

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2025
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 August 7, 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Trish Harman led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob Minard recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Catherine Griffin, Erik Peterson, Trish Harman, Bob Minard, Bob Gollnik, and Caitlin Wilson. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Alex Hubing, Justin Jehn, Alyssa Harlan, Heidi Horton and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Lydia Jothan, Zeke Hyer. Recording secretary: Jennifer Larson. Excused: Ben Garbers and Ben Wopat.

Approval of Agenda

B. Gollnik moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Superintendent's Collaborative Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Connection with the Community

Zeke Hyer, Student Representative, reported on:

With the start of the school year just 2 weeks away, lots of sports are starting up.

Football just had their lock in to start their season after their first week of practice this past Friday and the home opener is less than two weeks away.

Girls' tennis starts practice tomorrow with the first matches next week Monday the 18th.

Boys' soccer starts next Monday the 18th.

Lydia Jothan, Student Representative, reported on:

This summer, the cross-country team has been attending running club or training individually to log plenty of miles in preparation for the upcoming season. Their first official practice is scheduled for August 18th, with their first meet taking place on Tuesday, August 26th at Westby High School. The

team is also looking forward to several bonding events, including a junk food party this weekend, a team breakfast following their first practice, and a fun day at the Dells on August 20th!

Volleyball starts on August 18th with practice. They will start their season with the volleyball mile. On the 23rd they will head to Appleton for their first official games.

This past weekend our show choir got to perform at Ashley for the Arts. After they performed, they volunteered for the day. They also have begun learning their routines during their choral camps.

The National honor society blood drive is tomorrow! There are still 9 open appointment slots for people looking to donate blood.

Correspondence – Thank You card from the Carrie Johnson family was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

B. Minard moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 28, 2025
- b. Invoices to be paid
- c. Co-curricular recommendations: High School Assistant football coach and Volunteer football coach
- d. Donations

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

E. Peterson moved, C. Griffin seconded to approve the Elementary School Construction Project Guaranteed Maximum Price Bid Pack #1-Addition & Renovations of \$6,428,331 and the Guaranteed Maximum Price Bid Pack #1-Track Improvements of \$178,567. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, T. Harman seconded to approve the addition of a Material Lift to be included in the new construction of the High School CTE Lab. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Harman moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the staffing request to hire an additional .50 FTE 4k Teacher and .20 FTE 4k Paraprofessional for the 25-26 school year. Motion Carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

B. Gollnik moved, T. Harman seconded to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Wilson, Clerk