

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 9, 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 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 website, and district office on August 5, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. NHS Blood Drive August 10, 2021, High School Library, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., during high school registration. The goal for the blood drive is 40 units and we need 7 more donors to be able to reach that goal and become eligible for a scholarship.
2. SEP Jumpstart Classes - Everyday (9:00-11:00 a.m.) (12:00-2:00 p.m.)

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Link Crew Days
~Training days (18-19)
~Orientation (20th)
~Freshman at the Outdoor Education Association on September 1, 2021
2. Most high school fall sports have started.

Correspondence

1. A letter to the Board from Sara Steien was read.
2. An informational flier from Laura Kozicki was shared with the Board.

Public Comments

The following citizens commented on COVID-19 related components: Mike Mesmer, Kortney Getter, Rachel Pierce, and Sara Steien. Shannon Torrance, Brian Gross and Mike Dinos signed up, but did not comment to the Board.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control - Mr. Gavaghan read Mrs. Griffin's report from the August Board of Control's meeting.

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

Heidi Horton, Director of Pupil Services, reviewed the information on Seclusion and Restraint for the 20-21 school year.

Mr. Rieber reviewed and provided reasoning behind the 21-22 School Year Reopening Plan.

Consent Agenda

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2021;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) donations Bahr Electric for the high school trap team and from the Berg-Hemker-Olson Post 51 American Legion for the West Salem Sharks Booster Club;
- d) the resignations of Special Education Teacher Christine Crouse, Biology Teacher James Klos and Special Education Teacher Brittany LaMere;
- e) to hire Payton Steiner, on a limited-term employment contract, as a 1.0 FTE elementary school teacher; and
- f) to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations to hire Tom Fell-assistant soccer coach, Steve Averbeck-volunteer soccer coach, Lauren Lovely and Katie Murphy-assistant volleyball coaches, and Ashly Serres-8th grade volleyball assistant coach.

Motion carried. (4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain-Mr. Schlimgen as he wasn't present at the last meeting)

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to approve for a first reading of Board Policies: Neola #2260-Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity, and Neola #2260.01-Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk