

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2021  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on October 7, 2021.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Krish Patel led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Grosskopf recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Robin Fitzgerald. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Krish Patel. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Sean Gavaghan, Rachel Stein and Tami Bagstad.

*Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Written and Oral Reports**

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Griffin reported on the events of the Board of Control's meeting.

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Superintendent's Cabinet Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Mr. Rieber provided an update on the district health protocol and procedures.

Mr. Rieber reviewed the fall 2021 pupil count.

Director of Instruction Deanna Wiatt, provided a summary report on the 2021 summer school program.

## **Connection with the Community**

*Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. Last week was Homecoming week. Throughout the week there were competitions, decorating, games, skits, parade, dress-up days, canvas, Friday homecoming assembly and game which the Panthers won 53-6. On Saturday there was a dance which included court coronation. The Homecoming Queen was Molly Roberts and King was CJ McConkey.
2. Tomorrow the senior class photo will take place.

## *Correspondence*

A thank you note from the family of Elvern Nyseth.

## *Public Comments*

The following citizens commented on COVID-19 related components: Jon Jones, Katie Rasmussen, Shayna Arndt, Ryan Waldhart, Kortney Getter, and Steve Martin.

## **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schligen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2021;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) to accept donations from Paul & Paige Hanson for the high school boys' basketball program and from an anonymous donor to the Middle School Sue Jeffers Memorial Fund;
- d) the administration's co-curricular recommendations for Shaun Borre and Bob Gorniak-assistant hockey coaches, Eric Borre-head hockey coach, Tyler Shrake-assistant wrestling coach, Josh Brewer-head wrestling coach, Aaron Bahr-middle school head wrestling coach, Melissa Norman and Payton Steiner-assistant girls' basketball coach, Matt Quick-head basketball coach, Jared Hauser-assistant boys' basketball coach, Scott Koepnick-volunteer boys' basketball coach, Heather Jehn, 8th grade boys' basketball coach, Tanner Davis-8th grade assistant boys' basketball coach, Carrie O'Hearn-head gymnastics coach, Brittney Hodgson-assistant gymnastics coach, and Joslyn Hanson-middle school show choir assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Start College Now/Early College Credit request. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adopt the following Resolution:

Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow from Union State Bank on a short-term revenue anticipation basis, from time to time, in one or more advances, the cumulative sum not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the operation of the schools of the district. Be It Further Resolved, that the West Salem School District by its President and District Clerk shall execute a Promissory Note of the School District to be dated October 11, 2021 in the amount of \$4,000,000 with an interest rate of 1.75% and payable in full on June 30, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to set Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. as a Special Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

*Live Streaming of the Board Meeting ended, as noted on the Public Meeting Notice.*

**The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. No action was taken.**

Mrs. Griffin welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (f) “Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.” regarding student(s) discipline.

### **Closed Session**

Mr. E. Peterson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:59 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk