

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 22, 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, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on November 18, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, 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: Tom Grosskopf.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of the following Reports: CESA #4 Board of Control and Business Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

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

Mr. Rieber provided a district update.

Human Resource updates: the resignation of Carol Kotek-bus driver; the hire of Megan Forrestal-paraprofessional, Jaymee Kaphaem-school nutrition; and the retirement of Debra Kristapovich-systems administrator.

Director of Instruction Deanna Wiatt reviewed the recently released Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction School District Report Cards.

Connection with the Community

Kris Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th and brought together by the student council. The choir and band recognized veterans by performing songs that support the different branches of the military.

2. Esports are 3-1 in the season and in 3rd place out of 16 teams in division 2
3. The girls' basketball team has won both the games they've played, which were against Onalaska and Sparta.

Rachel Stein, *Student Representative, reported on:*

During the high school early release on November 18:

- guest speaker, Josh Lichty, spoke to the senior and junior class about finding passion and purpose in life,
- the seniors got fitted for their cap and gown and had a College and Career Readiness review,
- the juniors received lessons on digital citizenship,
- the sophomores had campus visits to UW-L and Western,
- the freshman had personality assessments.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Dale Weber was read.

A thank you note from Mary Czajka was read.

A thank you note from the West Salem Elementary School ID Program was read.

Public Comments

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speakers were Shannon Torrance and Kortney Getter.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 8, 2021;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept donations from Errol Kindschy for the school district libraries, from Joseph Daley's SEP for the high school baseball program, from the La Crosse County Jean's Day Committee to the Random Acts of Kindness Fund;
- d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for volunteer boys' basketball coaches-Robert Wetzsteon and Bill Hehli, volunteer wrestling coaches-Tom Nelson and Dan Beane, volunteer hockey coach-Ben Pierce, and volunteer gymnastics coach-Maria Lyga.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to select Catherine Griffin as the Delegate and Erik Peterson as the Alternate Delegate for the Wisconsin Education Convention Delegate Assembly. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Board Development Session

The Board and administration discussed referendum planning.

Adjournment

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk