

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2019
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. 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, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on January 24, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mike Malott recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Justin Jehn, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative reported on:

1. The high school show choir performed in Bloomington, MN on January 19. They tied for 6th place.
2. The show choir extravaganza took place this past Friday and Saturday night at the Heider Center. All show choirs performed and several soloists performed. Both nights had an outstanding attendance.

Rachel Newton, Student Representative reported on:

1. Dance team placed 2nd in poms and jazz and will be heading to state.
2. Girls' Basketball has won one game and lost one.
3. Boys' Basketball has lost two and tied one.
4. Wrestling lost their last dual meet.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments

Cristina Toro, foreign exchange student and Jacki Hickey, host parent, asked the Board to consider their request for Cristina to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee- Mrs. Griffin reported on the committee's meeting earlier this evening.

District Strategic Initiatives update by the Business Operations Team and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

A review of the high school Health Career Pathway program was provided by high school teachers Jennifer Stenberg, Antoinette Key, Pamela Hansen, and Amy Hanson.

Director of Finance Shawn Handland provided a summary of the 17-18 financial audit report and provided the Board a copy of the full audit.

Board members Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Catherine Griffin, Jane Halverson, Robin Fitzgerald, Syl Clements, and Superintendent Troy Gunderson shared highlights from the 2019 Education Convention.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2019, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 0-Nay, 2-Abstained (Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield)

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Strategic Planning for 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administration's request and approve a part-time paraprofessional at the elementary school. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the Open Enrollment space determinations for special education for the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

- Elementary Intellectual Disability/Autism: 1
- Elementary Early Childhood: 2
- Middle School emotional Behavioral Disability: 6
- High School Cross Categorical: 2
- High School Emotional Behavioral Disability: 3
- Programs/grade level not listed: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Finance Committee process and budget reductions for the 19-20 school year. No action was taken.

Operational Referendum communication strategy. No action was taken.

Contracts for administrators. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson 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, and regarding contracts for specific administrative personnel.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 10:00 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk