

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 April 4, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Kevin Martinson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Alyssa Noll recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kevin Martinson reported on:

1. Relay for Life was held at the high school this past weekend.
2. The seniors had recently turned in their SEP portfolios.

Alyssa Noll reported on:

1. The high school VICA Skills team will be competing at the state competition.
2. The high school VAC team will be competing at the state competition.
3. High school student Seth Walker was notified that his design was chosen as the Wisconsin Marketing Education Association logo.

Correspondence—None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

A review of District Performance Initiatives update by Administrators Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson. Mr. Carlson also introduced DECA Advisor Jason Holter. Mr. Holter introduced team who advanced and will compete at the national competition in California –Erin Faella, Kyrsten Stockus and Adam Peterson. Mr. Gunderson also thanked the Coulee News for all the coverage in the recently published edition of the Coulee News.

Art teachers Quenten Brown and Angie Hemker were present to introduce each student to the board member, administrator or district staff who selected their piece of art work to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year.

Student representative recognition – Mr. Ward acknowledged Kevin Martinson and Alyssa Noll with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2013; Invoices to be paid; and an open enrollment request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 budget and related items.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the status of the district's technology and possible purchases. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to authorize up to \$100,000 for the purchase of new iPads and ancillary items: at a rate of 1:1 in grades 4-5 and 6 per classroom in grades K-3. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Nay)

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the 2013-2014 staffing plan recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the second grade job share request from Jessica Macha and Mindy Court for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the CESA #4 contract for services for a Reading Specialist at a cost of \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed materials for selection of an architect. Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to proceed with the list of 10 Architects that Mr. Gunderson has previously provided and for Mr. Gunderson to modify the Request For Qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to issue final 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.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the resignation of physical education teacher Elizabeth Skaer and the retirement of Deborah Jensen. 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 a benefit for a support staff employee(s).

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:01 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlinggen Aye.–Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk