

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Thomas Helgeson. 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 21, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Syl Clements led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Jane Halverson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward (via teleconference), Jason Falck, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. Last week, 15 high school student athletes attended the MVC Leadership Conference at Logan.
2. A couple of weeks ago, the Chem 103 class attended UW-L and worked in the labs.
3. Kaitlin Brueggen will be presenting her SEP research project at the Regional Junior Science Symposium.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

Kaitlin reported that she will be presenting her project titled: Evaluating the toxicity of triclocarban on a weak algal strain, *Scenedesmus subspicatus*; at the Regional Junior Science Symposium which will be held in Lanesboro, Minnesota.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Bill McCabe was read.

Public comments

John Hammes from the West Salem Hockey Association was present and expressed interest of the association being a part of the master plan when purchasing land from the county.

Written and Oral Reports

Reports by Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson introduced the new Director of Nutrition Services Kerri Feyen, who was present.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2013. Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Open Enrollment requests for the 2013-14 as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Smalley, Elementary School Principal, reviewed the technology use and iPad distribution at the elementary and the one to one use at grades four and five.

Mr. Gunderson lead the discussion on possible options for the sale or the lease of the current middle school and the issues relating to the groups that are interested in the facility.

The superintendent evaluation document was shared with the board for them to complete before the next board meeting.

Mr. Schlimgen nominated Jane Halverson to serve as representative on the CESA #4 Board of Control. Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Schlimgen to closed nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to select Jane Halverson as the CESA #4 Board of Control representative. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the teacher compensation model that is being considered.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the request for an additional two four-hour elementary paraprofessionals. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to approve, pending completion of successful background checks on the following: Middle school Odyssey of the Mind, Courtney Vesperman, Krista Beron, Cole Andres, Carrie Andres; volunteer girls' basketball coach, Jenna Geurts; volunteer boys' basketball coach, Bill Jensen; volunteer gymnastics coach, Kelly Schams; volunteer dance coach, Alyssa Freed. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The board did not go into closed session as posted.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk