

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 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 7:05 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 10, 2022.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Chris Peterson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen 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. Schlimgen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of the second reading of Neola Policy #2340 District-Sponsored Trips. Motion carried unanimously.

**Written and Oral Reports**

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

Workforce Engagement and Development Committee – Mr. Gavaghan reported on the agenda items: preparations for negotiations with the West Salem Education Association.

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.

The District Art Department representatives Kaylin Staebell, Quenten Brown and Angie Hemker, invited the Board and administration to select artwork from the K-12 Honors Art Show for display in the Heider Meeting Room.

Adaptive Sports League coaches Ashly Serres and Jack Reader provided an overview of the League and shared how the students are actively participating.

### **Connection with the Community**

*Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. The high school boys' basketball team are headed to state and will play Brillion at the Kohl Center.
2. The high girls' hockey team played in Madison and placed second in the state tournament.
3. Most spring sports are underway.

*Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. The NHS blood drive was very successful and saved many lives.
2. The juniors took their ACTs last Tuesday.
3. The high school band and choir are leaving for their trip on Wednesday.
4. Senior SEP deadlines; Portfolio-March 23, Board-March 30 and their Presentation is due April 4.

### *Correspondence*

A thank you note from the Francis Schmidt was read.

*Public Comments* – None.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept donations from Jonathan and Amy Eckelberg for the Chloe Kay Eckelberg Memorial Scholarship, from The Parenting Place for the District; from the Mauston School District for the Nutrition Services Department; from an anonymous donor for the Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund; and from Quinnvestment LLP for the JoAnn Quinn Nursing Scholarship Fund;
- d. to accept the Administration's co-curricular recommendation for volunteer softball coach-Jeanne Babiash, Michelle Babiash, Mariah Wick, Jamee Houchins, middle school track coach-Bill Jensen, Nicole Friell, Jenna Piersma, Sarah Weber, head golf coach-Alex MacRogers, and assistant golf coach-Shaun Borre;
- e. hiring Sally Bowman as the Pool Director;
- f. accepting the retirement of Technology Education Teacher Paul Liethen;
- g. the boys' hockey, girls' hockey and gymnastics WIAA Cooperative Agreements.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve for a first reading of Neola Policy #1400 Job Descriptions and #1400.01 Superintendent Job Description. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve for a second reading of Neola Policy #2431 Co-Curricular Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Adjournment**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk