

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2019  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Syl Clements. 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 December 12, 2019.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Mike Malott led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ryan Rieber recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, 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. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jane Halverson, Catherine Griffin and Liam Sjoquist.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. Prom committee is having their first meeting this Wednesday to discuss 2020 prom.
2. All three schools are having holiday-themed dress-up days this week.
3. Pep club is selling Candy Cane grams during both lunches this week. Students can send their friends a note and a treat for 25 cents and will be delivered on Friday during lunch.
4. The District 9 SkillsUSA competition was held on December 9 at the high school. Sam Quam placed 1st in her job interview, Tyler Mathison and Keagan Solberg placed 3rd in team engineering, Ryan Nickles placed 3rd in automotive service technology, and Allie Sedlmayr placed 3rd in job skill demonstration.
5. Jade Turnipseed, a senior, had a successful blood drive for her SEP in the library on December 10.

*Correspondence* – None.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

1. CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson was unable to report on the meeting.
2. District Strategic Initiative updates from the Superintendent’s Cabinet Team, the Business Operations Team, and from the superintendent were reviewed.
3. Shawn Handland, Director of Finance, reviewed a summary of the referendum projects.
4. Eric Jensen, Director of Pupil Services, explained special education student and paraprofessional demographics in regards to staffing.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2019 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2019;
- b) invoices to be paid;
- c) donations from Reedy Concrete Construction, Inc. for Taylor Feyen’s Senior Exit Project, W.D. Larson Companies Ltd, Inc for the high school career academy, from the Barre Co-Ed Lions Club for the three school buildings, from Roger Fish for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe fund, from an anonymous donor and in the memory of Dorrene Heider for the Middle School Random Acts of Kindness fund, from Thorp Round Table Book Club for the elementary LMC, and from the UW-L Cooperating Teacher Appreciation Mini-Grant for Amy Tischler, Elementary Physical Education Teacher;
- d) co-curricular recommendation for Makenzie Becker as the 7th grade girls’ basketball assistant coach;
- e) the hiring of David Reeck as the district account;
- f) the resignation of Kerri Mallicoat as the Director of School Nutrition.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the high school administration’s request for a new psychology course. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the administration’s request for a part-time student school nutrition position/worker as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Adjournment**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk