

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

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice President Thomas Helgeson. 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 March 21, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Ken Schlimgen moved, Syl Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kevin Martinson reported on:

1. The high school Forensics team competed and will have four students going to state (UW-Madison) on April 19.
2. High school students competed at the Junior Achievement Business Challenge last Wednesday, 27 teams, juniors Chad Seitz and Christian Schran placed first and each received a \$500 scholarship.
3. The high school FFA recently competed in dairy judging and three people will be competing at state, April 26
4. A Multiple Sclerosis (MS) benefit hosted by the student council took place on Saturday, March 30.

Alyssa Noll reported on:

1. This past Saturday the high school hosted the band and choir solo and ensemble contest. There were 81 total entries and 32 West Salem entries will go on and compete at the state level.
2. The DECA Chapter spent three days at the state conference in Lake Geneva. Five students were recognized on stage at the event. Erin Faella and Krysten Stockus qualified for the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California this April. Adam Peterson also qualified for the conference by finishing in the State in the Business Administration category.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Mathcounts team was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Falck reported that the committee is still working through the personnel policies 500's section.

Transportation Committee – Mr. Falck reported that a recommendation is on tonight's agenda.

Supervisory reports from Michelle Kloser, Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, and Rick Kline were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2013; Invoices to be paid; and open enrollment requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the donation from Pizza Villa for the high school Art Department, and from Bill's Engineering for the high school Technology & Engineering Education program.

A sophomore biology project created by Sam Fellom and Connor Waldhart was shared with the board.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the administration's recommendation for bus purchases. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the bid of \$143,000 for the purchase of one new regular 75 passenger school bus and one used special education bus from Nelson Bus. Motion carried. (5 Aye, 1 Nay)

Principals John Smalley, Dean Buchanan and Mark Carlson gave a security update of their respective buildings, which included procedures and drills performed.

Mr. Gunderson updated the board on the status of the budget, staffing, technology, and programming.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the fall of 2013 Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #425 Public Open Enrollment. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the 2013-2014 CESA #4 Contracted Services as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the administration's request to change the teacher inservice days for the 2013-2014 school year to be two set days at the end of August and two days to be scheduled during the year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed possible considerations regarding selection of an architectural firm to guide the district through the Long Range Plan and received input from the board.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to issue preliminary notices of non-renewal to teachers hired with a one-year contract: Kenneth Breu, Randall Wade, Patricia Cox, Casi Jones, Elisa Trussoni, and Courtney Vesperman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of Title I Teacher Patricia Allers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of special education teacher Emily Stolarick. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk