

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016
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 November 10, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Troy Gunderson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Greg Brickl 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, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Davita Molling, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Paige Dunnun and Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnun reported on:

1. On November 5th, West Salem High School DECA and Interact club, along with many other West Salem students and community members, participated in iFeed - a one day event where dried meals are packed and shipped to countries with children in need. It also serves as a food drive to fill local food pantries.
2. As his Senior Exit Project, Wyatt Molling held a mock election at the high school, allowing students to receive a true voting experience. First graders were also able to participate in a simplified mock election, which included everything from ID checks to clerks registering voters.
3. Two weeks ago, the West Salem High School Youth Frontiers began a penny war to help the DeSoto schools recover from flooding. This competition between grades raised over \$2,800 and on December 2, the Youth Frontiers leaders will travel to De Soto High School and present students, staff, and community members with a check for flood relief.

Simon Buchanan reported on:

Fall 1st Team, 2nd Team, Honorable Mention and other awards.

Football: 1st Team: Adam Butzler - OL, Layne Anderson - OL, Layne Anderson - DL, Brendan Holt – LB; 2nd Team: Matt Bigley - LB, Alex Jeranek - LB, Brent Heilman - LB, Ryan

Beirne - QB, Ryan Beirne – K; Honorable Mention: Gabe Lamon - RB, Nick Miller – DL; MVC Lineman of the Year - Layne Anderson; MVC Sportsmanship Award - Tyler LeDoux.

Soccer: First year in the MVC, and we took 4th place. Nathan Belling and Simon Buchanan - 1st team, Joey Oldendorf - 2nd team, Isaac Trocinski and Tony Weilandt - honorable mention. Isaac also received the MVC Sportsmanship award.

Volleyball (Coulee Conference): Kendra Clements - honorable mention, Carlie Burkhard, Abbie Niemeier, and Aunna Carlson - second team, Tianna Sackett and Maggie Lattos - first team, Maggie Lattos - Coulee Conference player of the year.

Cross Country: Kate Schroeder was an individual state qualifier and finished 25th out of 152 Division II runners. This was Kate's third appearance at state. She improved her time by almost a minute from last year's race and improved by 54 places.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the committee met and discussed the co-curricular schedule, survey, compensation and benefits, recruiting & training, and wellness.

Teaching and Learning Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported that the committee met and discussed the use of the new state report card, college readiness, kindness and compassion, and creativity and innovation.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met and discussed long-term finance strategy.

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

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

District Art Educators Quenten Brown and Angie Hemker shared a collaborative drawing project. The project included students in first grade and high school.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2016; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Three-In-One Construction for the Middle School Tech Ed Department, from Kmpfuhl, Inc and First Supply for the High School Robotics Team, and from the Knights of Columbus for the Special Education Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the STEP: Senior Tax Exchange Program, a program the district is thinking of starting which benefits retirees and the school district.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the 2017-18 school calendar as presented. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 2-Nay [Schlimgen/Brickl])

Mrs. Gerke left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the resignations of paraprofessional Leann Stuart and administrative assistant Abby Ferrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the request for a part-time special education paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the 2016-17 Miscellaneous Wage Rate revisions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Justin Running, middle school girls' basketball coach; Kelly Schams, high school gymnastics volunteer coach; Nathan Clements, assistant wrestling coach; and Scott Pirstill, assistant boys' soccer coach. Motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent evaluation document will be e-mailed to the Board. The survey should be completed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25, 2016. The evaluation will be reviewed in closed session on November 28, 2016.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed long-term debt, financing strategy. The financial consultant will be at the November 28, 2016, Board Meeting.

Simon Buchanan left the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Jerry Schomberg & Brian Guthrie of Vantage Architects and Jeff Moorhouse of Paragon Associates were present to offer an overview of the district campus site and building projects schedule, plan/process, and development phase.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk