

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2012
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 May 10, 2012.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Thomas Helgeson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Syl Clements recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck (7:57), Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan (7:52), Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Alyssa Noll and Kevin Martinson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the agenda with one change, moving item C. SEP presentations to the end of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kevin Martinson reported on:

1. The high school FFA was stationed at farms around the area and fourth graders went on a field trip to learn where their food came from as part of Food for America Day.
2. At the recent conference track meet, the boys' placed second and the girls placed fifth.

Alyssa Noll reported on:

1. Thirty entries consisting of band and choir students competed at the state solo and ensemble competition on May 5.
2. The junior prom was held on May 5.

Correspondence

1. A thank you note from the family of Reed Stone was read. Reed is the brother of Heidi Schiefelbein.
2. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers proclaimed May 7-11 as School Nutrition Employee Week.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Professional Staff Committee – Mr. Helgeson reported that the committee met last week with members from the West Salem Education Association and discussed the new rules and regulations with negotiations.

Finance Committee – Mr. Helgeson reported that the committee met earlier tonight and discussed the 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 school year budgets.

CESA #4 Report – Mr. Ward reported that there were a couple retirements at CESA #4, there are many changes with state CESA administrators, and the next meeting will be the Annual CESA Convention on June 6, 2012.

Administrator reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported on his meeting with the health insurance consultant, the distribution of new technology, professional staff negotiations, the Crisis Drill on May 4, and his participation in the Spring Superintendents Conference.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 23, 2012; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the donation from the Salvation Army for the food service Jane Doe Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Long Range Facilities Committee members Steve Zeman and Pastor Jason Schockman presented the committee's report. The report included the process used, the findings, recommendations and the conclusion of the committee.

Eric Wiggins, a member of the Faith Evangelical Free Church of Sparta, presented a request to use the Outdoor Education Center at a reduced board policy rate. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to deny the exception to the board policy. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Nay)

Mr. Carlson and Mr. Gunderson reviewed the situation with the high school gymnastics program. Coaches Amy Dupont and Carrie O'Hearn express their thoughts and concerns about the gymnastics program for the 2012-2013 school year. High School Athletic Director, LeRoy Krall, was also available to answer questions. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to suspend the gymnastics program for one year and to revisit if more members. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck joined the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the 2012 summer school classes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Clements seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Board Deputy Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

The summer board retreat will be June 18, 2012, from 5:30-9:30. The location will be determined.

Mr. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the Elementary School Librarian, Lisa Hugo, request for a leave of absence for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to hire Deb Tourville as the district office Business Assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to offer a contract for the 2012-2013 school year to School Psychologist Heidi Horton. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's recommendations for high school co-curricular coaches: Darcy Sawyer and Tina Thompson, co-head volleyball coach; Jamie Holst, JV volleyball coach; Becki Murphy, freshman volleyball coach; Dave Halverson, head boys soccer coach; Cole Andres, JV boys' soccer coach; Nicole Friell, fall dance team coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the resignations from Brooke Candahl, middle school physical education teacher; Tammy Niemer, middle school library assistant; and the retirement of Rita Thompson, district production center assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Seniors Adam Christianson, Zachary Crogan and Alexander Maas presented their SEPs (Senior Exit Projects) to the school board and answered questions.

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) (f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations" regarding the completion of Senior Exit Project[s] (SEP).

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:07 p.m. Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to return to open session at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Ward announced to the students who presented their SEP that they may contact Mr. Carlson for their presentation scores.

Adjournment

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk