

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2014
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Thomas Helgeson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, 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 October 9, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Scott Scafe led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and John Smalley recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Fred Perri, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Mariah Arneson and Cameron Robaczewski. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Perri moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Connection with the Community

Cameron Robaczewski reported on:

1. Two West Salem High School girls' tennis team members have made it into the state competition. As a doubles team, Sophie Clements and Sydney Dunham have compiled a 9-7 record.
2. In other high school sports, the soccer team opens the playoffs tomorrow night at River Valley. The football team has found its way into the playoffs after its breakout year in the MVC. The volleyball team looks towards postseason success with the playoffs beginning next week. Finally, the cross country teams have their conference meet this weekend at West Salem.
3. At our last meeting, the high school student council discussed the Milwaukee Bucks youth leadership convention at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee, possibility of holding a foreign exchange introduction day. The student council has been working with DECA on a proposal to have credit and debit cards accepted at school or having an ATM.
4. The middle school is very busy this month: offering picture retakes tomorrow throughout the day; on October 23 and 27 having parent/teacher/student conferences; and the WKCE testing window, October 27-November 7.

Mariah Arneson reported on:

1. October 3, 2014 was Homecoming at the high school. The week included many activities and the announcement of Homecoming royalty and the various representatives: King & Queen, Leif Ender and Olivia Aleckson; Mr. West Salem, Michael Anderson; Miss. West Salem, Rachel Quamme and Kate Ebert.
2. The high school band performed during the half-time show the theme from The Avengers and The Incredibles and The Rose when the court was announced. At the upcoming football game, and will perform a half-time show to honor the senior.
3. The NHS will host a Trick or Can Food Drive on October 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. wearing Halloween costumes and collecting items for the food pantry. On October 26, they will distribute orange bags so residents can place donations in the bag and set it out if they will not be home.
4. The middle school activities include: the 6th grade band and choir concert, the 6th grade went to the OEC, and the boys and girls cross country teams placed 1st at the Holte Invitational.

Correspondence

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was read, proclaiming National School Lunch Week, October 13-17, 2014.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that the board approved the second reading of two policies, approved two contracts, and discussed a fuel coop.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met earlier tonight and the items will be discussed later in the meeting.

District Performance Initiatives updates by Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2014; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the donations for the middle school from H & R Block and the Target Corporation. Motion carried.

Ernie Tourville from TCI Architects/ Engineers/Contractors, Inc. presented the Middle School Facility Survey Report and answered questions.

Mr. Gunderson summarized the October 1, 2014, Long Range Facility Committee meeting.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the proposed 2014-15 budget and tax levy.

On October 20, 2014, the Budget Hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. and the Annual Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the following Resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$2,000,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from October 28, 2014, until December 2, 2014. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the 2014-15 parent transportation contracts as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve policies for a second reading: #671.1 Payroll, #760 Food Service Management, #765 Jane Doe Fund, #764 Food Safety, and #733 Energy Conservation. Motion carried.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to have Catherine Griffin be the WASB Delegate, Jane Halverson be the WASB Alternate Delegate and Thomas Helgeson be the WASB Legislative Contact. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations:

Elementary school advisors – Council of Kids, Mary Czajka and Martha Burdick; After School Art, Angie Hemker and Courtney Vesperman; 5th Grade Choir, Lisa Jones; Yearbook, Sara Jeranek; Odyssey of the Mind coaches, Kamry Long, Jennifer Wheeler, Carrie Johnson, Amanda Flottmeier, Shannon Jones, Brian Baker, Carrie Andres, Courtney Vesperman, Ben Tashner, Rachel Hein, Angie Hemker, B.J. Newton (parent volunteer).

High school advisors – marching band, Dave Kies; color guard, Kelli Martin; jazz band, Dave Kies; pep band, Dave Kies; choir, Amy Hanson; show choir, Amy Hanson; 1st and 2nd semester play director, Rhonda Andres; 1st and 2nd semester assistant one-act play, Amy Hanson; stage manager, Dan Heerts; tech. supervisor, Dan Heerts; forensics, Kim Volden; assistant forensics, Andrea Armstrong; summer theatre-director, Amy Hanson; summer theatre-instrumental Dave Kies; summer theatre-vocal, Rhonda Andres; summer theatre-stage, Dan Heerts; student council, Laura Deal; yearbook, Andrea Armstrong; mock trial, Kim Volden; Link Crew, Justin Jehn and Andrea Armstrong; Visual Arts Classic, Quenten Brown; quiz bowl, Jim Klos; math club, Chris Milne; FFA, Brian Baker; Skills USA, Paul Liethen; DECA, Jason Holter; robotics, Erik Mthison and Cole Andres; pep club, Rhonda Andres; NHS, Toni Key; Diversity Club, Ryan Nelson; homecoming supervisors, Quenten Brown, Randy Dammon, Amy Hanson, Loretta Zwonitzer, Rhonda Andres; freshman class advisor, Jason Holter; sophomore class advisor, Chris Milne; junior class advisors, Jenna Geurts and Kim Butterfield; senior class advisors, Lynne Brown, Rhonda Andres, Laura Deal.
Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's recommendation and approve the second semester Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk