

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 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 7:01 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 May 6, 2021.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Robin Fitzgerald led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Grosskopf 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, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Rachel Stein. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen, Ben Wopat and Krish Patel.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. Prom in the Panther Den was May 1
2. Dress-up week
3. A la carte selling coffee
4. Spring sports meets/games have started
5. NHS Induction was May 2
6. SEP presentations are on May 12
7. Jesse Logging shots a perfect 50 out of 50 and wins first place at Area Youth Shoot on May 1
8. Boys golf at Fox Hollow: scored 169 points, Max Goetz was an individual medalist with 36 points, Kevin Schams leading the JV with 52 points, JV placed 3rd overall
9. Esports team is going to state
10. Girls soccer game against Holmen: varsity won 2-1, JV won 4-3
11. Band Concert-May 23, Choir Concert-May 16

12. Show Choir was at Bloomington on May 8 and took 4th runner up, Anja Clauson won Showstopper Award

#### *Correspondence*

A thank you note from the family of Janet King (Wendy Kaiser's mother) was read.

#### *Public Comments*

The following citizens commented on masking at school: Steve Martin, Pat Pallardy, Shannon Torrance, Rachel Pierce, Mike Mesmer, Sheri Grass, Rachel Brothen, and Kristina Sage.

#### *Written and Oral Reports*

Business Operations – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: CLOCworks; Wages for the support staff, district staff, administration, and co-curricular for the 2-22 school year; and replacement of mower and adding additional equipment.

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

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021;
  - b) invoices to be paid;
  - c) accept donations from Brenengen Auto, River Bank, Dependable Solutions, and The Board Store for Laura Skemp-Deal, April Tools for Schools Grant Recipient; from the West Salem Panther Booster Club for the high school; and from the La Crosse Area Autism Foundation, Inc. for the special education department;
  - d) the resignations of Adaptive Physical Education Teacher Makenzie Turner and Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher Madeline Kiehn;
  - e) hiring Brittany LaMere as an elementary school special education teacher, 1.0 FTE.
- Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve setting the wages for the support staff, district staff and co-curricular for the 21-22 school year. Motion failed. A roll call vote was taken Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Nay; Mr. E. Peterson, Abstain; Mr. C. Peterson, Abstain; Mrs. Griffin, Abstain; Mr. Grosskopf, Nay; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. (Mr. E. Peterson did not participate in the discussion nor the vote due to a conflict of interest.) Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve setting the wages for the support staff, district staff, administration, and co-curricular for the 21-22 school year. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Schlimgen), 1-Abstain (E. Peterson) (Mr. E. Peterson did not participate in the discussion nor the vote due to a conflict of interest.)

#### *Live Stream Ended*

**Board Development Session**

Mr. Rieber led a review of chapters 1-4 of The Governance Core: School Boards, Superintendents and Schools Working Together.

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

**Adjournment**

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk