

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 25, 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 7:09 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, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on October 21, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ryan Rieber led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Sean Gavaghan recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: solar energy, proposed 21-22 budget, mill rate and tax levy.

District Strategic Initiative updates from the District Leadership Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Human Resource updates: the resignation of Maria Holicky-paraprofessional and Leslie Berling-cook, and the hiring of Chloe Castillo-paraprofessional, Leslie Berling-paraprofessional, Emma Johnson-paraprofessional, Emily Rasmussen-paraprofessional, Janna Seeger-paraprofessional and Travis Seigenthaler-custodian.

Mr. Rieber provided a district health update.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The girls' swim team took 3rd at the Platteville Invitational.
2. The high school football team beat Prescott and will play Maple Northwestern this Friday.

3. The play “Check Please” was performed last Thursday.

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. NHS is hosting “Trick or Can” food drive on Halloween. Members will be dressing up and collecting non-perishables from neighborhoods around West Salem for the food pantry.
2. Both the high school boys’ and girls’ cross country teams are going to state. The girls took 2nd at sectionals and the boys took first.

Correspondence

The following proclamations were announced: Gifted Education Month (October), Keep Kids Safe Online Month (October) and National School Lunch Week (October 11-15)

Public Comments

The following citizens commented on COVID-19 related components: Ryan Waldhart, Shayna Arndt, Steve Martin, Morgan Van Cleave, Mike Mesmer, Kortney Getter, Shannon Torrance, and Nels Lebakken.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Erik Mathison seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2021 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept donations from Morrie’s Auto Group for the elementary school Random Acts of Kindness fund, from John & Pamela Doubek and David & Debra Doubeck for the high school choir/drama department in memory of Don & Lois Rudolph, from the West Salem Lions Club to the Random Acts of Kindness fund, and from Alison Hemker/Trane Technologies for the high school.
- d. to accept the administration’s recommendation for co-curricular: trap team-Erik Mathison, trap team volunteers-Sean Clements, Dale Hewitt, Barry Loding, Terry Loding, Patrick Burchell, Kyle Helgeson, Bryce Perrett, Tristan Johnsrude, and Matthew Griffin, student council advisors-Talia Dacquisto & Darren Fruit, 7th grade basketball coaches-Jack Reader & Ashly Serres, high school boys’ assistant coach-Tanner Gibbons, volunteer gymnastics-Alyssa Hilker, middle school assistant wrestling coach-Jason Raasch, high school volunteer hockey coach-Richie Brown, and high school volunteer wrestling coach-Warren Frank.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the Start College Now/Early College Credit requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to set the budget for the 2021-2022 school year as presented at the Annual Meeting-proposed Fund 10 expenses at \$23,687,000 and proposed Fund 10 revenues at \$23,899,233. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to set the 2021-2022 school year Tax Levy at \$9,950,735 with a Mill Rate of 0.00915423. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve for a first reading of Neola Policy #5113 Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District). Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to approve the administration's request for an additional high school basketball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Grant volunteers to review Board Grant applications are Sean Gavaghan, Erik Peterson and Chris Peterson. Catherine Griffin will be the alternate.

Board member participation in the 2022 Wisconsin Education Convention, January 19-21, 2022, Board members to let Patrick Bahr know by November 8, 2021.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk