

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2015
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 November 19, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Thomas Helgeson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Lisa Gerke recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Gretchen Hanchette and Brennan Bahr. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. The Class of 2016 had their class group picture taken using a drone. The marching band worked with the West Salem Police Department to record overhead video of the band marching in the homecoming parade. The video was shown in band and gave a great perspective on what needs to be worked on.
2. The first hockey match will be with Mosinee.
3. The boys' basketball team competed against Reedsburg in a scrimmage.
4. West Salem High School Senior Hailey Dutton signs her national letter of intent to compete in college rowing at Division 1 Eastern Michigan University.

Brennan Bahr reported on:

1. The high school DECA Club held various activities in celebration of Global Entrepreneurship Week, which is a celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare.
2. The high school Mock Trial team had guest speaker Lt. Dan Kloss who spoke on the use of force.
3. The high school band had a guest speaker from UW-La Crosse: Michael Forbes, low brass instructor and composer.

Correspondence

The Board received a letter from John Hammes of the West Salem Hockey Association, encouraging the board to give consideration to the Hockey Association when planning the campus layout.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015; the invoices to be paid and the Open Enrollment Request for a seventh grader to attend our district. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the 2016-17 school calendar as presented. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Nay)

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the request from Elementary Teacher Rick Martinson to change his 1.0 FTE contract to a .50 FTE contract beginning January 4, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Abby Johnson as a part-time Public Information Specialist and Grant Writer. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Nay)

The Board held a discussion on the Performance Initiative: Communication & Community. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson and Jeff Moorehouse from Paragon Associates led the Board, Administration and the audience in a campus and facility plan drafting activity. High School Athletic Director Jordan Gilge and Middle School Athletic Director Amanda Beld were also present to provide input. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk