

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2013  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 May 9, 2013.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Tom Ward led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

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

*Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Connection with the Community**

*Zachary Lang reported on:*

1. On May 4, high school students competed at the state solo and ensemble contest. Twenty of 32 entries received the highest possible score.
2. The senior SEP presentations were on May 8.
3. On May 10, the high school held Star Search.
4. On May 11, the high school boys' and girls' competed in the conference track meet. The boys' placed first and the girls' placed third.

*Correspondence* –None.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Architect Selection Committee – Mr. Ward reported that board members and administration reviewed Request for Qualifications from various firms.

At 7:11 p.m. the facility was evacuated due to the fire alarm. At 7:21 p.m., the meeting resumed.

CESA Board of Control Report – Mr. Ward reported on the recent committee meeting: finalized the convention agenda, the district’s term of service, educator effectiveness, and the superintendent’s report which included declining attendance at workshops.

Reports from Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried. (5 Aye, 1 Abstain)

**Discussion/Action Items:**

High School Business Education Teacher and DECA Club Advisor Jason Holter and students Erin Faella, Allison Rigotti and Adam Peterson shared their state and national competition experiences with the board.

Members of Bray Architects, a firm from Milwaukee/Sheboygan, gave a presentation and answered board members questions.

Members of HSR Associates, a firm from La Crosse, gave a presentation and answered board members questions.

Members of TCI Architects, a firm from La Crosse, gave a presentation and answered board members questions.

Mrs. Gerke left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept donations from Benjamin and Mahlivanh Fleckenstein for the elementary school; from La Crosse Archery to the high school PE department; from Jane Bangsberg to the elementary school library; from the Zielke Grant fund for the high school baseball team; from Pat and Judith Moran to the Horace and Gladys Moran Scholarship Fund; and from the La Crosse Tribune Jean’s Day Fund for the Food Service Department. Motion carried.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the appointment of the board committees, memberships and delegates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee meeting dates need to be set for the Finance Committee, the Staff Relations Committee and the Policy Committee. The district office will contact you for possible dates.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the retirement of bus driver Vern “OJ” Romskog. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the retirement of custodian Linda Levendoski. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the retirement of food service employee Paula Hilby. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the retirement of Family and Consumer Education Teacher Christine Ruud. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of High School Social Studies Teacher Anthony (AJ) Braun. 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 retirement and post-employment benefits for retiring bus driver, custodian, food service staff member and a teacher; and

Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, regarding the selection of an architect firm and the potential purchase of public property.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 10:02 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Falck, Clerk

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Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk