

School District of West Salem
Board Retreat Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2010
CESA #4 – 5:30 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 August 16, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraeetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance: Superintendent Troy Gunderson and WASB Executive Director John Ashley.

Mr. Ward welcomed John Ashley to the Board Retreat.

Approval of Agenda

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

Board Retreat Items for Discussion and Consideration:

The purpose of the meeting was to build a consensus among the board members and the superintendent. This was done through open discussion on a number of topics. No formal action was taken at this meeting.

A discussion was held on the future direction of the West Salem Board of Education which included: a review of district and community feedback gathered during the superintendent search/hiring process, a review of other Wisconsin districts' efforts to improve student achievement, the Board's vision for the District, and possible steps the Board and administration could take toward obtaining that vision.

A discussion was held on board policies and procedures which included: board governance, the board's committee structure, board meetings (schedule, agenda and attendance), communication, community involvement, long range planning, and policy development.

No discussion was held regarding the development of a job description, evaluation process, and general expectations for the superintendent. This topic will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

No discussion was held on to summarize the meetings discussions and develop steps that may be taken toward implementation.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk