

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 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 19, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The choir had their Disney auditions in the Heider Center on February 18.
2. The math team competed at UW-Eau Claire on February 15. The team took 2nd place out of 14 teams in their division. Brennan Holst came in first place individually out of 84 students in West Salem's division and Ryley Rasmussen who tied for 4th place. The other members that filled out the team were Chayce Pettis, Ava Huth, Elsa Mitchell, and Alyssa Kruse.

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The juniors take their ACT on March 3rd.
2. Gracie Greiner is hosting a lip dub for her SEP next Wednesday, March 4.
3. Last Thursday a group of eighth graders took a trip to Trane for an engineering-day field trip.
4. The high school spring sports meeting was tonight at 6:30 followed by breakout sessions for each individual sport.

Correspondence

A Proclamation by Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, National School Breakfast Week, March 2-6, 2020, was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Workforce Engagement and Development Committee – Mr. Clements reported on the agenda items: comparable compensation/benefit and conditioning data from neighboring schools, and preliminary review of 20-21 district salaries.

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Business Operations Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignations of Travis Seigenthaler-high school custodian.

Danielle Temp from the auditing firm Tostrud and Temp, S.C. provided a summary of the 18-19 audit report.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2020;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) donations from the Aquinas Booster Club for the high school gymnastics program and from James Michelson for the high school National Honor Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Deanna Wiatt, Director of Instruction, lead the Board Development session regarding district goals for Teaching and Learning. The topics included: Senior Exit Project, Standards-based reporting, the state report card, and Redefining Ready. No action was taken.

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.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:49 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. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk