

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 4, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Scott Scafe led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Megan Tabbert recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson (7:12 teleconference). Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Megan Tabbert and Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the agenda as amended by adding a Buildings and Grounds report and removing item G., Resignation/Retirement[s]. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Megan Tabbert reported on:

1. The high school football team started practicing.
2. There is a volleyball camp for freshman and seniors this week.
3. The high school Link Crew will start training for freshman orientation day in a couple of weeks.

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. The high school fall sports' meeting was held last Monday.
2. Student registration is August 15 and 16. High school students get to choose their schedules for this year.

Correspondence

A thank you letter for recent purchases from Brenengen Auto was shared with the Board.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Thomas Helgeson joined the meeting via teleconference at 7:12 p.m.

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that policies were approved for second reading, three resignations were approved, two new contracts were approved, and discussion was held regarding dental and health insurance contributions.

Finance Committee – Mr. Kindschy reported that budget updates were given for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years and a tablet computer pilot for board members was discussed.

Transportation Committee – Mrs. Brown reported that the bus routes for 2011-2012 and the requests from drivers to keep vehicles on their own property were discussed and recommended to the full board for approval.

Policy Committee – Mr. Spratz reported the committee met earlier tonight. There will be policies at the next Board meeting for a first reading.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mrs. Brown reported that the committee had representatives from the West Salem Area Aquatic Center Committee present a report and two students for a request for an SEP project. Athletic fields, long range facilities and the energy audit were also discussed.

Mr. St. Pierre's report was reviewed and Mr. Gunderson reported on the recent class he took at Viterbo.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 25, 2011; the minutes of the Special Board meeting of August 1, 2011; and the invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation and hire Shannon Kochie as a second grade teacher. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to accept the administration's recommendation and hire Clara Murphy as a 2.5 hour elementary school food service employee. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the administration's recommendation and hire Roxanne Whitehead as a 3 hour elementary paraprofessional. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendations for middle school co-curricular positions: LeRoy Krall, cross country coach; Erin Ellerbach, 8th grade volleyball coach; Amanda Beld, 7th grade volleyball coach; Justin Running, 7th grade football coach; Josh Brewer, 8th grade football coach; Brad Trocinski, 7th grade assistant football coach; Matt Duster, 8th grade assistant football coach; and Josh Brew, wrestling. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the Transportation Committee's recommendation and approve the bus routes for the 2011-2012 school year. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to accept the Transportation Committee's recommendation and approve the requests from Bonnie Kortbein, Betty Hanson, Stan Tauscher, and the recent addition of Donna Bruemmer. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the District's mission, vision and core values as amended. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward asked Mr. Kindschy and Mr. Spraez be excused for the next agenda item at 7:43 p.m.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the health insurance vendor recommendation of the administration and insurance consultant to remain with the WEA plan as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, and Mr. Ward Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept recommendation of the administration and insurance consultant for a health reimbursement account (HRA) as follows: 50% of the total deductible for teachers, district employees and administration; 75% of the total deductible for support staff. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, and Mr. Ward Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk