

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2020
West Salem High School LMC – 7:00 p.m.

*As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: The health and safety of district employees, Board of Education and the community is our number one priority. Therefore, the district is taking precautionary measures consistent with the CDC and the La Crosse County Health Department recommendations. *Board members may participate via remote access. The room will be open to limited spectators. Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page. Face coverings were required to be worn when attending the meeting and social distancing measures should be followed.*

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on July 23, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Erik Peterson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Jane Halverson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen (Remote Access), Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad (Remote Access), Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madisyn Haun (Remote Access) and Maxwell Goetz (Remote Access). Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The August NHS Blood Drive will be at the West Salem American Legion.
2. The fitness center is closed due to the La Crosse County COVID Compass, and the CAT Program is on hold.

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

The high school prom has been postponed; it was scheduled for August 18, 2020.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Emma Deal was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: Senior Exit Project to renovate the high school dark room, bus routes for the 20-21 school year, high school and district office project update, Heider Meeting Room upgrades, use of Heider Center funds for equipment in the Heider Center, utilization of CARES Act funds, and the 20-21 budget update.

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

Consent Agenda

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

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2020;
- b) the invoices to be paid; and
- c) to accept the donations from the Panther Booster Club for the high school football program and for the Panther Den, and from Tom Moran for the Horace and Gladys Moran Scholarship Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to move the retirements to the August 10, 2020, Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the bus routes for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Use of Heider Center funds for equipment in the Heider Center. No action was taken.

School Reopening Updates for the 2020-2021 School Year

1) Coulee Region Virtual Academy (CRVA) registration update was provided by Director of Curriculum Deanna Wiatt. Director of Technology Craig Halvorson was able to provide information on computer devices for students.

2) Mr. Rieber led the discussion on back-to-school by providing updated information from La Crosse County and discussions from other county school districts and staff.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept Superintendent Rieber's recommendation to start school on September 1, going virtual and will continue through Friday, October 2, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk