

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2014
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by 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 February 6, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Jason Falck, and Ken Schlimgen. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan (8:25), Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang (8:17). Finance Director: Davita Molling (7:25), Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe, Eric Jensen, and John Smalley

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. As part of Carley Davis' Senior Exit Project, a Community Awareness Symposium was held tonight in the Heider Center.
2. The high school National Honor Society is holding a Clothing Drive this week.
3. The high school will be hosting the Regional Honor Band concert this Friday.
4. As part of Mariah Nichols' Senior Exit Project, the high school Student Council will be hosting Multiple Sclerosis benefit on Saturday, February 15 at the elementary school.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments

Melissa Wendler from the Coulee Region Driving School expressed their school's interest in contracting with the district for drivers' education.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that a new member was welcomed, the new catalog of services is available, Johnson and Block were selected as the auditors,

preliminary notices of non-renewal to be handed out, and held a discussion regarding the State Education Convention.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2014; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Open Enrollment request for the 2013-2014 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

The Robotics Team advisors Trenton Harger and Ryan Tracy, and team members Nick Oldenburg, Janna Seeger, Jeff Severeid and Tyler Riemer gave a demonstration of their robot; the team will have its first competition in March.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donations from the West Salem PTO for the elementary school and Outdoor Education Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson gave a review of the Heider Fund: balance update and future planning.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the status of the teacher salary model. The Staff Relations Committee will meet as part of the process in creating the model.

Mrs. Molling reviewed and explained a summary of the district's budget.

Mr. Gunderson provided suggestions for changes to the parameters for the Other Post Employment Benefits for employees.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the status of making up the days missed due to the weather.

Mr. Lang arrived at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Buchanan arrived at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to have school on April 17, 2014 and done on June 6, 2014; if no additional days off, manage the days with the employees and forgive two student days; if more days are missed, all days will be made-up, up to five and not to go past June 13, 2014. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried. (4 Aye, 1 Nay)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for high school coaches: Jim Klug, assistant track; Marc Anderson, head girls' track; Ammar Sabar, JV girls' soccer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded to accept the resignation of part-time high school counselor Cathy Tyink, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the recently completed enrollment study completed by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Applied Population Lab.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk