

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2020
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 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 7:00 p.m. by Treasurer Sean Gavaghan. 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 web site, and district office on August 20, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Robin Fitzgerald 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, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madisyn Haun (remote access) and Maxwell Goetz (remote access). Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin and Tom Grosskopf

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Link Crew leaders were trained for the virtual orientation for the incoming freshman.
2. Students will be receiving their technology on Wednesday, August 26.

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on:

The schedule for the first two weeks of online high school was released.

Correspondence

Information on the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Region 6 meeting was reviewed.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Workforce Engagement & Development Committee-Mrs. Halverson stated that the information was provided at the August 17, 2020, Special Board Meeting.

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

Mr. Rieber announced: the resignations of paraprofessionals-Shelley Addington and Jennifer Hyer; and to hire Matt Duster as a paraprofessional.

Information on Seclusion and Restraint for the 19-20 school year was reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Peterson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items:

a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2020;

b) the invoices to be paid

c) to accept the donation from Renee Bradley for the Sue Jeffers Memorial Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

There were no resignations or retirements to act upon.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Rieber provided an update to the 20-21 school year kick-off, which included the new staff orientation and the welcome back all-staff inservice. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the request for a 1.0 FTE limited-term middle school teacher. Motion carried. 4-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the request for medical staff support. Motion withdrawn. Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve a full-time limited-term Registered Nurse (RN) for the 2020-2021 school year. If an RN doesn't apply, the administration has the flexibility to fill the position with a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) or MA (Medical Assistant), or other health care qualified candidate. Motion carried. 4-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Peterson seconded approve fans for the outside events, recognizing that social distancing be followed and fans wear face coverings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Whereas the following school districts have handicapped children, and whereas it appears that the educational interests of all children in these school districts will be served best by the districts joining together to offer special services, as authorized by the Department of Public Instruction, to meet the needs of handicapped children. Be it, and it is hereby resolved that the school boards of the West Salem School District and the Bangor School District, and the West Salem School District and the School District of Holmen agree to establish and maintain,

on a cooperative basis, a handicapped children's special education program(s) pursuant to Section 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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 7:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk