

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2016
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 21, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Josh Mallicoat recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat (7:10), Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, Dean Buchanan, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Gretchen Hanchette. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Brennan Bahr, Mike Malott and Scott Scafe.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. The district jazz band concert is tonight in the Heider Center.
2. The boys' and girls' basketball teams competed against Black River Falls at the La Crosse Center.
3. Last week at the high school was first semester finals week.
4. The hockey team won its recent games (Aquinas, La Crescent, Eau Claire North) and has a record of 16-1, currently the longest winning streak in the state.
5. West Salem High School Junior Molly Hunter was the second runner-up in the teen division at the Miss Seven Rivers Pageant on January 23, 2016.
6. Each district art educator selected 5 pieces of artwork for Youth Art Month. Art work from Peyton Freng, Allison Elliott, Brigitte Baker, Abby Johnson and Gretchen Hanchette were selected by High School Art Teacher Mr. Brown. They will be judged and the top 3 from each teacher will go on to the State Capitol exhibit in March. The West Central Regional art show will be held throughout the month of February in the Heider Center and will include works from K-12 students in CESA #4 and CESA #10.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Board Grant Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported that a committee met, received 6 applications and awarded 3 grants.

Reports from Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, and Rick Kline were reviewed.

DECA Club – Officers Jinal Patel, Allison Elliott, Kaylee Mulholland, Kate Sikyta, and Abigail Maliszewski, along with Advisors Jason Holter and Brittney Hodgson reported on the recent district conference. There were 60 students who participated at the district competition and 32 students will compete at state.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2016; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment Requests for the 2016-16 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donation from Burrachos for the Odyssey of the Mind. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen left the meeting about 7:25 p.m.

Vantage Architects, Jerry Schomberg, Kevin Bills and Brian Guthrie, reviewed the scope of study, the process, and project schedule for the proposed November 2016 referendum.

Mr. Schlimgen returned to the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

School Nutrition Director Kerri Feyen, Interim Elementary Principal Dean Buchanan and Elementary Associate Principal Lisa Gerke reviewed the breakfast in the classroom pilot. Breakfast in the classroom will continue through the remainder of the school year. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the 2015-2016 budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf, Mr. Schlimgen, Mrs. Halverson, Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Clements, Mr. Helgeson, Mr. Scafe, Mrs. Molling, and Mr. Gunderson reported on some of the sessions they attended at the State Education Convention last week.

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the designation of Open Enrollment Spaces as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Designation of Open Enrollment spaces for students with disabilities for 2016-2017 at five above each of the categories as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of Alex Sanders as Odyssey of the Mind Coach and Josh Brewer as Middle School Football Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: BJ Newton as Odyssey of the Mind Volunteer Coach and Angie Hemker as Odyssey of the Mind Coach (her third team). Motion carried unanimously.

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 nonextension/extension and employment of administrators; and approval of the January 4, 2016, closed session minutes.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:52 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk