

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 700 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 October 24, 2013

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Ward led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Zachary Lang recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Jane Halverson moved, Ken Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. The high school soccer team traveled to Chippewa Falls for the sectional final game and lost 2-0 against Ashland.
2. The boys' cross country team and Hannah Thorn will be competing at state in Wisconsin Rapids.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. The high school volleyball season ended with a loss at regional finals to Altoona.
2. The high school wind symphony was invited to perform at the National Band Association Convention in Wisconsin Rapids on January 17, 2014.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Board Grants – Mr. Ward reported that the Board Grants were reviewed and a recommendation will be presented later in the meeting.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met before the meeting tonight and will have a recommendation for the 2013-2014 Budget and Tax Levy Certification.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Linda Carpenter and Linda Neiman from Cardinal Stritch University presented their findings from the research on implementing extended (block scheduling) instructional time at the middle school.

Mr. Gunderson led the discussion on the WIAA decision to move high school football to the (Mississippi Valley Conference) MVC.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve setting the 2013-2014 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the certification of the 2013-2014 tax levy at \$7,335,156 with a mill rate of 10.20. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$1,500,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from October 29, 2013, until December 3, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the 2013-2014 Board Grants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the second semester Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson led the discussion to review possible alternative uses for the current middle school.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the lease agreement amendment with the Village of West Salem as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignation of custodian Matt Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to contract with Jamie Perz as a middle school assistant wrestling coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward 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.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:27 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe 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. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk