

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 23, 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 November 19, 2009.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ward requested that item IV. L. Discuss, consider and take action on a possible District Mission Statement, be moved to item IV. B. Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Warren Frank reported on:

1. The NHS donated food to the West Salem Food Pantry.
2. High school winter sports practices started last week and there is a new varsity wrestling coach.
3. There will be a Relay for Life Cancer Walk.
4. The high school band concert is in three weeks.

Correspondence

A thank you note was read from Viterbo University Professor Lynda Fernholz and her students for their visit to the elementary school.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA Meeting Report – Mr. Kindschy reported that the CESA #4 audit is in order and many policies were approved.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Bina reported that the committee met earlier tonight and will meet again on December 14, and there will be some policies for first reading.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met last week and reviewed the middle school facility needs: special education classroom, carpet and lockers. Bids for the classroom will be at a future meeting for approval.

Supervisor and administrator reports were reviewed. Mr. Solsrud reviewed the status of the computers and project list of the technology department. Mr. Solsrud commended Scott Johnson for his work in the installation of the technology equipment. Mr. Carlson reviewed his handouts on class sizes for first and second semester.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes of November 5, 2009, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the following donations: a Yamaha Trombone from Steve Ahles for the middle school music department and \$300 from the La Crosse County Dairy Group for the middle and high school Family Consumer Education programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward presented some recommendations for a District Mission Statement. He asked the Board and administration to review and submit their recommendations to him. Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to e-mail the possible District Mission Statements to the staff and ask for their suggestions to be e-mailed to Mr. Ward. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Ward seconded to accept the resignations from James Cole as the freshman boys' basketball coach, and Diane Atteln as a second grade teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LeRoy Krall reviewed the proposed realignment of the WIAA Football Division.

Mr. Ward left at 7:55 p.m.

Mrs. Cathy Tyink presented the request for a new course for second semester. The course would cover science, agriculture and life skills and would be team taught by Mike Larson and Tricia Wilson. Other staff involved with this pilot class that were present: David Langer, Barb Thompson, Mike Larson, Tricia Wilson, Lynne Brown, Michelle Kloser, Eric Jensen, and Mark Carson. Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the farm to school high school class for second semester as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve, based on the administrations recommendation, the 2009-2010 budget adjustments: replace computer processors-\$20,000, replace middle school lockers-\$57,000 and a second new bus-\$82,000. Mrs. Bina and Mr. Scafe withdrew their motion. Mrs. Brown moved to vote on each item singly. Motion failed for lack

of a second. Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve, based on the administrations recommendation, the 2009-2010 budget adjustments: replace computer processors-\$20,000, replace middle school lockers-\$57,000 and a second new bus-\$82,000. A roll call vote was taken Mrs. Brown Nay, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the recommendations for co-curricular positions: Erin Ellerbach, 7th grade boys' basketball assistant coach; Jonathan Selck, freshman boys' basketball coach; James Cole, volunteer freshman boys' basketball coach; Darcy Sawyer, head volleyball coach; Jason Mahlum, head boys' soccer coach; Mike Malott, assistant football coach; Justin Coulson, freshman football coach; Elizabeth Faller, head cross country coach; Wayne Sackett, head football coach; Justin Jehn, JV football coach; Rick Martinson; freshman football coach; Rachel Sackett and Scott Koepnick, volunteer girls' basketball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve for first reading of policy 361.1 Acceptable use of Technology. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve for second reading of policies #946 Cook, #945 Cook Manager, #371 Student Organizations, and #374 Student Fundraising Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the request from the high school band director for Saturday and Sunday rehearsals as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to explore and get more information on the advertising that is being requested from the high school band. A roll call vote was taken Mrs. Brown abstained, Mr. Scafe Nay, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Nay. Motion failed.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the Differentiation Specialist Contract with Stacy Rel as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to select Errol Kindschy as the Delegate and Tom Ward as the Alternate Delegate at the WASB Convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Bina seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:38 p.m. A roll call vote was taken Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session to hear/review grievances that have been referred to the board from Paraprofessionals pursuant to 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. Scafe seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bina, Clerk