

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by 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 April 21, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mr. Ward led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Errol Kindschy recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Linda Brown (7:25), and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, 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, Eric Jensen and Barb Buswell.

Approval of Agenda

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

Organization of the 2011-2012 School Board

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to nominate Tom Ward for the office of President. Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tom Ward as the President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to nominate Errol Kindschy for the office of Vice President. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Errol Kindschy as Vice President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to nominate Linda Brown for the office of Clerk. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Linda Brown as Clerk of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to nominate Scott Scafe for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Scott Scafe as Treasurer of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded a resolution to authorize the board officers to borrow money pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3) for the 2010-11 and 2011-2012 school years. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to select the Union State Bank as the bank depository. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Falck seconded to authorize facsimile signatures pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to authorize the board officers to invest surplus funds pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to select the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for regular school board meetings, and one meeting in December. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward asked the board members to review the committee assignments and contact him if interested in specific committees.

Connection with the Community

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. Over break members of the high school band and choir went to New York City for their spring break field trip. While there, they attended two Broadway plays, toured Ellis Island and the Empire State Building.
2. On Wednesday, members of the junior prom committee started work on the prom decorations. This year's theme for prom will be Grecian Gardens.

Megan Tabbert reported on:

1. During spring break, sports competitions and practices continued, even though due to weather some competitions were cancelled.
2. Prom will be on May 7, with voting for king and queen to take place that evening.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Kathy Stachowski was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Transportation Committee – The committee was unable to meet. A meeting will be rescheduled.

Meeting with Senator Kapanke – On April 18, Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Ward attended a meeting with Senator Kapanke in Viroqua. Some of the topics included: revenue limit authority, exemptions, voucher program, charter schools, open enrollment, virtual schools, third grade reading test, health care, and maintenance of effort in special education.

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson shared information on the upcoming Strategic Planning Session and a news article regarding a school district in northern Wisconsin.

Mrs. Brown arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the minutes of April 11, 2011, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Arthur Corallo and DuWayne Olson, representatives from RMM Solutions, and Ferhan Zaki and Derrick Himes, representatives from Cisco Systems, were present to do a presentation on a proposed technology infrastructure upgrade for the district. District Technology Coordinator Bill Solsrud was also present to explain the cost for the upgrade.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the donation from TCI Architects for the high school technology education program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to implement spring baseball in 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman for the Friends of West Salem Baseball Rick Schultz gave a baseball facilities update for 2011 which includes a flag pole and PA system.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the Human Growth and Development Curriculum. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Molling left at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Gunderson updated the board in regards to having a cell tower on a light pole.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the superintendent/school district performance goals for 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the second reading of policy #131 School Board Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to defer the middle school marching band decision on the naming, the uniform and other related aspects to the middle school band director and the administration with no further reporting to the board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spraez Nay, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the resignation of Custodial Supervisor Kent Porter. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to have Errol Kindschy as the CESA Convention/Board of Control Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk