

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 25, 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 21, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Shawn Handland led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Grosskopf 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, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Summer Houck and Liam Sjoquist. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Syl Clements

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The seniors are making the big decision on their class song, motto, flower, and shirt design tomorrow.
2. The high school Ecology Club had a meeting on November 21 and discussed Trees for Tomorrow, and starting a new recycling program.
3. The National Honor Society got together and set up the giving tree in the High School library today after school.
4. The high school boys basketball had two scrimmages last Friday in Reedsburg.

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:

1. On December 4, the high school is holding a “take care of yourself day” for the half-day activity, meaning students get to pick out a fun activity to do after their sessions as a small break from school for a portion of the day, focusing on self-care.
2. The Forensics season began on November 21.
3. Michael Anderson, a West Salem High School alumnus, is giving lessons on a programmers mindset bi-weekly which started on November 18.
4. The seniors SEP paper deadline is coming up, and are due December 6.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the high school Health Careers Pathway and the Anatomy and Physiology class was read.

A thank you note from the Marion Berg family was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Board Grant Review Committee - Mr. Gavaghan reported on the grants that the committee will be recommending for approval.

Policy Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the agenda items: the use of coach buses and student trips.

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Business Operation Team and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Director of Instruction Deanna Wiatt reported on the State Report Card for 18-19.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2019;
- b) invoices to be paid;
- c) accept donations from the 1st Community Credit Union to the middle school Random Acts of Kindness fund and from the elementary PTO for the 4K book-of-the-month program;
- d) co-curricular recommendations for Odyssey of the Mind Leader-Angie Hemker and Odyssey of the Mind coaches-Angie Hemker, Lindsey Dederich, Julie Quackenbush, Colette Schockman, Brian Baker, Nicole Shrake, Adilene Rojas; and Odyssey of the Mind volunteer coaches-Elissa Kinstler/Eric Glennie (co-coaching), BJ Newton, Callie Helgeson, and Vickie Horman, high school boys hockey volunteer coach-Grant LeDoux and Joseph Oldendorf, and high school track head coach-Stacy Mitchell;
- e) accept the resignation of the District Accountant, Heidi Knudson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the committee's recommendation to approve the School Board Grants for the 19-20 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the 20-year roof by Ledegar Roofing Company as presented by the administration. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year calendars and to review the impact of the high school only days, which could be reversed for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried. (5 Aye, 1 Nay-Mr. Schlimgen)

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

Mrs. Halverson welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,” regarding the superintendent’s evaluation.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:13 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, 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 8:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk