

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
June 24, 2024  
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 June 20, 2024.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Sean Gavaghan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Erik Peterson recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Erik Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Bob Gollnik, Catherine Griffin, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Ben Wopat, Crystal Becker, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Caitlin Wilson, Bob Minard, Mike Malott, Jessa Hickey, and Brennon Anderson.

*Approval of Agenda*

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Written and Oral Reports**

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

Human Resource updates: the resignations of paraprofessional Kelly Arttus, custodian, Chester (Todd) Brown, paraprofessional Megan Forrestal, paraprofessional Alaina Govek, paraprofessional Adilene Rojas, and Wyatt West-middle school cook.

**Connection with the Community**

*There were no student board reports to present.*

*Correspondence*

A thank you note from the family of Gloria Thompson was read.  
A thank you note from Sareece Sacket was read.

*Public Comments* – None.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2024;
- b. the invoices to be paid;

- c. the resignation of Lionel Karyea as a high school resource teacher;
- d. to hire Emily Callinicos as a 1.0 FTE middle school ID teacher;
- e. to accept the donations for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe fund from: Jenna Umberger, Corey Marney, Michelle Migala, Tami Mullikin, April Rogers, Ron Schmidt, Laura Skemp-Deal, Sarah Weber, Katharine Papke, Sarah Allen and Brittney Major;
- f. to accept the administrations co-curricular recommendation for Josh Brewer-assistant high school football coach, Scott Johnson-volunteer high school assistant football coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Superintendent Rieber and members of the Superintendent's Cabinet Team presented a Strategic Plan update. No action was taken.

T. Grosskopf moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the Food Service Agreement with the School District of Bangor for the 24-25 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Assessment – discuss survey and future work sessions. E. Peterson moved. B. Gollnik seconded to set August 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m. as a Special Board Meeting date to review survey results. E. Peterson and B. Gollnik withdrew their motion. No action was taken.

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

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

**Closed Session**

C. Griffin welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” regarding the evaluation and setting the wage for 2024-25 for the superintendent.

S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:02 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; B. Gollnik, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; and T. Grosskopf, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

T. Grosskopf moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erik Peterson, Clerk