

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2021
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: Board members may participate via remote access. The room will be open to limited spectators. Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page. Face coverings were required to be worn when attending the meeting and social distancing measures should be followed.

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, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on March 4, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Tami Bagstad recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madisyn Haun and Maxwell Goetz. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The drama department will perform “10 Ways to Survive Life in a Quarantine” this Thursday.
2. Juniors will take the ACT tomorrow.
3. Last Wednesday’s early release included: the freshmen and sophomores doing ACT Aspire prep, the Juniors doing ACT prep and the seniors doing adulting sessions and SEP/scholarship work time.
4. There will be an early release this Wednesday with a shortened schedule.

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Prom has been tentatively scheduled for May 1 at the Village Park.
2. Baseball, softball, soccer, and golf are beginning their contact days. Official practices will start in mid-April.
3. Esports is continuing their season with both Overwatch and Rocket League.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: bus bid/purchase and budgeting/staffing for 2021-2022 school year.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the Board of Control’s agenda items.

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

Elementary School Art Teacher Kaylin Lotspaih and Middle School Art Teacher Angie Hemker invited the Board and administration to select artwork from the K-12 West Salem District Honors Show for display.

Outdoor Education Center (OEC) Coordinator John Sullivan provided a presentation on our OEC facility.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2021;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) to accept donations from Ledegar Roofing Co. Inc., to the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund and from the La Crosse Community Foundation/Corrine Zielke Baseball Fund for the high school baseball program;
- d) to approve co-curricular contracts for Ethan Ringlien & Makenzie Becker-co-head 7th grade softball coach; Katie Fink-8th grade softball head coach; Sarah Weber, Nicole Friell, Bill Jensen and Jenna Piersma-middle school track coach; Josh Maliszewski, Nick Schultz and Adam Krause-assistant baseball coach; Kyle Helgeson, Randy Schultz and Jared Hauser-volunteer baseball coach; Brittney Hodgson-assistant softball coach, Rod Hamilton, Rob Hansen, Jeanne Babiash, and Michelle Babiash; Dennis Kreuser-volunteer tennis coach; Lisa Hehli-assistant tennis coach; Shaun Borre-assistant golf coach; Darwin Carranza-assistant soccer coach; Samantha Reilly, Laura Deal, Cameron Robaczewski, Tommy Friday and Tony Weilandt-high school assistant track coach; and Avrie Duffy and Grant LeDoux-volunteer assistant track coach.
- e) to accept the resignations of School Nurse Beth Clements, Middle School Special Education Teacher Colleen Betita and High School English Teacher Brittany Parry. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Peterson moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the request for an additional girls’ soccer coach for the spring 2021 season. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee recommendation to approve staffing requests for the 2021-2022 school year: .33 FTE Physical Education Teacher at the middle school, 1.0 FTE guidance counselor at the middle school; a 1.0 FTE At-Risk Teacher, a 1.0 FTE Business Education Teacher and 1.0 Family/Consumer Education Teacher at the high school; and full-time school nurse. Motion carried unanimously.

Live Streaming of the Board Meeting ended, as noted on the Public Meeting Notice.

Board Development Session

Mr. Rieber led the Board Development Session which included Chapter 4 of The Governance Core: School Boards, Superintendents and Schools Working Together, and review of the current strategic plan.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk