida.

Mr. Carlson presented the 2013-14 new high school course proposals. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the courses as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the transportation parent contracts for the 2012-13 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to hire Amanda Lunde in the food service department. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to allow Jason Falck, WASB Delegate, to vote his conscience on the items based upon the comments he received from the board. Motion carried unanimously.

Middle School Band Director Ryan Waldhart shared with the board information on band lessons at the middle school and answered questions. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the hiring of a part-time teaching aide for the second semester with a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administrations co-curricular recommendations: Odyssey of the Mind-Angie Hemker, Krista Dunnum and Cole Andres; Forensics-Darcy Sawyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of Jonathan Jones as the freshman football coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for district non-union employees as presented with the stipulation the district's total distribution not to exceed the employees' annual salary.

Adjournment

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk