

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020
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 February 6, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Sean Gavaghan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Robin Fitzgerald recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlinggen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Summer Houck and Liam Sjoquist. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Recently, the Panther Plaza, was rated "Gold Certified" by National DECA. Ethan Heger, Collin DuMars and Connor Koepp will be traveling to Nashville in April to present our school store and compete for the honor of being one of the best in the country.
2. The design of one of our 8th graders, Adelyn Burt has been selected for the 2020 Wisconsin Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Flag. This flag and her original design will be on display in Madison at the capitol as well as representing Wisconsin at the National Art Education Association conference in Minneapolis in March.

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. On February 1st, both show choirs competed in Eau Claire at the Winterfest Invite. The women's show choir, Vivace, won the prep division and finished the evening finals in 6th out of 7 competing teams. Salem Singations received a well-earned 2nd place award. This past weekend, both show choirs competed at Logan. Vivace finished in 2nd place in the unisex division and Singations finished 9th out of 12 varsity teams. The Show Choir's next performances will be at our home extravaganza on February 21-22.
2. Last Friday, the boys' basketball team beat G-E-T, a long-time rival, in their home gym for the first time in many years.

3. The seniors are currently wrapping up their SEP paper presentations in their senior seminar class.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the agenda items: 5-year fiscal plan, technology plan and transportation plan; sale of the chiller; transportation to daycare; and estimate for LED upgrade.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported out on the Board of Control’s last meeting.

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

Mr. Gunderson updated the Board on a possible property attachment from the Onalaska School District.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2020;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) donation from Stephanie Sharp for summer school classes, from an anonymous donor for the middle school band department, and from a grant from the Martha & Clark Burdick Fund for the 5th graders;
- d) hire Emily Klunk as the Director of School Nutrition;
- e) high school co-curricular recommendations, assistant baseball coach-Nick Schultz, Darren Fruit, Josh Maliszewski, Scott Koepnick, varsity golf coach-Jim Klos, assistant golf coach-Shaun Borre, assistant girls’ soccer coach-Darwin Carranza, varsity softball coach-Brian Babiash, assistant softball coach-Brittney Hodgson, volunteer assistant softball coach-Rod Hamilton, Jeanne Babiash, Michelle Babiash, assistant track and field coach-Samantha Reilly, Laura Deal, Tommy Friday, Makala Teske, Cameron Robaczewski, and volunteer track and field coach-Hannah Robaczewski.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Sue Peterson from School Perceptions reviewed the parent and community survey that will be sent out to the community.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adopt the following resolution: **Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$500,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from February 14, 2020, until February 21, 2020.** Motion carried unanimously.

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 performance of the superintendent and other professional staff employee(s).

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:31 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk