

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 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 September 9, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Linda Brown led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Scott Scafe recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Kolton Christenson. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Monica Quinn. Excused: Jason Falck and Christina Locante.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. A review of Homecoming activities for next week at the high school was given.
2. The upcoming sporting events include: cross country at Wausau, volleyball vs. Westby, football vs. Black River Falls, Soccer vs. Lodi, and tennis at Viroqua.
3. The high school marching band will perform during the Oktoberfest Parade.
4. Link Crew has already been busy this year with orientation and the school forest.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the middle school librarian Gwen Treu and the Meyer family was read. A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was read, proclaiming national School Lunch Week, October 11-15, 2010.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Kindschy reported on the status of the 2009-10 budget, the Federal Education Jobs Fund that were received by the district, four-year-old kindergarten costs, and the additional costs for the additional section of kindergarten.

School Forest Advisory Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee was planning for the Open Forest event on September 18, 2010.

The four-year-old kindergarten report and Administrator reports were reviewed by the Board.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 19, 2010, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the following donations:

1. The middle school received a check from Target's Take Charge of Education.
2. The elementary school LMC received books from Bob Arceo, Teresa Newton & family, and Dawn Crow.
3. The OEC received monetary donations from Chad and Lisa Waldenberger, and Waldenberger Poured Walls.
4. The high school Link Crew received a donation from Mount'n Scenery.
5. The Union State Bank donated to the elementary school Back to School Supply Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved and Mr. Scafe seconded to name Mr. Ward as the temporary member and chairperson of the Policy Committee in Mr. Spraez's absence. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Carlson gave an update on the high school schedule and the activities that will be happening during September.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignations for JV boys' basketball coach, Justin Running and gymnastics coach, Amy Dupont Zwicker. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the co-curricular recommendations: elementary school unit leaders--Gayle Lassen, Mary Hundt, Jan Mattson, Laura Wagner, Cheryl Kammel, Jacki Hickey, Rita Schwartz, Melissa Olson, Kathy Stachowski, and Teri Lassig/Heidi Schiefelbein (shared position); 5th grade choir, Lisa Jones; Council of Kids, Mary Czajka and Martha Burdick; After School Art, Angie Hemker and Danielle Tsukano; Destination Imagination, Angie Hemker and Heidi Ebert; high school fall cheerleading volunteer coaches Kayla Wegner and Brittney Ammerman. Motion carried unanimously.

The District Employee Handbook will be discussed at the next meeting.

Strategic Planning:

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to create a survey to gather input. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to meet after the Annual Meeting to gather data for the survey. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Middle School Special Education Facility. The administration was seeking input on how to proceed with the process of addressing the facility concerns.

Discussion was held on Long Range Facilities Planning. The administration was seeking input on how to proceed with the process of addressing the facility concerns. The process will begin upon receipt of the enrollment study.

Kolton Christenson agreed to serve as the student representative on the Reconsideration Committee. Mr. Gunderson will check with the current community members to see if they wish to continue to serve.

Discussion was had, by request of Rich Berghefer of Creative Screen Print, regarding a utility easement on the bus garage property.

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk