

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 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 December 12, 2013.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Ken Schlimgen 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 (teleconference), Jason Falck, and Ken Schlimgen. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson (7:13), and John Smalley; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe, Michael St. Perre, Mike Malott, and Lisa Gerke.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:*

1. The November 6, UW-Platteville Math Contests results are available, the team placed fourth in their division. Individual placements in their division include: Christian Schran-2nd, Michael Uebele-7th, Noah Reedy-2nd, and Jackson Kalas-6th.
2. The high school Diversity Club started their Take What You Need campaign.
3. Youth Options students will be taking finals this week. Kaitlin thanked the board for their support of the Youth Options program.

*Zachary Lang reported on:*

1. The high school DECA club held a pancake breakfast with the proceeds (\$1,000) going to New Horizons Women's Care Shelter.
2. The high school Quiz Bowl teams took fifth and sixth at a recent competition in Madison.
3. The gymnastics team took second at their competition over the weekend.

4. The high school winter band concert was held this past Sunday, which also included a food drive. The musicians played all of the songs they plan on playing at the NBA (National Band Association) conference in January.

*Correspondence*—None.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that November 4 was her first meeting where she was sworn in and received introductions. Items discussed include: WASB breakfast at convention, new cell phone policy, daily rates for services for 2014-15, possible changes for the Board of control, and held a drawing for a charity.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Helgeson reported that the committee met last week and discussed the referendum and items to include, traffic flow, bus drop-off/pick-up, and parking.

District Performance Initiatives update by Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, Davita Molling, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2013; the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2013; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment requests for the 2013-2014 school year. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept donations for the high school drama department from Macy's, for the robotics team from Brenengen Chevrolet, Inc., and for the high school prom committee from Sara Woodard. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick Hildebrandt, Jesse Lizer and Jane Miller from StruXture presented a building project update and shared drawings with the board and answered questions.

Mr. Gunderson led a discussion on referendum details and what other facility options to possibly include in the referendum. Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to have one question on the referendum to include: the elementary safety addition, the middle school construction project and surrounding items (playground, etc.). Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Ward seconded to amend the question to make it two questions. A roll vote was taken on the amendment: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously. A roll vote was taken on the amended motion to have two

questions on the referendum: 1) the elementary safety addition, 2) the middle school construction project and surrounding items (playground, etc.). Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the new course as proposed and the 2014-2015 high school course offerings. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the 2014-2015 school year staff calendar change as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the issues surrounding the current plan for Other Post Employment Benefit compensation for contracted employees.

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to authorize Mr. Falck to vote his conscience on the delegate assembly proposals. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck 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 hire Stacy Pelts as a part-time custodian. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: high school unit leader, Cathy Tyink; high school Odyssey of the Mind coach, Angie Hemker; middle school forensics, Stacy Spors; and volunteer 7th grade boys' basketball coach, Nolan Wahoske. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties" regarding the purchase of county land; and 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" regarding the superintendent's evaluation and Other Post Employment Benefit compensation for retirees.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Falck seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:46 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 10:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Falck, Clerk