

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 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 April 8, 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: Ken Spraetz, Ann Bina, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Nancy Burns, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre (7:02), and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Riley Schock and Warren Frank. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Henry Althoff and Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kindschy requested that two items from him to report on be added to the Connection. Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Awards to Student Representatives and retiring board member, and a presentation from the Department of Defense. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Riley Schock reported on:

1. The senior social studies students are presenting their Senior Exit Project to their class, with presentations to the public next Wednesday.
2. On April 30, the high school will have their version of Star Search.

Warren Frank reported on:

1. The staff talent show is going on in the auditorium. The purpose is to raise money for scholarships for students to attend camps.
2. The West Salem Relay For Life was held this past weekend.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Carla Friet, whose father passed away, was read.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met and reviewed the colors of the middle school, an option for the remodeling for a special needs classroom, refrigeration needs and the middle school bathroom renovation project.

Professional Negotiations – Mr. Kindschy reported that negotiations with the administration are continuing.

CESA Board of Control – Mr. Kindschy reported that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Awards to Student Representatives and Retiring Board Member – Mr. Kindschy presented WASB Certificate of Commendation to Riley Schock and Warren Frank in recognition for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools. Mr. Kindschy also presented Ann Bina with her WASB plaque for her nine years of dedicated service to the School District of West Salem.

Mike Hallquist from the ESGR, Department of Defense presented Mark Carlson with a “Patriot Award”. Mr. Carlson was nominated by Fitness Center Director Bradley Frahm, who is currently on active duty with the National Guard.

Finance Committee – Mr. Ward reported the committee met earlier and will be bringing forward to the Board staffing requests.

Administrator Reports – The administrator reports were reviewed by the board. Mr. Carlson noted that at the next regular meeting the new student representatives will be Kolton Christenson and Christina Locante. Mr. St. Pierre presented preliminary data on the WKCE results that were recently released to the public.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 22, 2010, as amended; the Special Board Meeting minutes of March 30, 2010; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to accept the monetary donation from the La Crosse Community Foundation Board of Directors and the Corinne Zielke Advisory Committee for community batting cages. Motion carried unanimously.

Each board member, administrator and district staff presented and congratulated the artist of the piece of work they selected. Additionally, they explained why the piece for display was selected. The Board and Mrs. Burns acknowledged the art department staff for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Brian Babiash, coach of the high school girls’ softball team, reviewed the success of their recent trip to Florida. Students Chloe Stauffer, Alex Martinson, Kelsey Lee, and Meagan Koepnick were present and answered questions about their recent trip.

West Salem Fine Arts Board President Ellen Thorn and other members of the Board gave a presentation, reviewed the progress of the Heider Center, and thanked the school board for their past and future support.

Staffing recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year were reviewed. Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the middle school staffing option which includes 1.0 reading teacher, .5 Spanish teacher, 1.35 health/physical education teachers for a total of 2.85 FTE. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the curriculum director position from .5 to 1.0 FTE. A roll vote was taken Mrs. Brown Nay, Mr. Scafe Nay, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mrs. Bina Nay, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion failed.

Other staffing requests were reviewed and will be brought back at a future meeting. Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to offer Michael St. Pierre a .5FTE contract as Curriculum Director. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the first reading of policy #361 Selection and Reconsideration of Instructional Materials as amended, #956 Maintenance Worker Job Description, #965 Fitness Center Worker Job Description, and #966 Pool Director Job Description. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Faller as track coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the two year contract with Gunderson Lutheran for athletic training services as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the quotes for the reach-in cooler at the elementary and the walk-in freezer/cooler at the middle school as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the bid for the middle school restroom partitions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve all the co-curricular recommendations as presented with the exception of the head boys' basketball coach which will be discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Ward seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:09 p.m. A roll vote was taken, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez 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 for possible co-curricular recommendations for 2010-2011 school year coaches 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;” and to hear a student’s appeal of a code of conduct disciplinary decision pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

Closed Session

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Kindschy announced to the public that the board will not extend a contract for the head boys’ basketball coach for 2010-2011.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to reconvene into closed session at 10:00 p.m. for the remaining issue. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to reconvene into open session at 10:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Adjournment

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 10:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Brown, Clerk