

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2025
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 7:01 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, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on February 6, 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Bob Gollnik led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Caitlin Wilson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Bob Gollnik, Catherine Griffin, Caitlin Wilson, and Sean Gavaghan. Also, in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Justin Jehn, Ben Wopat, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Jessa Hickey. Recording secretary: Jennifer Larson. Excused: Brennon Anderson, Bob Minard.

Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, Caitlin Wilson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

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

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda item, Department 5 Year Plans.

CESA #4 Board of Control – C. Griffin reported on the Board of Control's agenda.

Monthly Construction Update – Superintendent Ryan Rieber reported on Design & Construction updates from ISG.

Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. This past weekend the show choir team competed in Fort Atkinson. Singsations placed 6th and Vivace placed 2nd. They will compete in Monona Grove this weekend.
2. Last Friday night the wrestling team competed in Westby for their conference meet. They got 2nd as a team and a number of wrestlers received first and second team all-conference and a

few honorable mentions. Both the boys and girls' teams will compete at regionals in Holmen this weekend, with the girls being on Friday and the boys on Saturday.

3. Last Thursday the girls' basketball team took down Arcadia for their senior night home game. Tomorrow night they will play in Westby and host Wauwatosa East on Saturday. The girls are having a great season, remaining undefeated in the Coulee Conference!
4. The boys' basketball team lost a tough game to Central last Tuesday, but took down Black River Falls on Friday. They have a big game tomorrow night in Onalaska.
5. The gymnastics team had their first conference meet last Tuesday in Westby, and they took first place. They will compete in GET on Friday.
6. Last Thursday the boy's hockey team played in Black River Falls, losing 6-7 in double overtime. Their next game is tomorrow at La Crescent. The girl's hockey will take on Black River Falls tomorrow night.
7. The winter CAT program is continuing in the weight room, which allows students who are not in a winter sport to stay active during the winter months.
8. During last Wednesday's early release, student council hosted a winter sports assembly. There was a relay with activities inspired by each winter sport, and students from each grade level competed against each other.
9. Last week NHS hosted a clothing drive, receiving a generous amount of donations that will all go to the Teen Clothes Closet. They are also in the process of planning their blood drive, which will take place at the high school on March 3rd.

Correspondence

A Thank You note from the Family of Allison Boelter was read.

A Thank You note from Julie Kamla was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, C. Wilson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2025, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2025;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept donations from Sons of American Legion and Friends of West Salem/Bangor Wrestling for The Unsung Hero Scholarship Fund; Cynthia & William Innes for the Random Acts of Kindness Fund; Ashley for the Arts for Show Choir volunteers, Show Choir performance, Dance Team volunteer and Cross-Country volunteers; David Neuman for the Outdoor Education Center; Ashley Tauscher for the district.

Motion carried. 5-Aye. 2-Abstain (C. Griffin, S. Gavaghan)

Discussion/Action Items:

Administrator Shawn Handland presented the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report, June 30, 2024. No action was taken.

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

Policy 7510 Use of District Facility excluding Center for the Arts was reviewed and discussed.
No action was taken.

Adjournment

C. Griffin moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Clerk