

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2020
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: The health and safety of district employees, Board of Education and the community is our number one priority. Therefore, the district is taking precautionary measures consistent with the CDC and the La Crosse County Health Department recommendations. *Board members may participate via remote access. The room will be open to limited spectators. Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page. Face coverings were required to be worn when attending the meeting and social distancing measures should be followed.

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 web site, and district office on October 22, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Eric Jensen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ben Wopat recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madisyn Haun and Maxwell Goetz. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jane Halverson

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The National Honor Society had their Trick or Can event yesterday
2. Homecoming went smoothly. Events and activities included: court, king & queen, football game, dress up days (Freshmen won), painted canvases instead of windows (Seniors won), and decorated each grade's homerooms' doors, pep band got to play at game, and spirit awards.
3. Drama department will perform "Into the Woods" at the school forest.
4. The choirs performed at the Lion's Shelter yesterday for their families.
5. There is no school this coming Friday

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Some West Salem sports teams are finishing their season and competing in playoffs.
2. The soccer team beat Wautoma 4-1 on Saturday and became the regional champions.
3. Volleyball took an unfortunate loss Saturday against Aquinas.
4. The football team beat Aquinas for their homecoming game 22-6. They will play Nekoosa on Friday.
5. Boys cross country team qualified for state and Macy Tauscher qualified for the tournament for girls cross country.
6. Tennis competed at the state tournament two weeks ago

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda item proposed 20-21 budget, mill rate and tax levy.

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

Human Resources updates: Resignations, Gerald Every-van driver, Sara Gorniak-school nutrition, Kurt Knoll-lead custodian. Hire Gary Roesler-van driver

School Facility Use Under COVID-19 – Mr. Rieber provided a summary.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2020;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) accept the donation from Anna Gorski for the elementary school;
- d) co-curricular recommendations

High school - Matt Quick-head girls' basketball coach, Maggi Bishop & Melissa Norman-assistant girls' basketball coach, Steve Kastenschmidt-head boys' basketball coach, Jared Hauser-assistant boys' basketball coach, Bill Jensen-volunteer boys' basketball coach, Eric Borre-head hockey coach, Bob Gorniak & Shaun Borre-assistant hockey coach, Grant Le Doux & Joseph Oldendorf-volunteer hockey coach, Carrie O'Hearn-head gymnastics coach, Brittney Hodgson-assistant gymnastics coach, Ana Botwinski-Kennebeck-volunteer gymnastics coach, Josh Brewer-head wrestling coach, Tyler Shrake & Mike Lyga-assistant wrestling coach.
Middle school – Heather Jehn-7th grade boys' basketball, Janel Lochen-7th grade boys' assistant basketball, Justin Running-8th grade boys' basketball.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the Early College Credit requests for the 2nd semester. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to set the budget for the 2020-2021 as presented-proposed Fund 10 expenses at \$23,221,659 and proposed Fund 10 revenues at \$23,691,662. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to set the 2020-2021 school year Tax Levy at \$9,561,803 with a Mill Rate of 0.00954448. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Peterson seconded to make November 13, 2020, December 11, 2020 and January 15, 2021 as full-day professional development days for staff and virtual learning days for students. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Nay. (5-Aye, 1-Nay) Motion carried.

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

Board Development Session

Mr. Rieber and Mrs. Griffin led the Board and administrators through a Board Development Tool exercise and reviewed preliminary survey information.

The Board and administrators did not get to review the reading assignment from the book, The Governance Core: School Boards, Superintendents and Schools Working Together.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Gavaghan, Acting Clerk