

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2010
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 July 22, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

The baseball team will be participating at state later this week.

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. About 20 high school Spanish students returned from Costa Rica. The group will make a presentation to the board this fall.
2. The high school fall sports meeting will be August 2, 2010.

Correspondence—None

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

WASB Presidents Conference – Mr. Ward reported on the conference that he attended this month.

Finance Committee – Mr. Kindschy reported at their last meeting the committee reviewed the 2009-10 budget and a preview of the 2010-11 budget. The committee also discussed the

functions of the committee, the upcoming audit and set the next meeting for the end of September.

CESA #4 Report – Mr. Kindschy reported at their last meeting that he was re-elected to the CESA Board of Control for La Crosse County, they set Mr. Leavitt's salary, and the carpet has been installed at CESA #4 with the assistance of the baseball team moving furniture.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mrs. Brown reported the committee met on August 21 and discussed the middle school special education room, SEP soccer building project and the district long range plans.

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Brown reported that the committee will be bringing forward a recommendation to the full Board.

Transportation Committee – Mrs. Brown reported that the committee met earlier tonight and discussed the following: busing for Christ/St. Johns students, 4K bussing, bids for a new bus, bus routes for 2010-11 and policy 751.1 Rule.

Policy Committee – Mr. Spratz reported that three policies will be coming to the next board meeting for first reading. There are also three policies tonight for first reading.

Supervisor reports were reviewed by the Board.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the closed session minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 28, 2010; the Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 12, 2010; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to accept the donation from Fox Hollow Golf Course for the West Salem Golf Team. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to hire Chad Hayes as a fifth grade teacher at the elementary school. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to approve the awarding of the Bread Bid to IBC (Wonder Bread) and the Dairy Bid to Prairie Farms (Swiss Valley). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to remove from being tabled – Form a committee to work on Human Growth and Development policy/curriculum. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Spratz moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to direct the administration to review and compare the current curriculum to the state statute and bring back a recommendation to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A presentation on a proposed high school schedule was made by Mark Carlson, Lynn Browne, Antoinette Key, Amy Hanson, Kathy Hilby, and Barb Buswell.

No resignations/retirements were presented for Board consideration.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #421 Entrance Age, #907 Director of Pupil Services/School Psychologist, #732 Buildings and Grounds Maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the bus routes for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the recommendation from Mr. Kline to purchase a 2012 39-passenger/4 wheel chair bus from Freightliner for \$99,924; final funding sources to be determined at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:51 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding the superintendent contract and non-union district employee contracts for the 2010-11 school year under 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.

Closed Session

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Ward announced that in closed session the board approved changes to the non-union district employee contract and changes to the superintendent contract.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk