

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 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 7:03 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 4, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mrs. Fitzgerald led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Grosskopf recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Krish Patel and Rachel Stein. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tami Bagstad.

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Griffin reported on the Board of Control's November meeting.

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: adult meal price increase, solar energy bids, bus cameras, levy projections and possible referendum numbers, update on district parking lots, and the tour of the high school metals lab.

Board Grant Review Committee – Mr. E. Peterson reported on the Board of Education grants to be awarded.

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

Mr. Rieber provided a district and transportation update.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Priya Oshan and Lauren Zarecki will be going to state as part of the 200 MR swim team. This will be the first time West Salem student athletes will be participating at the state level.
2. The cross country teams competed at state: Boys'-7th and girls'-12th (16 total teams). This is the second best showing in panther history.

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. NHS hosted a very successful Trick or Can Food Drive on Halloween. We collected over 2000 food items from 4 neighborhoods throughout West Salem, and were donated to the local food pantry.
2. The high school winter sports are starting soon.
3. The high school first quarter ended on Friday.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Bonnie Ender was read.

A thank you note from the family of Andy Brown was read.

Public Comments

Deborah Rucinski spoke on the events of the October 25, 2021, Annual Meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept donations from the Neshonoc Lakers Girls Basketball Club, West Salem Hoops Club and the West Salem Panther Booster Club for the high school basketball program;
- d. to accept the administration's recommendation to for co-curricular: Bill Jensen, boys' basketball volunteer coach and Nick Murray-boys' basketball assistant coach;
- e. to accept the resignation of middle school special education teacher Marci Fischer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the request to sell a piece of equipment valued at over \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the second reading of Neola Policy #5113 Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to increase the adult breakfast price to \$2.60 and the lunch price to \$4.65 effective December 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve the following School Board Grants:

- Chris Antony, Flexible Seating - \$522.12
- Jake Merrill, Lindy Meyers and Amy Tischler, Skate for Success - \$2,500.00 (original request was for \$1,250.00)
- Jonathan Jones, 3D Design - \$1,300.00
- Ashly Serres and Jack Reader, Adapted Sports League - \$721.73
- Erika Olson & Josh Brewer, Creative Frolf - \$745.00
- Laura Wagner, Osmo Little Genius Kits for iPads - \$1,456.38
- Angie Hemker, Demonstration Table - \$1,950.00
- To have Mr. Rieber seed out other funding for the project not approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to select Solar Connections as the vendor for the middle school solar energy project at the middle school. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Schlimgen)

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

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk