

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015
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 January 8, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Cameron Robaczewski 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, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson (7:45), Mike Malott (7:45), John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Mariah Arneson and Cameron Robaczewski. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the agenda as amended by adding a Buildings and Grounds Committee Report to the II. d. Reports section on the agenda. Motion carried.

Connection with the Community

Mariah Arneson reported on:

1. There was a DECA Competition on Saturday, January 10 at UW-Stout. West Salem had 58 students attend, which was the second largest team at the competition. 27 students medaled; 22 of them placed in the top 5; 7 students placed in the top 2 which means they automatically go to state. West Salem will take 8 additional students to state based on their performance at the competition.
2. There was a show choir competition on Saturday, January 10 at Viterbo University. The JV placed 2nd out of 4 teams. The show choirs will have 3 more shows and then their Extravaganza performance yet this year.
3. As part of Maria Otto's SEP, a dance was held on Saturday, January 10 at the American Legion in La Crosse. The dance was to raise money for a little girl with Downs Syndrome who has cancer to help make her wish of going to Disney World come true. Maria was able to raise about \$500.
4. Middle School Activities include: Spelling Bee and Geo Bee last week, the beginning of Mathcounts and 7th & 8th grade girls basketball, the 8th grade attended a career fair at the La Crosse Center, and 10 7th grade students at Trees for Tomorrow.

Cameron Robaczewski reported on:

1. On Saturday, January 17, the high school dance team has a competition in Sparta. This is one of their last competitions before the state tournament series start up, with their regional competition coming up at the end of the month.
2. Also on Saturday, the mock trial team will be competing against an area team in a scrimmage. Their first competition in La Crosse is on February 14th. The mock trial team has enough people for two teams this year. If they place at the February competition, they go to the state competition in March.
3. This weekend, a group of West Salem students, teachers, alumni, and members from surrounding communities are putting on Shrek the Musical, Jr. Performances will be on Thursday night, Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday afternoon.
4. Earlier today a jazz group out of New York came and played with the high school jazz band and concert bands. The jazz band gave tips about the music that they were playing. They performed for the concert band and answered questions on a wide variety of topics. A group of band students will be traveling over the middle school to talk with band students about staying in band through high school.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments

Chase Miller spoke about concerns with the high school gymnastics program.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Clements reported that the committee met in December, and discussed the Boys and Girls Club and Hockey.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that the Board met and accepted the resignation of Guy Leavitt, hired a search consultant and posted the position, the 1st reading of a policy, provided input on Education Convention resolutions, and offered a contract for an audiologist.

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

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2014, and invoices to be paid. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept donations from Stephen and Deborah Kraus for the Horace Moran Memorial Fund, from the Class of 2014 for the Outdoor Education Center, and from the Elementary PTO for the elementary school. Motion carried.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a proposed agreement with the Boys and Girls Club to use the middle school cafeteria for after school programming. Mr. Schlimgen moved and Mr. Perri seconded to approve an agreement with the Boys and Girls Club to use the middle school cafeteria for after school programming. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on campus, facility planning and referendum preparation. Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve an agreement with the West Salem Hockey Association for property for a hockey facility; the location and size to be determined. Motion carried.

Mr. Smalley gave a review of the elementary school safety and security project.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for Ryan Waldhart, middle school band and jazz band; Mardeana Glasel, assistant middle school band; and Elle Nimm, middle school vocal. Motion carried.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a first reading of policies: #211 Professional School Administrator Code of Ethics as amended, #720 School Safety Program, #723 Crisis Plan, #723.3 School Closing Due to Weather or Other Emergencies, #723.7 School Closing Due to Infectious Disease, #724 Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), #751.2 School Bus Safety Program, #754 Replacement of School Buses, #751 Food Service Accounts, and #780 Insurance Management. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a second reading of policies: #452 Wellness, #731 Buildings and Grounds Security, #731.2 Key Control, #732 Buildings and Grounds Maintenance, #734 Staff Personal Items Utilized in School, #735 Integrated Pest Management, #736 Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Management Plan, #751 Student Transportation Services, #751.1 Bus Routing and Scheduling, #751.5 Use of Video Monitoring Systems on School Buses, #753 School Vehicles. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to eliminate policy #762 Collection of Food Service Related Charges. Motion carried.

Mr. Helgeson welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding the superintendent's evaluation, contracts for specific administrative personnel, and compensation for a supervisor.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:46 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Perri seconded to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk