

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 February 21, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlinggen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the agenda as amended by moving item G SEP request to install a disc golf course to just after item A Donations. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kevin Martinson reported on:

1. The forensics team competed at Logan and five members will be going on to District at UWL.
2. There will be a play this Thursday and Friday, There's a Monster in My Closed.
3. The girls' basketball team are conference champions.
4. The Visual Arts Classic (VAC) team will compete at the state level in April.
5. The girls' hockey team will compete at the state level.

Correspondence

A proclamation was read from Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, proclaimed March 4-8, 2013 as School Breakfast Week.

Public comments

Ray Ebert informed the board that the County of La Crosse may be ready in April or May to discuss a future land purchase by the school district.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Falck reported that the committee is still working through the Personnel Policies-500 series. Policies will be coming for a first reading and for elimination.

Fund 73 Trust – Mr. Ward reported that the Trust met and will have a recommendation later on the agenda.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met and discussed a request by a high school student for a Senior Exit Project; and discussion on the district's Long Range Plan.

Supervisor reports by Michelle Kloser, Mark Ledman, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Rick Kline, and Superintendent Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2013; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donation for the scholarship program from Dennis and Barbara Manthei. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Senior Exit Project request to install a disc golf course contingent upon sponsorship approval by Mr. Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson discussed the process in carrying out the district's Long Range Plan and asked the Board for input on how they wish to proceed.

Mrs. Molling reviewed the budget summaries for the elementary, middle school and high school for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to offer a contract to Scott Johnson as the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administrations' co-curricular recommendation: Nicole Friell, Scott Johnson and Bill Jensen, middle school track; Casi Jones and Brad Skaer, middle school softball; and Julie Kamla, JV softball. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the Fund 73 Trust's recommendation to select National Insurance as the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) vendor to administer the district's Fund 73 account. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action 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" regarding post-employment benefit for a district employee.

Mr. Halverson moved and Mr. Scafe seconded to go into closed session at 8:15 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlingen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk