

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. 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 July 16, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jason Falck led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Kaitlin Brueggen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. This is the last week of the high school CAT Program, which helps the students in the sports programs. With the program ending, seniors will be leading workouts.
2. Summer school starts at the elementary and middle school, and also for a few high school students. Kaitlin also entered the summer school math program.

Correspondence

1. WASB delegate information was shared with the board.
2. A letter with services provided data from Smiles 4 Life Dental Care was reviewed.

Public comments

Citizens spoke on behalf of a teacher: Stacy & Paul Apfel, Eugene & Heather Clements, Tom & Stephanie Thrasher, Jessica Biller, Annette Apfel, and Elisa Trussoni.

Written and Oral Reports

Transportation Committee – Mr. Clements and Mr. Gunderson informed the board the items discussed are later on the agenda.

Mr. Gunderson's report was reviewed and he provided information he recently received from the La Crosse School District.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2013; invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment request for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the donation from the Herb Kohl Education Foundation for use at the elementary school. This donation was the result of Grade 1 Teacher Jennifer Wheeler being selected as a Kohl Fellow. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick Hildebrandt and Jesse Lizer from StruXture Architects reviewed their facilities recommendation with the board.

There were no resignations or retirements for the board to act upon.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Jesse McKinney as a grade 4 teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire summer school staff as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Jason Holter as the freshman football coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the middle school 2013-2014 Student and Parent Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the high school 2013-2014 Student and Parent Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the bids and to purchase 2 vans and 2 maintenance trucks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to sell the buses for \$3,500 each or put online and sell to the highest bidder. Motion withdrawn.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to get the best deal possible for the 3 buses and trade the 2 vans. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the 2013-2014 school bus routes as recommended by the Transportation Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the recommendation by the Transportation committee and approve the requests from Bonnie Kortbein, Stan Tauscher, Donna Bruemmer, and Betty Hanson, to keep school vehicles on their own property. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk