

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2021
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 7:02 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 June 10, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Robin Fitzgerald led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mike Malott recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, 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 representatives: Krish Patel and Rachel Stein. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Erik Peterson, Eric Jensen and Ben Wopat.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. High school graduation was on May 30, and the class speaker was Kimberly Volden.
2. The Neshonoc Yearbook dedicatee was Kathy Hilby.
3. Track and baseball placed first – all conference.

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Boys' tennis placed second – all conference.
2. Girls' soccer going to playoffs.
3. High school band camp finishing this week.
4. The high school band and choir were approved to perform at Disneyworld in March.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the families of Rosie Kammel was read.

Public Comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: miscellaneous wage scale, OEC project updates, 20-21 fiscal year close out, and 21-22 budget preview.

CESA #4 Board of Control reported on their annual meeting held last week. The next meeting will be in August.

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

Mr. Rieber made a statement regarding updates to the end of the school year.

Mr. Rieber provided information regarding Strategic Planning and working with Sue Peterson from ISG. There will be a Community Focus Group on July 12 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2021; to accept the donation from Marvin & Kathleen Iverson for the district office; and to accept the resignations of Laura Skemp-Deal as the cross country assistant coach and Alexis Kuchta as a middle school special education teacher. Motion failed for lack of a majority. 1-Aye (Mr. Schlimgen), 5-Abstain (Mr. C. Peterson, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Gavaghan, Mr. Grosskopf)

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donation from Marvin & Kathleen Iverson for the district office. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignations of Laura Skemp-Deal as the cross country assistant coach and Alexis Kuchta as a middle school special education teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to hire Benjamin Johnson-1.0 FTE high school math teacher, Caitlin Kopecky-1.0 FTE elementary school special education teacher, Jake Reader-1.0 FTE adaptive physical education teacher, Karly Baganz-1.0 FTE four-year-old kindergarten teacher, Andy Kastner & Paige Hesselberg-1.0 FTE each as a School Psychologist, Kristen Meyers and Lynelle Stagman – 1.0 FTE high school special education teachers, Elissa Kinstler-middle school part-time music lessons teacher, Scott Martin-1.0 FTE high school technology education teacher. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1 Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the administration’s co-curricular recommendations for 21-22 contracts as follows: Justin Jehn-head football coach, Ammar Sabar-head boys’ soccer coach, Justin Stakston-head cross country coach, Becki Murphy-head

volleyball coach, Julie Kamla-girls's tennis coach, and Claire Schroeder as the dance coach. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1 Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to approve the middle school and high school WIAA memberships for the 21-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Set a date for a Board Retreat. No action was taken.

Miscellaneous wage scale. No action was taken.

Energy Efficiency or the District. No action was taken

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the administration's request to add an Esports advisor for 4%, and to add a second DECA assistant advisor at 2%. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk