

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2025
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 7:01 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, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on June 19, 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ben Garbers led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Trish Harman recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Trish Harman, Catherine Griffin, Caitlin Wilson, Bob Gollnik, and Ben Garbers. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Justin Jehn, Ben Wopat, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Zeke Hyer. Recording secretary: Jennifer Larson. Excused: Erik Peterson, Bob Minard, Heidi Horton and Lydia Jochen.

Approval of Agenda

C. Wilson moved, B. Gollnik seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

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

Workforce Engagement & Development Committee– Bob Gollnik reported that the committee and the West Salem Education Association met to discuss 25-26 contracts. Next meeting is June 30, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Connection with the Community

Zeke Hyer, Student Representative, reported on:

The student body has been keeping busy through the summer with lots of ways to be involved. These include the CAT program whether that be team lifts or individually, or summers legion baseball.

But the biggest thing that has happened since the last board meeting has been the girls' soccer team making it to state! This marks the very first state appearance in program history! And although the girls may have lost against catholic memorial, this was a monumental season for the program.

The summer musical had their showings; the 2 casts showed 4 different musicals of Descendants. Mrs. Hansen did a marvelous job this year! I watched the show on the 12th, and I very much enjoyed the performance!

Megan Johnson played in the softball all-star game this past Tuesday as catcher.

Correspondence – Thank You card from Tom Stenberg was read. Thank You card from Sam Pederson and Family was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

B. Gollnik moved, B. Garbers seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 9, 2025 and Special Board Meeting, June 16, 2025
- b. Invoices to be paid
- c. Donations

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

B. Gollnik moved, C. Wilson seconded to approve the co-curricular additions of a Fall & Winter Assistant Dance Coach, Assistant Cross Country Coach, Trap Team Assistant Coach and a Health Occupations Student Association Advisor. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Wilson moved, B. Gollnik seconded to approve the Damian Miller Baseball field lease. Motion Carried unanimously.

B. Gollnik moved, B. Garbers seconded to approve the Budget Adjustments for 2024-2025. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

B. Garbers moved, T. Harman seconded to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Wilson, Clerk