

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2009
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Errol Kindschy. 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 October 22, 2009.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraeetz, Ann Bina, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Nancy Burns, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Warren Frank. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe and Riley Schock.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Warren Frank reported on:

The volleyball team is the regional champion. Sections are on Thursday.

Correspondence

A thank you card from the family of Wesley Spors, father-in-law of Dean Buchanan, was read.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA & WASB Regional Meeting – Mr. Kindschy reported that West Salem will be getting a reimbursement check for the Carl Perkins from CESA #4. CESA #4 is working on their policies. The WASB Regional meeting was held in Onalaska and there were various presentations Nancy & Errol attended. The public relations presentation was very interesting.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Bina reported that the committee met earlier tonight and policies will be brought forward at the next Board meeting.

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Brown reported there was no meeting to report on as no new hires were proposed.

Transportation Committee – The committee met on October 14 and discussed the new bus deployment; ridership is at 95+%, and the bus routes are being adjusted as necessary.

Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Althoff reported that they reviewed policies and will be forwarding to the Policy Committee for review. The baseball field lights will be discussed later on tonight's agenda.

Finance Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met twice and that many recommendations will be discussed later on tonight's agenda.

Supervisor Reports – The supervisor reports were reviewed. Mrs. Molling informed the board that the State Pool Investment Fund interest rate is at .27%; we will short-term borrow \$1.5 million from October 28 to December 8, 2009; a fixed assets study is being completed; and the Key Benefits contract is signed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2009, and Invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Bina moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the following donations: 2 metronomes from Kurt and Denise Bendel for the middle school music department, a large assortment of craft items from the south side Wal-mart for the elementary school art department, Disney's Wonderful World of Reading from Teresa Newton for the elementary school LMC, books from Bob Arceo for the elementary LMC, and \$527.83 from the Knights of Columbus for the special needs students.

2007-09 OEC Remodeling Donations: Horizon Equipment-use of trailer for the Open Forest, Becker Trailers-use of an ATV for the Open Forest, Pat Schwartz (Glass Service Center)-windows, John DuMars-Archery booth at Open Forest, Jim Cox-handmade acorns for Open Forest, Gander Mountain-Geocaching at Open Forest, Rhonda Andres and WS Drama Club-Trial Skits at Open Forest, Scott and Wayne Scafe-Rendezvous at Open Forest, Dale Thompson-Banjo player at Open Forest, Derek Olson & Thom Peters-Renaissance at Open Forest, Mike Zwonitzer-Radio telemetry demo at Open Forest, WS Community Foundation \$1,000.00, Kathryn Willinger-\$2,000.00, Sydney Dunham, Kendra Clements, Siri Hutchens-\$195.00, LaCrosse Loggers Foundation-\$75.00, Brenengen Auto Group-\$250.00, Joe Sagler-labor, Dave Arndt-labor, Mark & Jeanne Ledman-hardware for kitchen cabinets, Brush Talk Signs-lodge sign, Beyer Cabinets-draw slides, Kim Tiber-refrigerator, Sherry Hougum-stone for firepit, WS Garden Club-\$200.00, NASA-\$2,500.00, Scott Johnson-electrical labor, Nancy & Tim Burns-labor, Dave Yellick-Architectural plans, Erik Peteson family, Mike Zwonitzer, Dave Langer, Mark Ledman, Kevin Schilling & Nancy & Tim Burns-labor (cutting wood/scrubbing lodge floor), Kwik Trip-use of machines to scrub floors, Mike Larson-FFA student volunteers, Dean & Marianne Buchanan-shower rod & curtain, and Poellinger Inc.-supplies for cleaning fireplace.

Motion carried unanimously.

The presentation by the Technology Coordinator on the district's new web site will take place at a later meeting.

Three search firms were invited to do a ten minute presentation for the Board to assist them in the search for a new superintendent: Carroll Lehman from Fox River Consultants, Dennis Richards from WASB and Sharon Klumpp from Springsted, Inc. made presentations. Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to select WASB as the superintendent search firm and a cost not to exceed \$8,000. After some discussion, Mr. Spraetz called for the question to end the discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to release the funds for Technology purchases for instruction (\$50,000) and Increase athletic budget (\$10,000). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to restore the building budgets (\$30,000). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to increase hours for additional temporary secretarial help at the elementary school (\$5,000). A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Nay, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mrs. Bina Nay, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve to increase the district receptionist position to a 1.0 FTE 12-month district position. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Nay, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mrs. Bina Nay, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve replacing 40 processors at the high school at 650 each (\$26,000). A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Nay, Mrs. Brown Nay, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mrs. Bina Nay, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion failed.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the upgrade baseball field lighting and not to exceed \$24,000. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mrs. Bina Nay, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve adding \$4,000 to the budget for the superintendent search. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spraetz Nay, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the 2009-2010 budget with the above items as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to set the 2009-2010 mill rate by increasing the rate 25¢/1000, from .00873 to .00898. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve for first reading of policy # 723.3 School Closing Due to Weather or Other Emergencies and policy #723.7 School Closing Due to Infectious Disease. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff to table the deleting of policy #851 Fundraising until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the recommendations for co-curricular positions: WSHS Leadership Team – Dave Kies, Rhonda Andres, Randy Hughes, Chris Ruud, Mike Malott, Lynne Brown; 5th Grade Choir, Lisa Jones; girls' track head coach, LeRoy Krall; head girls' softball, Brian Babiash; junior varsity girls' softball, Julie Kamla; head girls' soccer coach, Marc Anderson; varsity assistant girls' soccer, Ernie Tourville; junior varsity girls' soccer, Lance Matthews; head boys' track coach, Corey Peterson; track assistant coach Elizabeth Faller, Stacy Mitchell and Bret Miller; varsity baseball, Chuck Ihle; junior varsity baseball, Jamie Olson; volunteer boys basketball coach, Jonathan Selck and Michael Wendland; volunteer wrestling coach, Jonathan Chisholm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the second semester Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on who was interested in attending the WASB convention in January. Mrs. Bina, Mr. Althoff, and Mrs. Brown were not interested. Mr. Ward and Mr. Kindschy are interested in attending.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the Board Grants for 2009-2010: Sara Jeranek - \$553.77, Lindy Meyers - \$1,653.69 and Ryan Waldhart - \$1,496.94. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve the 2009-2010 tax levy at \$6,197,176. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bina, Clerk