

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 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 7:00 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, 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 September 10, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tami Bagstad led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Deanna Wiatt 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, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madisyn Haun and Maxwell Goetz. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on:

In person school began today. Some changes at the high school include: school is every other day with only half the students at school each day, lunch tables have 3-person limit, report immediately to first hour, desks and chairs wiped down each hour, and social distancing and mask required.

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The high-risk sports began and are starting to play games this week.
2. Teams are required to wear masks and have their temperature taken before each practice and fill out form stating if they have any COVID symptoms.
3. Tennis and cross country have had matches and meets.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of their September meeting.

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: Technology for the Heider Meeting Room, Standards & Poors report and 2020-2021 budget.

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

Human Resource updates: resignations-paraprofessional Jeff Every and paraprofessional Shelley Addington; new hires-paraprofessionals Kelsey Thomas, Cassidy Murphy, Allison Klug, and Jordyn Schurhammer, cook-Lawrence Randall, and custodian-Cheryl Schran.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2020;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) the resignation of Jes Schomberg as the assistant cross country coach at the middle school;
- d) to accept donations from Floating Gardens LLC, Steve & Sherri Craig, Chris & Stacy Hutchinson, Jane Bangsberg, Heidi & Ray Ebert, Identity Works for the middle school art department, from the La Crosse Community Foundation/Jim’s Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund for the School Nutrition program, from the West Salem Elementary PTO for the elementary school and the PTO Teacher Grant fund, from Colene Miller to the Lisa Hugo memorial Fund;
- e) middle school co-curricular recommendations, Ben Tashner-head cross country coach, Makenzie Turner-assistant cross country coach, Justin Running-7th grade head football coach, Matt Duster-assistant football coach, Bradley Trocinski-assistant football coach, Josh Brewer-8th grade head football coach, Ryan Brewer-volunteer assistant football coach, Kayla Wegner-8th grade head volleyball coach, Amber Coe-8th grade assistant volleyball coach, Samantha Pederson-7th grade head volleyball coach, Julie Arentz-7th grade assistant volleyball coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

PR Specialist/Grant Writer Samantha Pederson provided a communications and marketing update for the 20-21 school year. No action was taken

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee recommendation to update the technology in the Heider Meeting Room and to include the use of the Heider Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved to provide each athlete with 4 tickets which can be split with the family with valid identification. The motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs.

Halverson seconded to accept the administrations recommendation that each athlete will get 4 tickets they can share with immediate family members to attend events. All spectators must socially distance and wear a mask. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve a one-time payment of \$5,504 to the Boys and Girls Club of West Salem using Fund 80 funds. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Peterson seconded to start the September 28, 2020, Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the Board Development session which will be scheduled on the meeting's agenda.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk