

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 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 December 10, 2009.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Nancy Burns, Dean Buchanan (7:55), Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Riley Schock and Warren Frank. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ann Bina and Scott Scafe.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Riley Schock reported on:

1. The seniors are starting their SEP projects.
2. Seniors edited the freshman science papers and met with them today and will meet with others tomorrow if needed.
3. Friday was mid-quarter (students are realizing how fast this year is going).
4. In Senior Physical Education, students are learning and playing games from around the world.
5. The Spanish 2 dinner will be on December 21, 2009.
6. Everyone is excited for the much needed Christmas break.

Warren Frank reported on:

1. SEP final papers are due Friday.
2. The high school wrestling team's record is 4-2
3. The girls' basketball team won their last game.
4. There will not be a high school student council winter fantasy dance.
5. The LinkCrew will be having their first dodgeball tournament.
6. The high school band concert was Sunday night with a guest performance by Robert Baca, UW-Eau Claire professor.

7. The NBA (National Band Association) conference is coming up in January.

Correspondence

A note was read from the West Salem High School Booster Club regarding items they donated to the school.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Spraez reported that there will be policies for first reading tonight and at the next meeting. The committee also discussed Policy Review.

Transportation – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met tonight to discuss the direction for 4k transportation.

Supervisor and administrator reports were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the open and closed minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 23, 2009, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Bina is stepping down as the chair of the Policy Committee. Mr. Kindschy appointed Mr. Spraez as the chair of the committee.

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the Education for Employment Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward reviewed options and staff responses to possible District Mission Statements and asked for Board input. Mr. Ward will bring possible statements at the next meeting.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve Erin Ellerbach as the 8th grade girls' head basketball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for second reading policy #361.1 Acceptable use of Technology as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for first reading of policy #349 Senior Exit Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for first reading of policy #151.2 Policy Dissemination as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve for first reading of policy #830.3 District Fitness Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the private school Parent Transportation Contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Buchanan joined the meeting.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the request from the high school band for advertising. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve Vanessa Hawkins at a .40 FTE Speech and Language Therapist. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the request from the high school boys' basketball coach for a non-mandatory Sunday practice on December 27, 2009. After some discussion, Mr. Spraez called for the question, all approved. A roll call vote was taken on the motion: Mr. Althoff Nay, Mrs. Brown Nay, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the 2010-2011 high school course offerings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Spraez seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:15 p.m. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session regarding the non-union district employee and administrative contract and administrative assignments for 2010-12 under 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."

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session on employee health insurance proposals under Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(e) "Deliberatingor conducting specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session."

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session to discuss a MOU with the West Salem School Employees Association under Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(e) "Deliberatingor conducting specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session."

Closed Session

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Brown, Acting Clerk