

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023
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 March 9, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Madison MacRogers led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Brennan Kennedy recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Charlie Alexander, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Chris Peterson and Ben Wopat.

Approval of Agenda

B. Minard moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: budget adjustments, bus purchase and camera software, and district level budget outlook for 23-24.

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

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

Connection with the Community

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Spring sports have now officially begun, but winter sports have not yet ended.
2. The gymnastics team left the state meet as this year's Division 2 Runners-up.
3. Girls' basketball has come to an end. They had a great season and put up a tough fight in the state sectional final.
4. The boys' basketball team are now sectional champions for the second year in a row and are going into the state tournament as the number one seed and will play Milwaukee Academy of Science in the state semi-final game.
5. After this week, West Salem athletics has made 9 state appearances this year.

6. Congratulations to Hailey Puent for sharing her talent for art at the UWL Symphonic Band Concert where she transformed a blank canvas into a beautiful painting as the band played one of their songs. Both the art and music embodied blue and green pieces.

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The robotics had a scrimmage a couple of weeks back and earning a couple of awards. The team will be competing at the 7 Rivers Regional Competition at the La Crosse Center, March 29th-April 1st.
2. Alyssa Kruse, Ben Holter, Noah Stewart, Madison MacRogers, Morgan Quackenbush, Brennan Garbers, and Sam Stenberg qualified for ICDC, the International Career Development Conference, which will be held in Orlando, Florida. Those who choose to go will be competing against the best DECA competitors from around the world.
3. To help fund the trip of those who choose to go, DECA will be holding a Burrachos' night this Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. If at least 50 entrees are sold, the chapter will take home 25% of the profit.
4. The theatre department put on a great winter play, *The Morgue the Merrier*, and have announced they will be putting on *The Wizard of Oz* as this year's summer musical.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Art Department Invitation to Select Artwork for Display and Student Accomplishments

District Art Teachers Angie Hemker and Kaylin Staebell invited the Board and administration to select artwork from the K-12 Honors Art Show for display in the Heider Meeting Room.

Student Art Accomplishments include:

1. Students had a display at the Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library during the months of November, December and will again in April.
2. 6th grader Piper Jambois was honored with the Lions of District 27-d2's Peace Poster contest. Her artwork was selected to represent West Salem and moved on to the district level where she received an honorable mention. Piper was honored at a convention luncheon in February.
3. 3 middle school students (Ava Jambois, Evelyn Weber and Alexis Marinelli) and 3 high school students (Alyssa Cvikota, Hailey Puent and Sierra Lovejoy) displaying work at the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Annual Conference. High school student Hailey Puent received a 1st place honor. Mr. Brown and Hailey were able to attend the event.
4. 4th grader, Harper Haas was just awarded first place at The Coulee Region Child Abuse and Prevention Task Force's Great Kids Start With You t-shirt design contest. Her artwork will be featured on this year's t-shirt as well as various promotional items during the Month of April. Mrs. Staebell and Harper will attend a special breakfast to kick off the month of April.
5. 15 of our K-12 students had work on display at the recent West Central Regional Youth Art Month Show. 9 of those students had work that is now on display as part of the State Exhibit in Madison.
6. State level awards-Ava Jambois an 8th grader won the Middle School Blick Award, there is only one of these awarded each year, and she has earned this honor not only this year but two years in a row; Hailey Puent has won the Wisconsin Art Education's West

Central Award; this year's Wisconsin Youth Art Month Flag was designed by our very own 9th grader Lydia Jothan, her work has been made into a full-sized flag and is on display in Madison. It will also be on display at the National Art Education Conference in San Antonio in April, representing the state of Wisconsin. 8th grader Evie Weber and 9th grader Isabel Krueger received an honorable mention. They are all invited to be honored at the Youth Art Month Wisconsin reception in Madison on March 31st.

7. Student artwork has also been submitted to Wisconsin Rural Water Association's annual Water Conservation Poster Contest, the June Dairy Days Button Contest, the Oktoberfest Button Contest, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Aviation Contest, 3rd Congressional District Contest "An Artistic Journey", the 8th Annual WEA Student Art Contest—"Wisconsin" themed, and 7th Green Bay Packers Student Art Contest—A WSHS Student won last year.

Consent Agenda

R. Fitzgerald moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for middle school track coach-Emily Phillips and assistant middle school softball coach-Lexi Hinker;
- d. to accept the donations from Susan Evans for the district, from Hansen's IGA, Kwik Trip and Linda's Bakery for the NHS Blood Drive, and from Foundation Direct Seeds, LLC for the high school trap team; and
- e. to accept the resignation of middle school Spanish Teacher Elisabeth Kirchner.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee recommendation to approve the budget adjustments for the 22-23 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee recommendation to purchase three buses in the 22-23 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland presented a district level budget outlook for the 23-24 school year. No action was taken.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. No action was taken.

Adjournment

S. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk