

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 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 January 6, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jason Falck led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Christina Locante recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraeetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson (7:42), John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke (7:01); Student representatives: Christina Locante and Kolton Christenson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Barb Buswell.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the agenda, delaying the high school course offerings item until High School Principal Mark Carlson arrives. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

1. The high school LinkCrew has met during home room to plan for Cocoa and Cram – a social/academic event for freshman on January 12. The idea is to have cocoa and cookies in an environment where freshman can study for finals, pick-up review sheets, and plan their study schedule.
2. The high school semester finals will be January 19-21.
3. The high school students received their second semester schedules today.

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. Before the holiday break, freshmen science papers and senior SEP papers were turned in.
2. On Wednesday, high school students will go to Chanhassen to see *All Shook Up*, featuring hits of Elvis Presley.
3. The high school student council is planning a fundraiser for multiple sclerosis.

Correspondence

A proclamation from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers was read declaring January 10-14, 2011 as Adult School Crossing guard Recognition week in the State of Wisconsin.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that the evaluation of CESA #4 Director Guy Leavitt was completed; the representative from the La Crosse School District, Steve Kopp, was unable to be the delegate from CESA at the WASB Convention and Errol Kindschy will take his place; the WASB resolutions were reviewed and all were recommended; and the final audit from Vig & Associates was presented.

Policy Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met earlier tonight. They are still working through the 100's and a couple more policies will be on the next agenda.

The administrator reports were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the regular board meeting minutes of December 13, 2010, and the special board meeting minutes of December 16, 2010; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Michael Brendl from Vig & Associates was present and reviewed the 2009-2010 audit report.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the following donations: from Patrick and Colleen Moran for the Horace Moran Memorial Fund; from Chris and Joe Bolwahn and the Mark Ziegler family for the Outdoor Education Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the enrollment projection report that was prepared by the Applied Population Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mr. Gunderson also reviewed the Stakeholder survey data and the Staff Performance survey data with the Board.

Mr. Carlson joined the meeting.

Mr. Gunderson presented, as a possible model, the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan that was adopted by the Blue Valley School District in Overland Park, Kansas.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to direct the Buildings and Grounds Committee to look at a list of individuals to serve on a long-range facility planning group. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Carlson reviewed the summary of changes for the 2011-12 high school Course Planning Guide. Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the changes to the 2011-12 Course Planning Guide. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to direct Mr. Falck to approve the delegate assembly proposals and to use common sense as discussion arises. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #151.1 Policy Review, Evaluation and Dissemination; #162 New Board Member Orientation; #165 Board Member Ethics; and #171.3 Board Member Use of Electronic Mail. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #823 Access to Public Records; #824 Records Retention, and #131 School Board Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to delete policy #151.2 Policy Dissemination. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the administrations co-curricular recommendations for Justin Running, 7th grade assistant basketball coach, and Scott Johnson, middle school track coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of Fitness Center Director Bradley Frahm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding the superintendent's evaluation 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" and nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators under Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1)(c).

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:02 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spruetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk