

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017
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 5, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Davita Molling led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Eric Jensen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, and Davita Molling; Student representative: Paige Dunnun. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mike Malott, Lisa Gerke and Simon Buchanan.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Abby Dunnun reported on:

1. As part of his senior exit project, Austin Kennedy camped out for 24 hours in the parking lot of Our Savior's Lutheran Church to raise awareness for homelessness in the area and collect needed items.
2. Abby Johnson, another West Salem senior, began her senior exit project by inviting students and community members to create clay bowls. These bowls were glazed and sold at the "Empty Bowls soup dinner" this past weekend.
3. Also this past Saturday, the middle and high school show choirs debuted in a Viterbo competition. The high school all-girl choir, Vivace, and middle school show choir, Crescendo, both took first place in their divisions.
4. Yesterday, the high school dance team competed in East Troy and took home three first places in pom, jazz, and hip hop, along with the overall highest score of the of the day.
5. The DECA Chapter competed at UW-Stout this past weekend at their district conference. This year's competition had 18 schools and over 500 students in attendance. In March, the finalists will compete at the State Conference in Lake Geneva.
6. A summary of recent and upcoming competitions in gymnastics, girls and boys basketball was provided.

Correspondence

A thank you card from Mardeana Glasel was read.

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 16-20, 2017, was read.

A thank you note from the West Salem Lions Club regarding the Middle School's participation in the Annual Christmas Food Basket Drive was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

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

District Performance initiative updates by administrators Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2017; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 16-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

High School Athletic Director Jordan Gilge presented information on a possible boys and girls swimming cooperative with the School District of La Crosse beginning in the 17-18 school year.

Nutrition Services Director Kerri Feyen presented information on the current breakfast program.

Principals Josh Mallicoat, Ben Wopat and Ryan Rieber reviewed Educator Effectiveness and Student Learning Outcomes.

Designation of regular and special education Open Enrollment spaces for the 17-18 school year was discussed. Mr. Jensen provided more detail on special education considerations.

Mr. Gunderson provided an update on the Senior Tax Exchange Program (S.T.E.P.). Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to rescind a previous motion to approve the Senior Tax Exchange Program. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to authorize Mrs. Halverson to vote as she sees fit with the proposals in the 2017 delegate assembly at the Education Convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the resignations of Adaptive/Physical Education Teacher Andy Sires and Paraprofessional Sabrina Flood as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for a Jane Frank as the middle school assistant girls basketball coach. 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. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:02 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, 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

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk