

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2010
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 February 4, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Riley Schock reported on:

1. The senior social studies classes are making psychology presentations.
2. This Friday will be Culture Day in all the Spanish classes at the high school.
3. The Mrs. Patza's English 110 and college prep English classes started Macbeth.

Warren Frank reported on:

1. Conference wrestling was this past Saturday and the team did well. Regionals will be at West Salem next Saturday.
2. The winter sports season is winding down and tournaments will be starting soon.
3. The high school LinkCrew will be holding a dodgeball tournament on February 19.

Correspondence

Mr. Kindschy read a letter from Trees For Tomorrow regarding the middle schools recent trip.

Public comments on non-agenda items

High school softball coach Brian Babiash reviewed the tentative schedule for the teams trip to Florida and answered questions.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met earlier and discussed administration staffing requests for 2010-2011.

Professional Negotiations Committee – Mr. Kindschy reported that the committee met with the 3 principals about the administrators contract.

CESA Board of Control – Mr. Kindschy highlighted the following from the CESA meeting: New programs and services programs are out as well as the professional directory; Washburn Academy, teacher Dana La Fleur is on the cover; 18 non-renewal contracts were handed out at CESA #4; they approved an AODA grant which includes West Salem; carpeting-Mrs. Buswell found a group to assist with moving the furniture; April 20 is the new board member meeting at CESA #4 and will include information on *Race to the Top*; and at the Cracker Barrel, Mr. Kindschy shared our superintendent selection process.

Administrator reports and first semester goals were reviewed

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2010; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 26 and January 28, 2010; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. David Kies, Band Director, presented congratulatory letters he received for the bands recent performance at the 26th Annual National Band Association-Wisconsin Chapter Convention. Mr. Kies also shared pictures that were taken at the event.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mrs. Bina seconded to approve a 3 1/2 hour early childhood paraprofessional position. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #731.2 Key Control. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #361.4 Technology Concerns for Students with Special Needs, #723 Crisis Plan, #734 Staff Personal Items Utilized in School, #735 Integrated Pest Management, #911 Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, #912 Second Shift Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor, and #724 Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve Scott Johnson as a 2009-2010 Middle School Track Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the resignation/retirement of special education teacher Mary Crane. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy volunteered to be the Board representative on the Bearing Wall Committee.

Each Board member gave Mrs. Burns two names of potential members to serve on the 2009-2010 Reconsideration Committee. The names will be drawn at the next board meeting.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:14 p.m. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session, under the exemption provided for in WI Statutes §19.85(1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the purpose of accepting the resignation of a probationary teacher and/or to issue preliminary notice(s) of non-renewal for the 2010-11 school term to member(s) of the bargaining unit represented by the West Salem Education Association (see section 118.22 (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes); and to review superintendent interview schedule and questions, and to set special meetings for interviews and selection of the finalist.

Closed Session

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to reconvene into open session at 8:52 p.m.

Open Session

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to set Special Board Meetings for February 15 at 4:55 p.m. and February 16 at 6:00 p.m. to select final superintendent candidates and whom to do an onsite visit. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bina, Clerk