

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2022
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 July 21, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Madison MacRogers led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Brennan Kennedy recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Bob Minard, Catherine Griffin, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Charlie Alexander, Deanna Wiatt, Crystal Becker, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tom Grosskopf and Robin Fitzgerald

Approval of Agenda

B. Minard moved, C. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy/Communication & Engagement Committee – E. Peterson reported on the review of the Neola policy updates.

Business Operations Committee – S. Gavaghan reported on the agenda items: line of credit, breakfast/lunch & milk prices, and request for purchase of property.

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

Human Resource updates: the employment of David Carlson as a full-time custodian, Beth Hall as an American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter and Brent Schroeder as a part-time custodian; the resignations of Chloe Castillo as a LMC paraprofessional, Eric Manke as a bus driver, and Nikki Woods as an administrative assistant.

Connection with the Community

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

- The National Honor Society assisted the middle school band host a blood drive today and again on August 9.

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. American Legion baseball came to an end this past Sunday at regional finals.
2. The fall sports meeting was today, and training continues for the start of the upcoming seasons.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Arin Miller was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2022;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the resignations from School Psychologist Scott Moline and Elementary School Associate Principal Tami Bagstad;
- d. to accept the donations from Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Eckelberg for the Chloe Kay Eckelberg Memorial Scholarship and from the Green Bay Packers for the High School Art Department;
- e. to hire Tabitha Kemp as a 1.0 FTE high school counselor;
- f. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations – Lexi Shibilski Hollaman-assistant volleyball and Craig Reed-volunteer football coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

E. Peterson moved, C. Peterson seconded to increase the line of credit from four (4) million to five (5) million for the 22-23 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the employee handbook for 2022-2023, the elementary student & parent handbook for 2022-2023, the middle school student & athletic handbook for 2022-2023, the high school handbook for 2022-2023, and the technology handbook for 2022-2023. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the inquiry and request to purchase property at 100 Quackenbush Road.

C. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to adopt the strategic plan. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the first reading of policies: 0100 – Definitions, 0142.1 – Electoral Process, 0142.5 – Vacancies, 0143 – Authority of Individual Board members, to delete 0144.2 - Board Member Ethics, 0144.3 – Conflict of

Interest, 0144.5 – Board Member Behavior and Code of Conduct, 0145 – Board Member Anti-Harassment, 0152 – Officers, 01651 – Notice of Meetings, 0167.3 - Public Comment at Board Meetings, 1130 - Ethics and Conflict of Interest, 1210 – Board – Superintendent Relationship, 1421 – Criminal History Record Check and Employee Self-Reporting Requirement, 1422.02 – Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee, 1460 – Physical Examination, 2210 – Curriculum Development, 2240 – Controversial Issues in the Classroom, 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity, 2260.01 – Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against discrimination Based on Disability, 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, 2700.01 – School Performance and State Accountability Report Cards Reports, 5200 – Attendance, 5410 – Promotion, Placement, and Retention, 5461 – Children At-Risk of Not Graduating from High School, 5500.01 – Conduct in Virtual Classroom, 5517 – Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment – Student Anti-Harassment, 5520 – Disorderly Conduct, 5722 – School-Sponsored Publications and Productions, 6108 – Authorization to Make Electronic Fund Transfers, 6114 – Cost Principals – Spending Federal Funds, 6146 – Post Issuance Tax-Exempt Bond Compliance, 7440.01 – Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring, 7450 – Property Inventory, 7455 – Accounting System for Capital Assets, 8500 – Food Services. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Acting Clerk