

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 28, 2019  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. 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, 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, 2019.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Catherine Griffin led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Shawn Handland recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Liam Sjoquist. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Syl Clements, Summer Houck and Eric Jensen.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. All fall sports have come to an end. Football lost by 1 point against Central on the 18th. Soccer lost 1-0 against Edgewood last Thursday. Volleyball lost 3-0 against Antigo also last Thursday. Cross Country boys placed 3rd at sectionals sending juniors Charlie McKinney and Brady Niemeier to state, and the girls placed 9th sending freshmen Macy Tauscher to state.
2. The Interact Club is holding a food drive all week, any non-perishable food items can be placed in the boxes located in the library, office, and student services.
3. Last Wednesday the high school recognized Unity Day by wearing orange and taking an all staff and student picture. Youth Frontiers also created a video that was shown to all homerooms regarding examples of both bullying and compassion that have happened inside the high school.
4. This past Saturday there was a Halloween party for children in the commons and the show choir performed during it.

*Correspondence*

A letter of appreciation from the La Crescent-Hokah Public Schools was read.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Business Operations Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the following agenda items: 2020 tax levy, mill rate and the impact of private school vouchers.

Teaching & Learning Committee – Mrs. Fitzgerald reported on agenda item academic achievement data and reporting.

District Strategic Initiatives update from the superintendent were reviewed.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- a) Regular Board meeting Minutes of October 14, 2019;
- b) invoices to be paid
- c) donations from Errol Kindschy for the elementary school LMC, the middle school LMC and the high school LMC, from Brian and Angela Gross for the 4K Book of the Month Club; from the West Salem panther Booster Club for the middle school volleyball team; and from the West Salem Lions Club for the Random Acts of Kindness Fund;
- d) the Open Enrollment requests for the 19-20 school year as presented;
- e) co-curricular coaching recommendations, Evan Pagel-high school girls' basketball assistant coach, Janel Lochen-7th grade boys' & 8th grade girls' basketball assistant coach, Ben Garbers-8th grade boys' basketball assistant coach, Aaron Bahr & Caiden Buehler-middle school wrestling assistant coach, Eric Borre-high school boys' hockey head coach, and Shaun Borre and Bob Gorniak-high school boys' hockey assistant coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the request for equipment for the Heider Center using Heider Funds, which includes Cyc Lights, new HD projector and screen, and house stage lighting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the administration's request for additional 20 hours per week of Title I Paraprofessional support at the elementary school for the remainder of the school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to set the budget for the 19-20 school year as presented-proposed Fund 10 expenses at \$22,332,221 and proposed Fund 10 revenues at \$22,550,960. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to set the 19-20 school year Tax Levy at \$9,240,504 with a Mill Rate of 0.00954799. Mr. Schlimgen moved to amend the motion to include wording that the differential going into prepaying debt. The motion failed for lack of a second. A vote on the original motion to set the 19-20 school year Tax Levy at \$9,240,504 with a Mill Rate of 0.00954799. Motion carried. (5 Aye, 1 Nay-Mr. Schlimgen)

Mrs. Halverson, Mrs. Griffin and Mr. Gavaghan will review the Board Grant application received.

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

**Adjournment**

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk