

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
November 5, 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 2, 2009. This meeting was at the request of a Board Member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Riley Schock reported on:

1. The high school college English class visited UW-La Crosse and did research in the library.
2. Seniors will begin working on their SEP paper next week.
3. Freshmen will be working on their science projects.
4. The chemistry classes will begin working on their mole projects.
5. The NHS had a Trick or Can Drive in West Salem for the food pantry.

Warren Frank reported on:

1. The Wind Symphony will perform in Wisconsin Dells for the Northwest Band Conference
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2. The high school winter sports meeting was held this past Monday.

Correspondence

A thank you card from Jane Bangsberg was read. Jane received an award at the Wisconsin Art Education Association Conference in October.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the finance committee met tonight and put final touches to the 2009-2010 budget for Board consideration.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes of October 19, 2009; the revised Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 26, 2009; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to accept the donation from Alice Sprain to be used for the Outdoor Education Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Dennis Richards from WASB reviewed the Schedule of Activities for the superintendent search. Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to get names to Errol for the focus groups by November 17, so that invitations can be mailed out. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to have Special Board Meetings on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 16, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Technology Coordinator Bill Solsrud presented the districts new web site to the Board, highlighting new features.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for first reading of policies #946 Cook and #945 Cook Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for first reading of policy #371 Student Organizations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve for first reading of policy #374 Student Fundraising Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to delete policy #851 Fundraising. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to, based on recommendation of the administration, approve the replacement of computer processors at \$20,000; replacement of middle school lockers at \$57,000; the addition of a second new bus at \$82,000 and contingent upon putting the locker replacement and the bus addition on hold pending the completion of the actuarial study. After a lengthy discussion and audience input, Mrs. Bina and Mr. Ward withdrew their motion. Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to send back to the administration to bring back to the full board final budget recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

With regret, Mrs. Bina moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to cancel the November 9, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and confirms the December Regular Board Meeting date of December 14, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve the middle school co-curricular positions: Grade 6 unit leader, Kathy Thompson; grade 7 unit leader, Jason Mahlum, grade 8 unit leader, Darcy Sawyer; support service unit leader, Tina Thompson; encore (REACH) unit leader, Elle Nimm; Mathcounts, Tammy Bentzen and Bryan Kinkel; middle school yearbook, Nicole Friell and Jenny Morgan; middle school student council, Jane Henricks; middle school band, Ryan Waldhart; middle school assistant band, Mardeana Glasel; middle school vocal, Elle Nimm; middle school jazz band, Ryan Waldhart. Mr. Buchanan recognized and thanked Bill Jensen for his 30 plus years of service and commitment to the Safety Patrol program which has been discontinued. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to approve the language changes in the 2009-11 West Salem School Employees Association Master Agreement. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mrs. Bina Abstained, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bina, Clerk