

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2019
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. 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 July 18, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Liam Sjoquist. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Summer Houck

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Summer Legion baseball started regionals this past Friday and end today, all home games. They had their last games today.
2. The 14-youth baseball team won the state championship last night in Middleton.
3. The dance team held a kids camp last week and performed at the fair on Thursday. The dance team also held a fundraiser at Uptown Cycle on Saturday.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Orin Nyseth family was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

District Strategic Initiative updates by the Business Operation's team and the superintendent were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of bus mechanic Roger Auna, and the hiring of Mary Gallagher as a nutrition services employee.

Mr. Schlimgen provided an update on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in West Salem.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the consent agenda items:

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2019;
- b) invoices to be paid;
- c) resignation of baseball coach Chuck Ihle, Middle School Associate Principal Michael Johnson, and special education teacher Meghan Adams;
- d) Open Enrollment requests for the 19-20 school year as presented;
- e) middle school coaches, Kayla Wegner-8th grade volleyball head coach, Amber Coe-8th grade volley ball assistant coach, Sam Schmitz-7th grade volleyball head coach, Julie Arentz-7th grade volleyball assistant coach, Jes Schomberg-cross country assistant coach, Matt Duster-football assistant coach; Jason Raasch-wrestling head coach
- high school coaches, Laura Deal & Justin Stakston as co-cross country assistant coaches, Scott Johnson, Ben Wopat, Craig Reid-football volunteer assistant
- f) hiring Antoinette Key as 1.0 FTE high school science teacher;
- g) setting the Special Board meeting for Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

High school student Abbie Cavadini presented a request to seek permission to allow advertising. No action was taken.

Director of Transportation Rick Kline was present to answer questions regarding the bus routes for the 19-20 school year. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the 19-20 bus routes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from the West Salem Hockey Association to extend bleachers in the Panther Den. No action was taken.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the high school student and parent handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the middle school student and parent handbooks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #454 Child Abuse and Neglect, and #456 Student Assistance Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO BORROW \$500,000 FROM THE UNION STATE BANK OF WEST SALEM ON A THREE-YEAR GENERAL OBLIGATION LOAN WITH NO PENALTY FOR PRE-PAYMENT. REPAYMENT TO BE REMITTED ANNUALLY TO INCLUDE PRINCIPAL, PLUS INTEREST WITH THE FIRST PAYMENT. PURPOSE OF THE LOAN IS FOR CLOSE OUT OF THE AUTO LAB ADDITION. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the request to use McClintock Funds as presented (\$21,180). After a lengthy discuss, Mrs. Griffin called for the question. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 2-Nay (Schlimgen & Grosskopf)

Request for part-time paraprofessionals. No action was taken.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the following resolution: A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO APPOINT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Halverson 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 a mid-year evaluation of the superintendent and superintendent compensation for the 19-20 school year.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:38 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk