

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by 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 April 22, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Jason Falck, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre (7:04), and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Christina Locante and Kolton Christenson. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Thomas Helgeson and Nancy Burns.

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentation

Mr. Kindschy presented former Board Member Henry Althoff with a WASB plaque for his service to the district.

Organization of the 2010-2011 School Board

Mr. Kindschy administered the oath of office to Mr. Falck.

Mr. Spraetz nominated Tom Ward for the office of President. Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Ward as President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward assumed the responsibility as Board President and presided over the rest of the meeting.

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

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

Mr. Scafe nominated Linda Brown for the office of Clerk. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Brown as Clerk of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Scafe seconded a resolution to authorize the board officers to borrow money pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3) for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to continue with Union State Bank as the bank depository. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown 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 passed a sheet around for board members to indicate their interests in committee assignments.

Connection with the Community

Student representatives

Mr. Ward welcomed and introduced the new student board representatives Christina Locante and Kolton Christenson.

Correspondence

A proclamation issued by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers was read, acknowledging School Nutrition Employee Week as May 3-7, 2010.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Professional Negotiations – Mr. Kindschy that negotiations with the administrators are continuing.

Supervisor Reports – The supervisor reports were reviewed by the board.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 12, 2010, as amended; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the donations from the La Crosse-Monroe County Pork Producers for the middle school family and consumer education department and books from from Bob Arceo for the elementary school library. Motion carried unanimously.

Destination Imagination coaches Angie Stefferud-Johnson, Danielle Tsukano, Heidi Ebert, and Stephanie Sharp reviewed what Destination Imagination is and their recent placement at state and regionals. Student team member were introduced.

Student Ryan Capwell presented his Senior Exit Project on Physical Therapy.

Friends of West Salem Baseball representative Mr. Rick Schultz presented information for a new scoreboard for the baseball field. Funds were raised by the group to cover the cost of the scoreboard. Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the purchase of the scoreboard as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The status of the current scoreboard will be discussed at the next Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve a new EBD position, the increase of a reading teacher from .8 FTE to 1.0 FTE, and the summer extended contract for 15 days for computer assistance. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held on the need for making the curriculum director position full-time. The curriculum director position will be discussed in more detail at the next Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the second reading of policy #956 Maintenance Worker Job Description, #965 Fitness Center Worker Job Description, #966 Pool Director Job Description. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gerke left at 8:40 p.m.

No resignations/retirements were presented for Board consideration.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the co-curricular recommendations for Jonathan Selck as a freshman baseball coach, splitting the contract with Charlie Ihle; and Susie Rudesill as a girls' soccer volunteer coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to extend the unpaid leave of Fitness Center Director Bradley Frahm until August as requested. After some discussion, Mrs. Brown called for the vote. A vote was taken on the call for the vote, all approved. A roll call vote was taken on the original motion: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Nay, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Nay. Motion carried.

Errol Kindschy will be the Bearing Wall presenter at graduation on May 30, 2010.

All Board members were encouraged to attend graduation on May 30, 2010.

Board members indicated their interest for committees on which they wish to serve.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to have Errol Kindschy serve as the CESA Convention Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:55 p.m. A roll vote was taken Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session the layoff of paraprofessional(s) 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.

Closed Session

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk