

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2022  
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 24, 2022.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Krish Patel led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance while Elsa Mitchell signed. Rachel Stein recited the District Mission Statement. Part of Ms. Mitchell's Senior Exit Project was to sign the Pledge of Allegiance at a School Board Meeting.

*Roll Call*

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Robin Fitzgerald. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat and Mike Malott; Student representatives: Krish Patel and Rachel Stein. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Sean Gavaghan, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, Heidi Horton, and Shawn Handland.

*Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald 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.

Teaching and Learning Committee – Mrs. Fitzgerald reported on the agenda items: revised district scorecards, updated FastBridge data for the year, revised CCR report with descriptions, and 2022-2023 improvement plan.

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

Human Resource updates: the hirings of Kelly Bringe as a paraprofessional, Jessica Hendrickson, as a custodian, Amy Jorstad's hours were updated, Michelle Lawrynck as the transportation administrative assistant, and James Rasmussen as a technology support specialist; the resignations of Jessica Kasten as a paraprofessional limited-term employee, Maribeth Norcross as a part-time custodian, Amanda Payne as the transportation administrative assistant, and Roxanne Whitehead as a 4k paraprofessional.

Mr. Rieber provided a district update which included information on the referendum.

### **Connection with the Community**

*Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. The National Honor Society (NHS) will be hosting a Blood Drive tomorrow from 8:45 am until 2:00 p.m. in the high school LMC.
2. The high school will have an Early Release this Wednesday. Seniors will have adulting sessions (examples: cooking for one, basic auto, finance).
3. The Juniors will take their ACTs on March 8.
4. The Band and choir leave for Disney on March 16.
5. Senior Exit Projects are due on March 23 and the display boards are due on March 30.

*Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. Girls' Hockey team going on to state in Madison on Thursday.
2. Girls' Basketball are Regional Champions.
3. Boys' basketball will be playing Friday night; still ranked #1 in the state.
4. Girls' gymnastics team got Sectional Runner-up and are headed to the state tournament on Friday in Wisconsin Rapids.
5. West Salem-Bangor's Evan Wolf took 2nd at state wrestling.
6. Spring sports will starting in March as well.
7. Vivace placed third at the Hastings Invite on Saturday.
8. DECA State in Lake Geneva last week
  - 3 students medaled in their event and 3 students got top 6, earning a spot for the International Career Development Conference (ICDC)
  - 8 competitors going to ICDC in Atlanta, Georgia
    - Krish P, Alyssa K, Morgan Q, (school store)
    - Max Y (financial consulting),
    - Abi K, Calista R, (Restaurant VBC)
    - Marina T, and Kate F (financial literacy project)

*Correspondence* – None.

*Public Comments* – None.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2022;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the donation from Emily Boland for the Elementary School Art Department, and from Doctors Gary and Amy Wiegel for the high school special education IDS classroom;
- d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation Lisa Hehli-assistant tennis coach, Dennis Kreuser-volunteer tennis coach, Katie Fink-head middle school softball coach, Lauren Lovely-head middle school softball coach, Brittney Hodgson-assistant

high school softball coach, Rod Hamilton-volunteer softball coach, and Talia Dacquisto-volunteer soccer coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, DATED JANUARY 8, 2018**

WHEREAS, the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (the "District") has outstanding its General Obligation Promissory Notes, dated January 8, 2018 (the "2018 Notes");

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that it is necessary and desirable to call \$295,000 of the 2025 maturity and all of the 2026 and 2027 maturities of the 2018 Notes for redemption on April 1, 2022 with funds of the District on hand;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, that \$295,000 of the 2025 maturity and all of the 2026 and 2027 maturities of the 2018 Notes are called for prior payment on April 1, 2022 at the price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The District hereby directs the District Clerk to work with Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated to cause timely notice of redemption, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Notice"), to be provided at the times, to the parties and in the manner set forth on the Notice.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PARTIAL CALL\*

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES  
DATED JANUARY 8, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Notes of the above-referenced issue which mature on the dates and in the amounts; bear interest at the rates; and have CUSIP Nos. as set forth below have been called for prior payment on April 1, 2022 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of prepayment:

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CUSIP No.</u>
04/01/2025	\$295,000**	2.15%	955728GF1
04/01/2026	405,000	2.25	955728GG9
04/01/2027	315,000	2.35	955728GH7

Upon presentation and surrender of said Notes to Associated Trust Company, National Association, Green Bay, Wisconsin, the registrar and fiscal agent for said Notes, the registered owners thereof will be paid the principal amount of the Notes plus accrued interest to the date of prepayment.

Said Notes will cease to bear interest on April 1, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve for a first reading of Neola Policy #2431 Co-Curricular Activities and #2340 District-Sponsored Trips as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

CCLR Scholarship – Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen and Catherine Griffin will review the videos and select the recipients. 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.*

Mrs. Griffin 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 a support staff employee.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:28 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Closed Session**

### **Adjournment**

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk