

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 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 November 7, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The Veteran's Day program was today. We had a former West Salem graduate speak.
2. The FFA National Convention was held in Indianapolis.
3. The dance team has their first basketball game performance next week on Tuesday.

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The National Honor Society had a very successful Trick-or-Can event and collected more non-perishable food items this year compared to last year.
2. Diversity/GSA club is just getting started, and are trying to find more people to join.
3. Boys' hockey and girls' basketball had their first official practice today to start off the season.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the following agenda items: high school roof repairs, chiller for the Panther Den and solar panels on the middle school.

Policy/Communication & Engagement Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the agenda item, the use of coach buses and student trips.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the November meeting.

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Superintendent’s Cabinet Team and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: announced the hiring of Lisa Hehli as a limited-term, part-time, Title I paraprofessional.

PR Specialist/Grant Writer Samantha Schmitz reported on new student enrollment information and a preview of the Panther Nation website.

Mr. Rieber left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Director of Pupil Services Eric Jensen reviewed the special education paraprofessional staffing update for the 19-20 school year.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2019;
- b) invoices to be paid;
- c) accept donations from the West Salem panther Booster Club for the high school basketball program, from author Stef Wade for the 4K book-of-the-month program, from Nelnet and Holly Senzig for the 4K book-of-the-month program;
- d) co-curricular recommendation for high school track coach-Justin Stakston.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Gunderson gave a summary of a possible solar energy purchase agreement at the middle school site and related lease agreement. No action taken.

School building(s) roof repair. The Business Operations Committee is gathering additional pricing information. No action was taken.

Mr. Gavaghan and Mr. Grosskopf seconded to purchase the chiller for The Panther Den from Multistack. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson presented proposed calendars for the 2020-2021 and the 2021-2022 school year and received feedback from the Board. No action was taken.

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

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 the performance of a professional staff employee and the superintendent. welcomed the motion for closed session: (legal stm)

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:51 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Schlimgen, Acting Clerk