

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room –7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 15, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson (7:27), Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Megan Tabbert and Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe and Dean Buchanan.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Megan Tabbert reported on:

1. The high school is midway through the second quarter.
2. The winter sports season is in full swing.

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. Nicole Piske organized a successful blood drive as part of her SEP.
2. The high school Spanish classes held their dinner this evening.

Correspondence – The board correspondences dealt with hockey and were read prior to that discussion.

Public comments – Those signed up for public comments were all about hockey and permitted to speak during the hockey section on the agenda.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Long Range Facilities Committee – Mr. Helgeson and Mr. Kindschy informed the board of the status of the committee after the first two meetings.

Policy Committee – Mr. Spraetz reported that the committee meet tonight and will have a couple policies for the next meeting.

Administrator reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported on No Child Left Behind, open enrollment, technology and a budget projection.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 28, 2011, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to accept donations from Leanne Hedberg-Carlson and Kevin Carlson for the middle school LMC, from the La Crosse County Dairy Promotions for snacks during testing at the middle school, and remodeling work at the pool from Walters Concrete. Motion carried unanimously.

Hockey – Correspondence was read from the West Salem Hockey Association and the Sparta School District. The following were permitted to speak on hockey: Sparta High School Principal Sam Russ, Joe Belling, Kelly Cottrell, Chad Brueggeman, Rich Berghefer, and Jamie Olson. John Hammes and Steven Pierce signed up but did not speak. Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to abandon the hockey co-op for the 2012-2013 school year. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Nay, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Nay, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Carlson arrived at 7:27 p.m.

Michael St. Pierre lead a discussion about the progress of our district study into the future of educational technology. The district study group will plan to offer a final proposal in January.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded that the board should continue using the iPads purchased for board use. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a summary of the high school’s budget, location 400.

Mr. St. Pierre presented high school course proposals for the 2012-2013 school year. Jamie Olson, Laura Skemp-Deal, Quenten Brown, Danielle Dunham, Jeff Maves, and Jenny Morgan were present to answer the boards questions. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the high school course proposals for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Taylor Gile and Megan Tabbert left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

The process to fill the school board vacancy was discussed. A questionnaire will be given to those who expressed interest. A time at the beginning of the January 9, 2012, meeting will be used to meet the candidates and select a new board member.

Mr. Ward led a discussion about the committee structure. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to re-name the Professional Negotiations Committee as the Professional Staff Committee and the Support Staff Negotiations Committee as the Support Staff Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a draft of the school district's strategic initiatives.

The WASB Delegate Assembly proposals will be acted upon at the next meeting.

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. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 10:17 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Errol Kindschy moved, Jason Falck seconded to adjourn at 11:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk