

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2011  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 August 19, 2011.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

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

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Taylor Gile reported on:*

1. August 15 and 16 were registration days for the high school. This was the first year students were able to sign up for their classes online.
2. The high school cross country team has a home meet Friday afternoon.
3. School starts a week from Thursday.

*Correspondence*

A thank you note from the family of Marge Higdon was read.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Supervisor reports were reviewed and Mr. Gunderson reported on the following: HRAs for the staff, auditors, enrollment, 2011-2012 budget, busing and the cell tower.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 8, 2011; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for elementary unit leaders: 4K, Anna Squires; kindergarten, Chris Antony; grade 1, Cheryl Kammel; grade 2, Jacki Hickey; grade 3, Rita Schwartz; grade 4, Melissa Olson; grade 5, Sara Jeranek; MAPL, Angie Hemker; pupil services, Gayle Lassen; and special education, Jan Mattson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for high school volunteer coaches: boys' soccer, Ernie Tourville, Tony Berg and Jason Myhre; tennis, Stacy Rel; football, Scott Johnson, Brandon Olufs, Matthew Gorniak, Kyle Holzhausen, and Anthony Juen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the resignation of maintenance employee David Mikrut. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve for the first reading of policy#343.7 On-line Learning as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #183 Voting Method. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #184 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #187 Discussions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #221 Recruitment and Appointment of Administrators. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve as a procedure, the On-line Learning Guide. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the administration's recommendation and approve the employee handbook for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation and create a seventh section of four-year-old kindergarten.

Mr. Gunderson received input on the next steps in the Strategic Planning process.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:20p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda A. Brown, Clerk