

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 14, 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 7:00 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 10, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Krish Patel led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Rachel Stein 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, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Krish Patel and Rachel Stein. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

Policy/Communication and Engagement Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the Neola policy review.

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: refinancing and sample resolution, ESSER Funding, summer school wages, and audit report.

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

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

Mr. Rieber provided a district update.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Girls' Hockey ranked 6th in the state

2. Boys' basketball ranked 1st in the state
3. Tanea Henderson had her "Pink Out" basketball game last Tuesday that supported cancer awareness and raised about \$1,200.
4. Girls basketball: 18-3, on the way to win the conference, senior night is tonight!! Go support!!
5. SEP Projects are due in March.
6. Boys swimming and the wrestling team will be competing in sectionals.

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. There will be a Winter Dance this Saturday, as well as dress up days all week. Today was wearing Valentine's Day colors, and tomorrow is jersey day.
2. DECA state is next week February 22-24 in Lake Geneva. There will be 22 competitors competing for a spot to ICDC in Atlanta, GA.
3. The dance team went to state two weekends ago: 12th for jazz (out of 14 teams), 7th for pom (out of 14 teams).
4. The high school band is taking a trip to Disney in March. While they are there, they will be performing in the parade.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2022;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the donation from Burton and Jane Bangsberg for the elementary LMC;
- d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for assistant track coach-Tommy Friday, Tony Weilandt, Laura Deal, Ashley Miner, Cameron Robaczewski, volunteer track coach-Averie Duffy and Grant LeDoux, head boys' tennis coach-Julie Kamla, assistant baseball coach-Jared Hauser, Nick Schultz, Adam Krause, and volunteer baseball coach-Kyle Helgeson and Scott Koepnick;
- e. to accept the retirements of Middle School General and Instrumental Music Teacher Mardeana Glasel, and Middle School Math Teacher Tammy Bentzen.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to increase the summer school teacher hourly rate from \$25 per hour to \$30 per hour. Motion carried unanimous.

Exception to School Board Policy 370-Rule B, High School Co-Curricular Activity Eligibility Requirements and Code of Conduct. 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 Session

The Board and Administration reviewed the draft of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan document.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk