

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2018  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Syl Clements. 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 4, 2018.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

The Boy Scouts, West Salem Troop #77 led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Nate Krien recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Shawn Handland, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Nate Krien and Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mike Malott and Catherine Griffin.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Alexis Brueggen reported on:*

1. The Giving Tree NHS put on was a success and collected 12 boxes of personal care items that were donated to the West Salem Food Pantry, and all 60 tags were taken from the tree and the gifts were given to students at the middle and high school.
2. Boys' basketball had a good win against GET on Friday
3. Show choir also performed on Saturday
4. West Salem indoor softball league started Sunday and will play about 4 more weekends at the Eau Claire Sports Complex.

*Nate Krien reported on:*

1. SEP checkpoint was today so parts of the portfolio needed to be completed along with a mentor meeting
2. High school semester finals are next week.
3. DECA had a successful weekend at districts and will be taking the most students we ever have to state this March.
4. Wisconsin Youth Art Month Flag Design; 8 student artworks selected to be placed on the flag. Emilee Faucett's design was one of the winners out of over 500 submissions. Emilee will be honored at a ceremony at the State Capitol on Friday, March 9, 2018. The

flag will be designed and shown on the Wisconsin Art Education website, displayed at the ceremony, and at the National Art Education Association Convention in Seattle, Washington in March. Emilee and the other 7 student winners will be invited to Seattle to be honored there as well. Samantha Quam and Annika Hutchens were honorable mentions.

#### *Correspondence*

A thank you card from the Frances Green family was read.

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week, January 22-26, 2018, was read.

*Public comments* – None.

#### *Written and Oral Reports*

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the January 2018 meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported that the committee reviewed the plans prior to bidding for the Multi-purpose events center.

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the committee reviewed the final draft of the co-curricular compensation (salaried) positions and organizational chart.

District Performance Initiative reports by administrators Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott and Justin Jehn, Eric Jensen, Michael St Pierre, and Troy Gunderson. Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignations of Hannah Bott-school nutrition; Jamie Steinhoff-paraprofessional, and Ethan Andres-paraprofessional; the retirement of Ingrid Batzel-custodian; and the hire of Shayna Miller-school nutrition.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2017; the invoices to be paid; and hire Odyssey of the Mind Leader-Angie Hemker and middle school assistant girls' basketball coach-Jane Frank. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the donations from Roger Fish, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, La Crosse County Jean's Day Fund, and Jennifer & Larry Schrader for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to authorize Mrs. Halverson to vote as she sees fit with the proposals in the 2018 delegate assembly at the Education Convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the request for additional paraprofessional support as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary enrollment, staffing and budget information for the 2018-2019 school year were reviewed. No action was taken.

The designation of regular and special education Open Enrollment spaces for the 2018-2019 school year were reviewed. No action was taken.

The final plans for the multi-purpose events center were shared. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve for the second reading of policies #341.1 Education for Employment, #345.5 Graduation, #423 Early Admission to Five-Year-Old Kindergarten and First Grade, and #460 Student Awards and Scholarships. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements 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 contracts for specific administrative personnel.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:00 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk