

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Errol Kindschy. 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 24, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Scott Scafe led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Spraetz recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. Savanna Elliott celebrated FFA Week as part of her SEP project.
2. The high school sports meeting was being held tonight.
3. On Thursday and Friday of this week, the high school drama department will be presenting *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Christina Locante reported on:

1. The high school anatomy and physiology class are dissecting cats this week.
2. The seniors' SEP portfolio is due this Thursday. SEP presentations will be in April and May.

Correspondence

A Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction proclamation was read in honor of School Breakfast Week, March 7-11, 2011.

Public comments on non-agenda items

Chase Miller and John Van Cleave presented information on a request to bring the hockey program back to West Salem.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met on February 21 and reviewed plans for the middle school special education classroom and discussed long range facilities committee membership.

Transportation Committee – Mrs. Brown reported that the committee met on February 21 to discuss a special education bus, the vehicle fleet, bus routes, and 4K issues. The next meeting will be March 14, 2011.

Policy Committee – Mr. Spraetz reported that there will be policies for first reading at the next meeting and there are 3 policies for second reading on tonight's agenda.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 14, 2011, as amended; the Special Board Meeting minutes of February 24, 2011; and the invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Alex Koenen made a presentation to the board: Extra Curricular Involvement and Academic Achievement. This presentation was part of his SEP project.

Fred Kusch of JFK Associates, Inc. presented his proposal to be the facilitator for the district's strategic planning process.

Julie Hatlem and Ralph Heath of Synergy Leadership Group presented their proposal to be the facilitator for the district's strategic planning process.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to open up negotiations with the West Salem School Employees Association for the purpose of seeing what changes can be made to the 2011-2012 school calendar. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #172 Special School Board Meetings, #181 Rules of Order, and #182 Quorum. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the donation for the elementary school art department from Stephanie Sharp. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

No Board action was taken as there were no retirements submitted.

Adjournment

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk