

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2018
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Syl Clements. 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 October 18, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Schlimgen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Robin Fitzgerald recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, Ben Wopat (7:31) and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jane Halverson and Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton, Student Representative reported on:

1. Trap Shooting Team - Ryan Nickels shot 100 clay targets without a miss.
2. A summary of the past couple weeks of sporting events.

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative reported on:

1. Unity Day is October 24. Youth Frontiers is making a video that will be shown to all students.
2. The one act play “Selfies” received an advance rating on their performance on October 15. They will be competing at sectionals tomorrow, October 23.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Susan Jeffers was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the events of the committee’s meeting.

District Strategic Initiative updates by the Business Operations Team and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Troy Gunderson provided a summary of the construction projects.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the retirements of high school paraprofessional Lauren Larson and elementary custodian Robert Ruud.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2018; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2018; the invoices to be paid; co-curricular recommendations: Austin Cook-middle school head wrestling coach, Sam Adams-middle school assistant wrestling coach, Kyle Holzhausen-7th grade boys' basketball assistant coach, Steve Kastenschmidt-varsity boys' basketball head coach, Jared Hauser-JV boys' basketball coach, Kenny Desrosiers-assistant boys' basketball coach, Bill Jensen-high school boys' basketball volunteer assistant coach, Carrie O'Hearn-high school head gymnastics coach, Brittney Hodgson-high school assistant gymnastics coach, Kristin Tschumper-high school volunteer gymnastics assistant coach, Eric Borre-varsity hockey head coach, Shaun Borrie-JV hockey coach, Bob Gorniak-assistant hockey coach, Michael Bergehefer-volunteer assistant hockey coach, Josh Brewer-high school varsity wrestling coach, Tyler Shrake and Mike Lyga-high school assistant wrestling coach, Alex Wasechek and Zach Elliot-high school volunteer assistant wrestling coach; Open Enrollment requests for 18-19 school year; and the resignation of Amy Hanson as the play director assistant-2nd semester. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Harold and Barb Hoffman for the high school trap team, and from the Knights of Columbus for the special education program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adopt the following resolution: Resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$3,000,000 for the operation of the schools of the district: \$1,500,000 on October 26, 2018, with an additional \$1,500,000 on November 29, 2018, with a payment of \$1,500,000 to be made on December 14, 2018, and the final payment of \$1,500,000 on January 25, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Bloomfield seconded to approve the 2018-19 budget as presented and to set the 2018-10 school tax levy at \$8,188,099 with a Mill Rate of 0.00889. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the 18-19 second semester Early College Credit Requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to select Catherine Griffin to serve on the Boys' and Girls' Club Brenengen Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to select Syl Clements, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Jane Halverson, and Robin Fitzgerald to review the Board Grant applications. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(f) “Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations, regarding a professional staff member, and the discipline of a student.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:42 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk