

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2012
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 19, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Swear in new board members

Board Clerk Jason Falck administered the Official Oath to serve on the school board to Ken Schlimgen, Jane Halverson and Syl Clements.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson (via teleconference), Tom Ward, Jason Falck, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Alyssa Noll and Kevin Martinson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Organization of the 2012-2013 School Board

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to nominate Tom Ward for the office of President. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to close the nominations and case a unanimous ballot for Tom Ward as the President of the West Salem School Board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to nominate Thomas Helgeson for the office of Vice President. Mr. Clements moved to nominate Ken Schlimgen for the office of Vice President. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Helgeson as the Vice President of the West Salem School Board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to nominate Jason Falck for the office of Clerk. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jason Falck as the Clerk of the West Salem School Board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved to nominate Syl Clements for the office of Treasurer. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to nominate Scott Scafe for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Scott Scafe as Treasurer of the West Salem School Board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Carlson introduced the new student board representatives, Alyssa Noll and Kevin Martinson.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded a resolution to authorize the board officers to borrow money pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3) for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to select the Union State Bank of West Salem as the bank depository. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to authorize facsimile signatures pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3). A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to authorize the board officers to invest surplus funds pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 66.042(3). A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to continue with the current schedule to select the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for regular school board meetings and one meeting in December. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kevin Martinson reported on:

1. Senior Exit Project presentations have started in Mr. Maves class.
2. Taylor Varichak won state for VICA skills and will be competing at nationals.
3. The baseball team's conference record is currently 3-2.

Alyssa Noll reported on:

1. The high school drama club will be performing Charlotte's Web on Thursday, April 26, 2012.
2. The Visual Arts Classic (VAC) and Forensics teams recently competed at state.
3. The high school band had a clinician from UW-Eau Claire, Dr. Phillip Ostrander, to work with students.

Correspondence

Mr. Ward acknowledged recording secretary Patrick Bahr in honor of Administrative Professionals Week.

Public comments

Chase Miller, Richard Miller and David Stelloh were each given the opportunity to speak on the subject of expulsions.

Written and Oral Reports

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reviewed his report which included the following topics: health insurance consultant, technology, WERC/negotiations, long range facility planning and the Crisis Drill on May 4.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 9, 2012, and the invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlingen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the donation from the La Crosse Community Foundation/Corinne Zielke Scholarship Fund for an indoor batting cage. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlingen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LeRoy Krall reviewed the recommendation to suspend the gymnastics program for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to suspend the gymnastics program for one year. After some discussion, Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to postpone the discussion until the next board meeting. A roll vote was taken on the postponement: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlingen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously. No vote was taken on the original motion to suspend the gymnastics program for one year.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to offer the support staff renewals for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlingen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the process in creating and the implementation of a strategic plan.

A summer Board Retreat will take place in June or July of 2012.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Board Committees as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve Tom Ward as the CESA Convention Delegate and Board of Control Representative. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the auditor contract for one year with Johnson Block and Company, Inc. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignations of Joanne Gorges as a high school cook, Matthew Huenink as a high school technology education teacher and Jamie Olson as a high school freshman/JV football coach. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to set the second meeting in May as Tuesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

High school graduation – Mr. Ward will present the Bearing Wall Award at graduation and the rest of the board members plan on attending the ceremony.

8th Grade Promotion – Mr. Buchanan invited the board to attend the ceremony which will take place on May 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heider Center.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Schlimgen Aye, and Mr. Scafe Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk