

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 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 April 7, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Kolton Christenson 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 (7:02), Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan (7:05), Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke (7:05); Student representatives: Christina Locante and Kolton Christenson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Christina reported on:

1. On Saturday, the high school student council held a MS benefit at the elementary school. The benefit included a pancake breakfast, 5K run/walk, silent auction, and a children's area. The benefit was for four community members with the disease.
2. Also on Saturday, the high school was a testing center for the ACT.
3. Seniors began their SEP speeches in their social studies classes.
4. The freshmen started reading *Romeo & Juliet*, their first major Shakespeare piece of high school.
5. The production of the senior slide show for senior sing out is underway by members of the journalism staff.

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. Last week, on Thursday and Friday, the sophomores headed out to the OEC to learn about measuring trees, using a GPS, and types of birds.
2. On Friday, the high school hosted the annual triangular track meet.
3. The VAC (Visual Arts Classic) team competed at state this past Friday after placing first at the regional competition. The team was awarded third place in the

overall portion and first place in the Art History Quiz Bowl portion. This is the team's first time ever placing at state.

4. This Friday, the forensics team will be competing at state in individual genres.
5. Also this Friday, members of the choir and band will be heading out to New York City during spring break.

Correspondence – None

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Bearing Wall Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met and selected Ken Spratz as the recipient of the Bearing Wall Award for 2011. Mr. Spratz will be honored during the graduation ceremony.

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that there was discussion on the events in Madison; the recent Board Outreach activity and the next Board Outreach activity which is on April 28.

Student representatives' recognition – Mr. Ward presented Kolton Christenson and Christina Locante with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools.

Administrator reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported that an insurance consultant will be here on April 12 to discuss health insurance; a strategic planning meeting is set for May 2; letters to potential long range facilities committee members; and the March 31st Board Outreach presentation by Attorney Mike Julka.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the minutes of March 28, 2011, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the donations from Bill and Lisa Hehli and Marlin and Margaret Foellmi for the elementary school PBIX/IPACT program; the West Salem Lions' Club for vision screening equipment; and from Bob Arceo for the elementary LMC. Motion carried unanimously.

Art teachers Quenten Brown, Krista Beron, Danielle Tsukano, and Angie Hemker were present to introduce each student to the board member, administrator or district staff who selected their piece of art work to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room. The Board acknowledged the art department staff, students and parents for their hard work and dedication.

Ernie Tourville and Tim Ruppert presented plans and answered questions for the remodeling of the middle school office and special education project, the entry to the elementary school and a vestibule to the elementary school multi-purpose room. The multi-purpose vestibule was

referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The administration will review the other two projects plans and budget, and bring back to the next meeting.

Mr. Scafe left at 8:03 p.m.

Curriculum Director Michael St. Pierre reviewed the proposed Human Growth and Development Curriculum and answered questions.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the plans provided by U.S. Cellular to replace a current light pole with a taller pole that will also be used as a cell tower. Also included in the plan was the construction of a small building and access road. Mr. Gunderson will continue to investigate and bring back more information at a future meeting.

A draft of the superintendent/school district performance goals was reviewed.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #131 School Board Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the direction of staffing plans for the 2011-2012 school year.

Discussion was held on the possibility of renaming the middle school marching band.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the retirement, with regret, of elementary teacher Ann Amann. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the retirement, with regret, of middle school teacher Bill Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to have Errol Kindschy as the CESA Convention/Board of Control representative. Motion carried unanimously.

All seven board members plan to be present at graduation on May 29, 2011. Mr. Kindschy will present Mr. Spraez as the 2011 Bearing Wall recipient.

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk