

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2020
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: The health and safety of district employees, Board of Education and the community is our number one priority. Therefore, the district is taking precautionary measures consistent with the CDC and the La Crosse County Health Department recommendations. *Board members may participate via remote access. The room will be open to limited spectators. Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page. Face coverings were required to be worn when attending the meeting and social distancing measures should be followed.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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, St. Joe's Country Market, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on November 5, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tami Bagstad led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Jane Halverson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan (Remote Participation). Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madisyn Haun (Remote Participation) and Maxwell Goetz (Remote Participation). Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The seniors are ordering their cap and gowns.
2. First quarter ended at the high school

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Fall sports have ended.
2. The winter sports meeting happened over the weekend.
3. School now in virtual learning mode.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments

Jennifer Black spoke on virtual learning.

Written and Oral Reports

Board Grant Review Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported on the Board Grant Selections.

CESA #4 Board of Control- Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the Board’s November meeting.

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

A presentation from Technology Integrationist Kathy Hilby regarding the online learning platforms used in the district.

Mrs. Griffin presented Ken Schlimgen and Robin Fitzgerald with a certificate and pin as part of the WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) recognition program.

Mr. Rieber provided an update on the use of school facilities following a recent meeting with organizations.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2020;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) and to accept donations from the Knights of Columbus to the special education program, from the 1st Community Credit Union to the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund, from Altra Federal Credit Union to the elementary school reading program, from Lynxx Internet to the middle and high schools, from Rochelle Lafky to the district, and an anonymous donation in memory of Dorrene Heider for the Random Acts of Kindness and Jane Doe lunch accounts.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the Board Grant Review Committee’s recommendation to award School Board Grants as follows:

- 1) Angie Hemker for Social & Emotional Color Studies Using Printmaking as a Vehicle-\$1,013.74
- 2) Becky Buisman & Kari Schultz for Greek Drama Festival-\$1,500.00
- 3) Heidi Horton & Mike Lang for Calming Kits-\$400.00

Wisconsin Education Convention in January 20-22, 2021. 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 reviewed the introduction and Chapter 1 of The Governance Core: School Boards, Superintendents and Schools Working Together.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk