

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Catherine Griffin led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Alexis Brueggen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Nate Krien reported on:

1. The high school volleyball teams has two games this week and will start playoffs next week.
2. 2018 Senate Scholar Program is a week-long educational program offered by the Wisconsin State Senate that provides high school students with a hands-on, up-close view of the Legislature's role in our democracy. Senate Scholars gain experience in such diverse areas as policy development, constituent relations, and processing legislation by working with senators, legislative staff and University of Wisconsin faculty. The students will be in Madison for an entire week and are now taking applications.
3. Last week at the high school was mid-quarter and the high school hosted parent/teacher conferences tonight.

Alexis Brueggen reported on:

1. Last week was Homecoming Week. The football team won their homecoming game and are looking to beat Onalaska this Friday.
2. The WSHS Drama Department is performing two one-act comedies on Thursday.
3. The high school band will perform their last half-time show performance at the football game this Friday. This Friday will also be senior night for the band students.

4. Senior Sophie Venner was selected as the WSHS November Art Student of the Month. Her work includes acrylic and oil paintings featuring eyes, lips and human form.

Correspondence

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was read, proclaiming Gifted Education Week, October 9-13, 2017.

A thank you letter from the 2017 Homecoming Parade Marshall, Nick Miller, was read. Nick was a graduate from the class of 1998 and is the owner of Le Coulee Cheese Castle in West Salem.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the events of the past two Finance Committee Meetings.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the events of last weeks committee meeting.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the Board's October meeting.

District Performance Initiative reports by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of paraprofessional Janeen Anderson and paraprofessional Kristi Schmitz; the hiring of Amy Browne as a part-time cook, Melissa Olver and Ashley Johnson as part-time district office administrative assistants; hiring Janel Lochen as a middle school assistant volleyball coach, Justin Running as 8th grade boys' basketball coach, Jon Jones as the assistant 8th grade boys' basketball coach, Heather Jehn as the 7th grade boys basketball coach, Janel Lochen as the assistant 7th grade boys basketball coach, Tyler Shrake and Adam Kratochvill as co-head middle school wrestling coaches, Justin Running as the 7th grade girls' basketball coach, Heather Jehn as the 8th grade girls' basketball coach, Carrie O'Hearn as the head gymnastics coach, Kristin Tschumper, Brittany Hodgson and Kelly Schams as assistant gymnastics coaches, Eric Borre as the head hockey coach, Shaun Borre and Bob Gorniak as assistant hockey coaches, Michael Berghefer as a volunteer hockey coach, Josh Brewer as the head wrestling coach, Tyler Shrake as the assistant wrestling coach, and David Neuman as a volunteer wrestling coach; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 2017-18 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept donations from Linda’s Bakery for the high school, from Jon & Lynette Labus for the Tom Black Memorial Scholarship Fund, from the Knights of Columbus #9438 Annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser for the Special Education Program, and from Gundersen Health Systems for the CAN Lab. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson moved to approve for the first reading of policies #363 Web Publishing, #345.1 Grading Systems, #345.2 Reporting Student Progress and Achievements to Parents, and #533 Employment of Personnel-as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Two tax parcels in the City of La Crosse are situated in the School District of West Salem boundaries. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to proceed with the detachment process of Tax Parcels 17-10600-40 and 17-10600-20 to the School District of La Crosse. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to proceed with the process for designing and cost estimates for the Multipurpose Event Center and auto lab addition. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the lasted estimates for the proposed 17-18 budget, mill rate and tax levy. No action was taken.

Co-curricular survey results – No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to set the date for the December board meeting as Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. 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) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding the potential purchase of land adjacent to the district’s land.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:24 p.m. A roll vote was taken: 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. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk