

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 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 7:00 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, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on July 8, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Chris Peterson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Shawn Handland recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Rachel Stein. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Krish Patel.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Rachel Klein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The trap took fourth as a team at Nationals out of 160 teams in Mason, Michigan. Jacob Helgeson shot his first 100 straight. Jesse Logging placed 8th in individual.
2. Seniors are still working on SEPs and Mrs. Volden has an SEP class taking place in August to help students prepare for their SEP.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Lynn Strong was read.

Public Comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee - Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: OEC projects, 21-22 bus routes and a solar update.

Policy/Communication and Engagement Committee - Mr. Schlimgen reported on the status of updating the policies to Neola.

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

District Listening Sessions - Mr. Rieber provided a brief update on the listening sessions that were held today regarding the Strategic Plan.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2021;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) to accept the resignation of Middle School Teacher Chelsea Adams;
- d) to hire Sabrina Flood and Marci Fischer as middle school special education teachers;
- e) to accept the administration's high school co-curricular recommendations, Jamie Holst and Brianna Meyer as assistant volleyball coaches, Dieter Antoni, Bob Gorniak, Jamie Olson, Ethan Ringlien as assistant football coaches, and Ryan Olson, Craig Reid, Ben Wopat and Mark Byom as volunteer assistant football coaches.

Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the hiring of a Speech and Language Pathologist.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve adopting to use the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) waiver to allow all schools to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students through the 21-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to adopt the Elementary School Student and Parent Handbook for the 21-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan second to approve the High School Student Handbook for the 21-22 school year with amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adopt the Wisconsin Academic Standards for Math, English Language Arts and Literacy; Next Generation Science Standards for Science and Wisconsin Academic Standards or national standards for all other content areas. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the administration's request to add an additional volleyball coach for the 2021 fall season. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk