

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 22, 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 7:01 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 July 18, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ben Wopat 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 Minard, Bob Gollnik, Catherine Griffin, Caitlin Wilson (7:02), and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Justin Jehn, Ben Wopat, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Jessa Hickey. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Brennon Anderson

Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard 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 hiring of Jarron Beckley as a middle school paraprofessional, Alysandra Corona as a high school paraprofessional, and Cynthia Hutman as a middle school paraprofessional; the resignation of Samantha Markofski as a high school paraprofessional.

Information on Seclusion and Restraint data for the 23-24 school year was reported out by Director of Pupil Services, Heidi Horton.

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: audit, financial planning and projects, operational referendum, district audio tech/Heider Center Specialist Position.

Annual Joint Review Board – Tax Incremental District Meeting was reviewed by Tom Grosskopf.

Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The boys' Legion Baseball Team is currently 13-10 on their season. Regionals games start next week Friday, with state the following week. The team will automatically play in the state tournament as West Salem is hosting this year.
2. The girls' and boys' basketball teams have been playing in leagues against teams around the area. This Tuesday will be the last night of the league for the boys.
3. This week the dance team is currently having their camp week. Over the course of the week, the team will learn both football and competition routines.
4. The football team is also starting off their season with practices Monday-Thursday this week.
5. The girls' volleyball team is continuing to prepare for the season with open gyms throughout the week and having a Monday night league.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024;
- b. the invoices to be paid; and
- c. the hiring Elaine Remus as a 1.0 FTE high school biology teacher and Jared Elsen as a 1.0 FTE elementary school teacher.

Motion carried unanimously. There were no resignations to act upon.

Discussion/Action Items:

Director of School Nutrition Emily Klunk provided a Nutrition Services report for the 23-24 school year. E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the 24-25 school year meal price for Adult Lunch-\$4.35, and no other increase in meal or milk prices. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve for a second reading of policy 2264 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities and policy 2266 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the position of a District Audio Tech/Heider Center Specialist. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Clerk