

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 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 20, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mrs. Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Scafe recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as amended by removing the CESA #4 report. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. The middle school music students competed in 49 different events at solo and ensemble.
2. This past Saturday, the high school math team competed at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The team placed first in their division.
3. Kaitlin reported that her keyboarding research is underway and when completed, she will share her findings with the board.

Zachary reported on:

1. Congratulations to the high school wrestlers who will be competing at state this week: Brandon Bahr, Nick Buisman, Aaron Broer, and Devin Bahr.
2. There is an FFA speaking competition happening tonight in the high school.
3. Mariah Nichols' MS (multiple sclerosis) Benefit took place this past weekend.

Correspondence

A letter from Christopher Werner from Lakeland College, regarding the high school's wind symphony performance at the 30th Annual National Band Association Convention in Wisconsin Rapids, was read.

Public comments

Rodd Krause, a parent of a Coulee Christian School student, submitted a request for Coulee Christian School to participate in the high school's hockey program.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met tonight and discussed the 2014-15 budget.

Reports from Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2014; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2014; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

West Salem High School teachers Andrea Armstrong, Kathy Hilby, Wayne Sackett, Justin Jehn, Jamie Olson, and High School Principal Mark Carlson gave a presentation on their attendance at the NASSP 2014 Ignite Conference.

West Salem High School teachers Amy Hanson and Dave Kies presented their request for a music department trip. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the request for the music department trip for the fall of 2014 to New York. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson led a discussion on the 2014-2015 budget. Not action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Strategic Planning Initiative: Workforce Engagement and Development. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to approve Brad Skaer as the high school JV boys' golf coach. 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) (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 performance evaluation of teachers.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:36 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk