

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Spraez led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Linda Brown recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Mrs. Brown left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Connection with the Community

Correspondence

A thank you card was read from Jean (Mark) Ledman, whose father passed away.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mr. Kindschy reported on the refinancing of the loan on the CESA structure and the Board Outreach Activity on October 22, 2009.

Transportation Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met last week and also tonight, and will present a couple of items for discussion later in the agenda.

Finance Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met tonight and reviewed the 2008-09 budget, which had a \$180,000 surplus. The committee also reviewed the 2009-10 budget for publishing in the newsletter and paper, and additional budget items will come before the Board tonight and at the next meeting.

Personnel Committee – Mr. Spraez reported there will be two recommendations for hire coming before the board tonight.

Administrator Reports – Administrator reports were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes, open session, of August 24, 2009; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to accept the donations: Books to the elementary LMC from the Brook Bentzen family, money towards the Washington DC bus trip from Jeff Maves, "The Encyclopedia of Music" to the middle school music department from Kurt & Denise Bendel, and a copy of La Crosse Labors to the middle school LMC from the Western Wisconsin AFL-CIO Council (La Crosse). Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Burns presented information on the District's Crisis and Pandemic Plans.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve requests to keep school vehicles off school property from bus drivers J. Wolter, B. Kortbein, S. Tauscher, D. Bruemmer, B. Hanson, J. Schomberg, D. Gensch, and to deny a request from R. Vick. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to hire a driver, purchase three car seats and use a school van. Parents will be contacted to see if they wish an aide to be available in the vehicle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve deleting of policy #482 West Salem High School Computer Use Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for second reading of policies #443 Student Conduct Rules and Discipline Guidelines, #363-Rule District Website and Other News Organizations Parent Non-Permission, #363 Web Publishing, #484 Scheduling Student Activities/Practices, #535 District Level Employee Tuition Payment, and #881 Relations with Families and Community. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown returned to the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to delay agenda item "G" (2008-2009 final budget report and proposed 2009-2010 budget, levy and mill rate) until after item "H" (approving the purchase of a new bus, technology purchases for instruction, and increases for the athletic budget and removal of the hold on the hiring of a curriculum director) was considered. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Brown seconded approved to purchase a bus and not to exceed \$82,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to reinstate \$50,000 in technology purchases for instruction. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Nay, Mrs. Brown Nay, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Nay, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Nay. Motion failed.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve \$50,000 in technology purchases for instruction contingent on the budget numbers as presented. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Nay, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to increase the athletic budget by \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Burns presented curriculum director salary and contract length, and administrator/student staffing ratios to the Board. Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to reinstate the curriculum director position not to exceed \$88,000 in costs. Mr. Ward made a point of order and withdrew his motion.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to allow the publication of a preliminary 2009-10 budget, levy and mill rate, based on information presented at tonight's meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve contracts with Palace for Children, and La Crosse Day Care Centers for the elementary and middle school locations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve a one-year, .7 FTE contract for Laurie Klingemann as a speech and language therapist, and Marvin Iverson as a part-time transportation paraprofessional. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Abstained. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the recommendations for co-curricular positions: Randy Dammon, head wrestling coach; Brad Trocinski, 7th grade volunteer football coach; and Eric Ellerbach, 8th Grade assistant volleyball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the recommendations for Hourly/Daily Employee wage rates for 2009-2010. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Abstained, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Plans for the filling of the superintendent vacancy will be discussed at the Board Retreat.

Mrs. Gerke left at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to have the Board Retreat in the Heider Room on Monday, October 12, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. with the following topics: mission statement, vision, goals, superintendent selection plans, and public relations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Ward seconded to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bina, Clerk