

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 26, 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 22, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Sean Gavaghan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ben Wopat recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Mrs. Kim Volden is offering a SEP class in August.
2. Volleyball open gym started.

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The high school fall sports meeting was tonight.
2. Fall sports will begin in early August.

Correspondence - None.

Public Comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy/Communication and Engagement Committee - Mr. E. Peterson reported on the agenda items: Neola 5000 Student Policies and Neola 2000 Program Policies.

Business Operations Committee - Mr. Gavaghan reported on the agenda item: request to change transportation position.

Teaching & Learning Committee - Mrs. Fitzgerald reported on the agenda item: 20-21 student outcomes.

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

Human Resource updates: the resignation of Transportation Assistant Elizabeth Jostad and Pool Manager Abby Maliszewski, and the hiring of Josue Gatlin as a full-time custodian at the elementary school.

Consent Agenda

Mr. E. Peterson moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2021 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2021;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) the resignation of JV girls' basketball coach Maggi Bishop and 8th grade volleyball coach Kayla Wegner; and
- d) to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations to contract: high school assistant cross country coach-Cameron Robaczewski, Avrie Duffy, Stacy Mitchell, assistant 7th grade volleyball coach-Julie Arentz, head 7th grade volleyball coach-Samantha Pederson, head 8th grade volleyball coach-Amber Coe, head 8th grade football coach-Jack Reader, and assistant freshman football coach Adam Krause. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on accepting donations.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the 21-22 middle school handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve the 21-22 middle school co-curricular handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the Student Technology Use Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve the 21-22 bus routes. motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to accept the Business Operations recommendation to change the .5 FTE transportation assistant position to a 1.0 FTE transportation administrative assistant position. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adopt the following Resolution: For the Purpose of Entering into an Agreement Between the School Districts of La Crosse, Holmen,

Onalaska, West Salem, and Bangor for the Purpose of Operating the Coulee Region Virtual Academy (CRVA) Consortium Agreement Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 66.0301.

**COULEE REGION VIRTUAL ACADEMY (CRVA) CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made by and between the School District of La Crosse, the School District of Holmen, the School District of Onalaska, the West Salem School District, and the Bangor School District (each a “Member” and collectively the “Consortium” or “Members”) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 and Wis. Admin. Code § PI 14.02.

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 and Wis. Admin. Code § PI 14.02 provide that municipalities, including school districts, may contract with one another for the joint exercise of any of their powers or duties as required or authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is intended to define and establish the respective roles and responsibilities of the Members.

NOW THEREFORE, the Members agree as follows:

1. **Services Provided by the School District of La Crosse:** The School District of La Crosse will provide software technical support, administration and registration with WEN at the consortium level, and Wisconsin eSchools Network (WEN) course book.
2. **Costs to Member Schools.** For each school year, The consortium’s funding and budgetary processes shall occur in the manner set forth below.
 - a. **WEN Invested Program Member Fee.** Each Member shall pay their prorated portion of \$11,000 annually (2020-21 through 2030-31) based on the prior year 3rd Friday District Enrollment.
 - b. **WEN Usage Fees.** Each Member will be responsible for their own school district’s incurred WEN usage fees.
 - c. **Full-Time Virtual Students.** For each pupil who is a resident of a Member school district and receives all courses and services virtual from their resident Member school district, the Member will be charged \$300.00.
 - d. **Part-Time Virtual Students.** For each pupil who is a resident of a Member school district and is enrolled less than full-time in virtual courses, the Member will be charged \$50.00 per course.
 - e. **Personnel Costs.** Members shall pay for their own staffing costs associated with the CRVA.
 - f. **Invoicing.** Based on the WEN invoice received by the fiscal agent each January and June, the following amounts will be invoiced to the Member and due as follows:

- g. Due January 31:
 - i. Member WEN usage fee according to the January invoice; plus
 - ii. Member's portion of the WEN invested member fee.
 - h. Due June 30:
 - i. Member WEN usage fee according to the June invoice.
3. **Services Provided by Each Member.** Each Member will remain the Local Education Agency ("LEA") for their resident students and shall be responsible for the following for their students: special education services, student data accountability with DPI, attendance and truancy procedures, state and local assessments, student materials, and administration, local registration and enrollment.
 4. **Indemnification of Fiscal Agent by Other Members.** Each Member, other than the School District of La Crosse, who serves as Fiscal Agent, hereby holds harmless, defends and indemnifies the Fiscal Agent (and its board of education and all of its affiliates, officers, employees and representatives) from and against each and every demand, claim, loss, liability, or damage of any kind, including actual attorney's fees and expenses, whether in tort or contract, whether personal injury or property damage, arising from or in connection with the Fiscal Agent's performance of its duties set forth in this MOU.
 5. **Counterparts: Signature by Facsimile or Electronic Mail.** This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, which shall together constitute the signed original Agreement. A signature delivered by facsimile or electronic mail shall be considered an original for purposes of this Agreement.

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

Live Streaming of the Board Meeting ended, as noted on the Public Meeting Notice.

Board Development

WASB Representative Fran Finco reviewed the WASB Superintendent Evaluation Tool process with the Board. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk