

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2011
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 5, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson (7:06), Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jason Falck, Linda Brown, Megan Tabbert.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. Last week high school students took a survey on whether ARC should be kept in the next school year's schedule, and what people like about ARC and what should be changed. ARC was well received and students would like to keep ARC in the schedule.
2. This past Saturday, high school students celebrated prom.
3. National Honor Society (NHS) released letters of acceptance for next year's new members.
4. The annual senior art show started this month and will be running until May 31.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Parent Shannon Wiese signed-up, but spoke later during the meeting on the topic of the renewal of elementary and middle school lease with the La Crosse Day Care Centers.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Spratz reported on the meeting of the previous week. Policies are on tonight's agenda for a first reading.

Finance Committee – Mr. Kindschy reported the committee met earlier tonight and discussed the 10-11 and 11-12 budget, the elementary and middle school remodeling projects, pupil count/audit, and nonunion employee compensation.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 25, 2011 and the Special Board meeting of April 26, 2011; and invoices to be paid.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Parent Shannon Wiese asked the board to give consideration to open up for bids the after/before school program before making a decision. Mr. Gunderson reviewed the recent discussions with La Crosse Day Care Centers and with the YMCA.

US Cellular representative Jim Weinmann answered questions the Board had on the proposed cell tower on light pole. The Board will wait for a lease to be constructed before making a decision.

West Salem Middle School Social Studies Teacher Jenny Morgan gave a presentation on the E2T2 Technology Grant that was received.

Mr. Gunderson offered a budget summary and plans to achieve a balanced budget.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to proceed with the elementary and middle school remodeling projects as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the staffing proposal for 2011-2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the 2011-2012 support staff contract renewals as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spratz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #443 Student Conduct Rules and Discipline Guidelines as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spratz moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #443.1 Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #446 Locker and Student Searches as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to send back to the Policy Committee, policy #831 Tobacco/Use/Possession on School Premises and #831-Rule Tobacco Prohibition Enforcement Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the Board committee assignments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Strategic planning session for the administrators, board members and involved teachers will be on May 24, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to name the district office conference room, the Eugene Ertz Conference Room as per Board policy #841, Naming School Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no resignations/retirements to act upon.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Errol Kindschy, Acting Clerk