

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2012  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 19, 2012.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Scott Scafe, Connie Dutton-Snell, and Thomas Helgeson (7:48). Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Errol Kindschy, Barb Buswell and Eric Jensen.

*Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the agenda as amended by moving the technology presentation and the middle school scheduling options to after board committee assignments. Motion carried unanimously.

**Connection with the Community**

*Taylor Gile reported on:*

1. The high school had semester finals last week.
2. The first day of the second semester begins tomorrow, January 24.

Mr. Ward presented Taylor Gile with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for his service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools and wished him well in the future.

*Correspondence*

A resignation letter from Business Assistant Tracy Christopherson, was read.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Professional Staff Committee – The meeting was cancelled.

WASB Convention – Mr. Ward, Mr. Spraetz, Mr. Scafe, and Mr. Falck summarized the Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) Convention sessions attended.

Delegate Resolutions – Mr. Falck summarized the resolutions discussed and voted on during the delegate assembly.

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported on his WASB convention experience, his meeting with the insurance consultant, HSR will be ready to bid out the energy project, and possible energy exemptions for the district.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Dutton-Snell seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2012; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the conation from the La Crosse County Dairy Promotions for the High School Finance and Consumer Education program and from the West Salem Panther Booster Club for the high school baseball program. Motion carried unanimously.

Melanie Lendosky of Vig and Associates presented the 2010-2011 district audit report. She also informed the board of the firm's merger with Johnson Block and Company of Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Carlson presented the 2012-2013 high school course offerings that included a few additional changes to classes. Mrs. Dutton-Snell moved, and Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the 2012-2013 high school course offerings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a summary of the middle school's budget, location 200.

Mr. Helgeson arrived at 7:48.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve Ann Garrity as a 3.5 hours, 4 days/week paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Dutton-Snell seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #111 Harassment and Bullying. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #223 Administrator Development Opportunities. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Dutton-Snell moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #224 Board-Administrator Relations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #832 Weapons on School Premises. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #345.5 Graduation, and policy #141 School Board Officer Duties as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the revised committee assignments: Mr. Falck to replace Mr. Ward on Professional Staff, Mrs. Dutton-Snell to replace Mr. Ward and alternate Mr. Scafe on Policy, Mrs. Dutton-Snell to replace Mr. Helgeson on Transportation, and Mr. Ward to replace Mr. Kindschy when his term on the board ends on the CESA #4 Board of Control. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. St. Pierre, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented an overview of the technology committee and presented information. Board members expressed their thoughts and concerns on technology.

Mr. Buchanan and Amanda Beld, sixth grade teacher, gave an overview of a proposed middle school scheduling structure.

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) (c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” regarding compensation for the administrators for 2012-2013, and nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators under Wis. States §118.24.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:40 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, and Mr. Ward Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 10:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Falck, Clerk