

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2014
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 October 23, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Fred Perri led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mark Carlson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Ken Schlinggen, Fred Perri, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Mariah Arneson and Cameron Robaczewski. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen and Scott Scafe.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Cameron Robaczewski reported on:

1. The high school athletic teams have all competed in the WIAA playoffs over the past couple of weeks. The boys' cross country team won conference a couple of weeks ago. Riley Scallon and Kate Schroeder qualified for the state meet and will compete in the meet this Saturday at Wisconsin Rapids.
2. This week, the Spanish IV students made ofrendas for the Day of the Dead. An ofrenda is a collection of objects placed on a ritual altar during the Day of the Dead. These ofrendas will be on display for the other Spanish classes to see in the upstairs conference room. Also in the foreign language department, the Spanish club is having their first meeting tonight, and they are attending the movie "The Book of Life" to learn more about Spanish culture and lifestyle.

Mariah Arneson reported on:

1. The high school participated in a One Act Play Competition on Friday, October 24 with Viroqua. Both Viroqua and West Salem will be moving on to sectionals. The play performed was "The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet", a comedy of Romeo and Juliet and talks like Dr. Seuss in rhymes. There were about 20 high school students on our team.

2. The middle and high schools will be WKCE Testing this week.
3. Tonight at the middle school is the last day for first quarter parent/teacher conferences.
4. Seniors working on SEP's. The paper is due on Thursday, October 30, which is earlier than last year. Seniors are currently in the editing stages of their paper.

Correspondence—None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the Finance Committee met tonight and reviewed the 14-15 budget, Fund 73 and OPEB Liability.

Reports by Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline, Davita Molling, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2014 and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the donation from Zachary Rigotti for a high school scholarship. Motion carried.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the 2014-15 final budget as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve to set the 2014-15 school tax levy at \$7,706,891. This includes \$415,000 in defeasance put towards paying down the debt on the high school project and will result in a mil rate of \$10.20. Motion carried.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve to set the date of the December meeting as Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson, Mr. Perri and Mr. Clements volunteered to review the 2014-15 board grant applications.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Perri seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations:

High school – head wrestling coach, Randy Dammon; assistant wrestling coaches, Josh Brewer, David Neuman, Eric Zinck, and Steven Kursner; JV boys' basketball coach, Steven Kastenschmidt, freshman boys' basketball coach, Jonathan Selck; head girls' basketball coach, Mike Malott; assistant girls' basketball coach, Scott Koepnick, Alyssa Jarosh and Jenna Geurts; co-head gymnastics coaches, Amy Dupont and Carrie O'Hearn; hockey assistant coaches, Bob Gorniak and Shaun Borre; winter dance team coach, Olivia Mercer;

Middle school - middle school student council advisor, Ben Tashner; 8th grade boys' basketball head coach, Justin Running; 7th grade boys' basketball head coach, Brad Skaer; head wrestling coach, Josh Brewer; assistant wrestling coach, Tyler Shrake; 7th grade girls' basketball head coach, Justin Running; 8th grade girls' basketball head coach, Heather Jehn.
Motion carried.

There were no resignations for the board to act upon.

Architects from StruXture Architects, Nick Hildebrandt and Jesse Lizer, lead a discussion on the district's campus and facility planning.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk