

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2019
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Syl Clements. 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 3, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Robin Fitzgerald. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Michael Johnson, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Justin Jehn, Ryan Rieber, Lisa Gerke, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Summer Houck and Liam Sjoquist. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Sean Gavaghan and Jane Halverson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Summer softball played Caledonia in a double header on June 26 and won both games.
2. Summer baseball had a successful fish fry last Friday.

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The trap shooting club has 2 teams going to the national trap shooting competition this week taking place in Mason, Michigan from July 10 to July 14.
2. The summer musical had 3 great performances of “Annie” on June 20-21-22.
3. The dance team kids camp starts next week, July 15th through the 17th, following up with a performance at the fair with the kids on the 18th.

Correspondence

The West Salem Middle School was recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and received a Silver Level in Reading.

Letters from Bev Bockenbauer and Bob Nelson from the class of 1959 were read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the following meeting agenda items: bleachers for the Panther Den, part-time custodian, part-time grounds/maintenance, auto lab financing and 18-19 budget close-out.

District Strategic Initiative updates by the Superintendent’s Cabinet Team were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of Colette Schockman as a paraprofessional, the hiring of Gary Lafky as a bus driver, the hiring of Rhonda Schmidt and Laura Johnsrude as paraprofessionals.

Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland gave a presentation regarding the McClintock and Heider Funds.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the consent agenda items:

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2019;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) the resignation of high school science teacher Pamela Hansen;
- d) the hiring of Colette Schockman as a .5 FTE 4K teacher;
- e) accept donations for the Special Trust/HS General Account, and from Peter Thomson and the La Crosse Tribune for the district;
- f) and the Open Enrollment requests for the 19-20 school year as presented.

Discussion/Action Items:

Nutrition Services Director Kerri Mallicoat presented information on the school nutrition program. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the recommendation for lunch prices as presented: elementary school at \$2.75, middle school at \$2.95 and high school at \$3.10. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the recommendation to have the morning milk program remain at the same cost of \$0.35 for full pay families and to offer free milk to the families that qualify for free/reduced lunch. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Elementary School Student and Parent Handbook as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve to delete policy #456-Rule Student Assistance Program Guidelines from the District's policies. Motion carried unanimously.

The Policy Committee recommendation to have WASB assist with updating the District's policies was discussed. No action was taken.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the administration's request for an additional part-time middle school custodian and for an additional part-time grounds/maintenance position. Motion carried. 4-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adopt the academic standards for the 19-20 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The sports/activities list: spending/participants was reviewed. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the middle school and the high school for membership into the WIAA for the 19-20 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk