

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

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Jason Falck led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen 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, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre.

*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. Seniors Zachary Lang and Anna Lattos were honored at the WIAA Scholar Athlete banquet which was held on March 18 at Drugans.
2. The Heider Center 10th Anniversary Concert was held on March 15, with performances by the high school band and choirs, and community members.
3. The senior band students took their annual trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theatres to see *The Little Mermaid*.

*Zachary Lang reported on:*

1. The first high school track meet took place last on Friday, March 21 at St. Mary's.
2. On March 23, High School Biology Teacher Wayne Sacket received a Kohl Fellowship Award and student Kaitlin Brueggen received a Student Excellence Award at an awards ceremony in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
3. The NHS will have a team at the April 4 Relay for Life event in the high school. The team will also hold fundraising events for the team prior to the event.

*Correspondence*

A letter from CESA #4, consortium of seven school districts that is being sent to State Superintendent Dr. Tony Evers regarding a calendar proposal was shared.  
A letter of interest from the West Salem Hockey Association was read.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Bearing Wall Committee – Mr. Clements reported that the committee met and selected Marsha O’Neil as the Bearing Wall recipient and Carole Knutson as the LaVerne Nuttelman Distinguished Award recipient.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee discussed budget cuts and future financial planning.

Reports by Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, and Rick Kline were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson’s report was also reviewed.

**Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the donation from Tom, Pat and Mickey Moran for the Horace and Gladys Moran Scholarship Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept and send the letter of intent to work with the Boys’ and Girls’ Club and the West Salem Hockey Association as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements nominated Jane Halverson as the Acting School Board Clerk. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jane Halverson as the Acting School Board Clerk while Mr. Falck is out of the district. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed reductions and possible additions to the 2014-2015 budget. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the CESA 4 contracts for the 2014 -2015 school year, pending the administration's exploration into the utilization of internal staff for some reading specialist duties. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the fall of 2014 Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed staffing for the 2014-2015 school year. No action was taken.

The high school athletic director position was discussed. No action was taken.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the resignation of Co-Volleyball Coach Darcy Sawyer. 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 the district's director positions and administrators and administrator assignments. and (f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons" regarding an administrator.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:00 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### *Closed Session*

No action was taken in open or closed session on administrator assignments for the 2014-2015 school year.

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Acting Clerk