

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 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 April 10, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the agenda moving item F. Art Department – Art Presentation to just after approval of the agenda. 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.

Connection with the Community

Art teachers Quenten Brown, Krista Beron, Courtney Vesperman, and Angie Hemker were present to introduce each student to the board member, administrator or district staff who selected their piece of art work to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year.

Mr. Schlimgen left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. The high school VAC (Visual Arts Classic) team competed at state with team member medaling.
2. The high school forensics team competed at state and each team member placed.
3. The 8th grade band visited and performed with the high school wind symphony.

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. On Saturday, April 12, West Salem hosted the boys' and girls' track meet at St. Mary's. Both the boys and girls teams finished first.

2. The Relay for Life event was held at the high school on April 4. The event raised \$61,417, with the NHS (National Honor Society) raising over \$1,000.

Student representative recognition – Mr. Helgeson acknowledged Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools.

Correspondence

1. A thank you note from the West Salem Middle School MathCounts team for the support of the program was read
2. A thank you note from the Wisconsin State Reading Association for allowing middle school Lead Teacher Teri Lassig to present at the convention in February; Using the iPad for Literacy Learning: Engaging in Best Practice.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Staff Relations Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met with the West Salem Education Association representatives regarding the proposed teacher salary model and employee benefits.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that the board discussed: elections, referendums, agenda for convention, 1st reading of policies, resignation, vehicles, and summer maintenance.

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

Mr. Schlimgen returned at 7:35 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2014; and invoices to be paid. 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.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the donation from the La Crosse Community Foundation and the Corinne Zielke Fund for batting cages. 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.

A discussion was held on the middle school referendum, question #1 – process for project completion.

A discussion was held on the elementary referendum, question #2 – process for project completion.

Mr. Gunderson and Mrs. Molling provided a suggested financial plan for the La Crosse County land Purchase.

Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Buchanan reviewed the issue surrounding the 2014-15 middle school schedule: staffing and programming.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the requests for a leave of absence from elementary teachers Julie Brudos, Mindy Court and Anna Jarvis. 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.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the status of the high school athletic director position.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to hire Janis Love as a part-time custodian. 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.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: freshman baseball coach, Jonathan Selck; volunteer softball coach, Rod Hamilton, Rob Hansen, Jeanne Babiash, Kirstie Langrehr; and volunteer girls' soccer coach Dave Hemker. 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.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignations from custodian Phil Clements and middle school football coach Brad Trocinski. 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.

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 issuing preliminary notice(s) of nonrenewal, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22. and (f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons" regarding an administrator.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:15 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.

Mr. Falck disconnected from the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Acting Clerk