

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2020
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

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, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on June 4, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat (remote access), Eric Jensen (remote access), Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt (remote access), and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Maxwell Goetz and Madisyn Haun. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mike Malott.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The West Salem “Nerf War” began last Monday.
2. Tentative prom date was set for August 8th as long as La Crosse County passes through its phases of reopening successfully. The final decisions will be made in mid-July.

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Thursday, June 4, was the official last day of school
2. Check-in days were June 1, 2, and 3, where students turned in laptops, textbooks, cleaned lockers, and received yearbooks.
3. Seniors’ SEP plan proposals were due Tuesday, May 26 for students who wished to work on their project in the summer.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Frank Seebauer family was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: high school and district office project bids and scope, Heider funds and Heider Meeting Room, and Budget update for 19-20 and 20-21 school years.

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Superintendent's Cabinet Team and the Superintendent were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of Kaila Winters-paraprofessional; and the hire of Stephanie Sharp-middle school administrative assistant.

Kathy Hilby represented the SEP team and administration by sharing College and Career Readiness videos with the board. Seniors had the option of writing a statement or creating a video documenting their college and career readiness based on the Redefining Ready! standards embedded in the district strategic plan. The Redefining Ready! organization did not fund a scholarship opportunity as it had in the past. Therefore, the District provided the scholarship opportunity "in-house" this year.

Ryan Rieber and Deanna Wiatt shared information on school opening options for the 20-21 school year.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2020;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) accept the donation from the FFA for the families of the district;
- d) accept the resignation of Special Education Teacher, Emily Keim and cross country coach, LeRoy Krall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to approve the building renovation projects at the high school and district office and not to exceed \$383,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Application of Board Policies #830 Facility Use, Excluding Center for the Arts, #820.1 Marie W. Heider Fine Arts Center Usage, #830.2 Heider Meeting Room/Art Gallery Use Policy, and #830.3 District Fitness Center/Indoor Track were reviewed. Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to open the outdoor facilities based upon the La Crosse County Guidelines for discretionary or recreational purposes, starting June 9, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Relevant information pertaining to COVID-19 was shared with the Board. No action was taken.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk