

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 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 April 7, 2022.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Ken Schlingen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlingen, 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. Gavaghan moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Written and Oral Reports**

Policy/Communication & Engagement Committee – Mr. Schlingen reported on the status of the Neola Policies.

Workforce Engagement and Development Committee – Mr. Gavaghan reported on the agenda item, staffing recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year.

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: staffing recommendations for 2022-2023 and CESA #4 Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Griffin reported on the Board of Controls agenda.

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

Mr. Rieber provided a district update.

### **Connection with the Community**

Student and Board Member acknowledgements were presented to Rachel Stein, Krish Patel, Blaine Wheeler, Catherine Griffin and Ken Schlimgen.

Student art selections to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year were presented.

*Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. Penny War Results: 5th place-Sophomores, 4th-staff, 3rd-freshman, 2nd-juniors, and 1st-seniors. The high school raised \$3,098 and met the goal of \$3,000 for the district's random acts of kindness fund. The event made over \$1,500 on the last day
2. Spring sports are in full swing now, lots of games and events have been canceled due to weather.
3. Krish Patel is the WI State DECA member of the month for April.

*Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. DECA students will be attending the ICDC in late April in Atlanta
2. Juniors received their ACT results back.
3. Seniors are giving in-class SEP presentations, official presentations will be on May 11.
4. The NHS had a park clean-up yesterday (chapter project) in the following parks: Village, Zanter, Pineview, and Riverview.

*Correspondence* – None.

*Public Comments* – None.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2022;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for high school golf assistant-Tyler Woodke;
- d. to accept the resignations of limited-term employment teachers Kris Marquez and Payton Steiner and hockey coach Eric Borre;
- e. to accept the donation from Foundation Direct Seeds, LLC to the high school trap team, from Noodlehead Inc., for the Tiny Orchard Scholarship Fund, and from Julian Beld for the Balanced4Life;
- f. to hire Keachen Abing as a 1.0 FTE Technology Education Teacher.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Gavaghan moved to approve all of the first choices and none of the alternates for the Early College Credit Requests for the fall of 2022-2023 school year. Motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve all 15 student's requests for the Early College Credit Requests for the fall of 2022-2023 school year. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs.

Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Nay; and Mr. Schlimgen, Nay. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 2-Nay (Mr. Grosskopf and Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the CESA #4 Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Workforce Engagement and Development Committee, and the Business Operations Committee recommendation to approve all the staffing recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year: elementary addition of 1.0 FTE kindergarten teacher, elementary reductions of .5 FTE 4K teacher, .5 4K paraprofessional and .25 FTE technology integration; middle school reductions of .25 FTE technology integration; high school additions .33 FTE Art, reallocate 1.0 FTE From FACE to 1.0 FTE Science, .5 FTE Technology Integration; special education addition of 1.0 FTE Sign Language Interpreter. Motion carried unanimously.

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

### **Adjournment**

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk