

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2016
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 22, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ben Wopat led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Josh Mallicoat 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, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Davita Molling, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Paige Dunnum. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen and Simon Buchanan.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. The high school math team traveled to UW-Platteville to compete in a math contest in which they finished 7th out of 11 very competitive teams in their division. In the individual competition, Brandon Schran tied for 5th place out of 75 seniors and juniors and Trygve Lebakken also tied for 5th out of 75 freshmen and sophomores.
2. Over 200 high school choir and band members traveled to Orlando, Florida this past week to showcase their talents in Disney World. On Wednesday night, the band marched in a parade at magic kingdom and Friday, the choir sang in two performances of the candlelight processional in Epcot.
3. At the middle school, students and staff have been working for over 2 months to put together this year's middle school musical, a children's version of "Willy Wonka". The musical will be performed at the Heider Center this Thursday and Friday, December 1st and 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the committee's agenda.

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

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Brian Brewer, Managing Director, RW Baird was on hand to review the Sale of Bonds.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to adopt the following resolution awarding the sale of \$9,900,000 General Obligation School Improvement Bonds:

INCORPORATE RESOLUTION WORDING IN THE MINUTES
RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF
\$9,900,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016, the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (the "District") adopted an Initial Resolution (the "Initial Resolution") authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 to raise funds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school improvement program consisting of: renovations and additions at the current Middle School; renovations and building infrastructure improvements at the Elementary School; site improvements, including additional parking and a new bus transfer area; and acquisition of related furnishings, fixtures and equipment (the "Project");

WHEREAS, school districts are authorized by the provisions of Section 67.04(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and to issue general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") for public purposes such as the Project;

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016, the School Board adopted a resolution providing for a referendum election on the proposition of whether the Initial Resolution should be approved;

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, a referendum election (the "Referendum") was held in the District on the proposition of whether the Initial Resolution should be approved at which 3,352 votes were cast "YES" for approval of the Initial Resolution and 2,118 votes were cast "NO" for rejection of the Initial Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of Canvassers duly reported the aforesaid results to the District Clerk who has made said results public;

WHEREAS, the District has directed Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated ("Baird") to take the steps necessary to sell a \$9,900,000 portion of the Bonds authorized by the Initial Resolution and the Referendum;

WHEREAS, Baird, in consultation with the officials of the District, prepared an Official Notice of Sale (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference) setting forth the details of and the bid requirements for the Bonds and indicating that the Bonds would be offered for public sale on November 28, 2016;

WHEREAS, the District Clerk (in consultation with Baird) caused a form of notice of the sale to be published and/or announced and caused the Official Notice of Sale to be distributed to potential bidders offering the Bonds for public sale on November 28, 2016;

WHEREAS, the District has duly received bids for the Bonds as described on the Bid Tabulation attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Bid Tabulation"); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the bid proposal (the "Proposal") submitted by the financial institution listed first on the Bid Tabulation fully complies with the bid requirements set forth in the Official Notice of Sale and is deemed to be the most advantageous to the District. Baird has recommended that the District accept the Proposal. A copy of said Proposal submitted by such institution (the "Purchaser") is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference.

Motion carried unanimously.

Josh Barbian with PMA Financial reviewed the investment of proceeds from the Bond Sale.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adopt the following resolution: Resolution authorizing entry into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement relating to the "Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative" and authorizing participation in the investment programs of the fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the resignations of track coach, Bret Miller and volleyball coach Tina Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: high school volunteer hockey coach, Michael Bergehefer; high school wrestling coach, Tyler Shrake; baseball coaches, Damian Wiblin, Jordan Rondorf, Jason Holter and Chuck Ihle; Odyssey of the Mind coaches Maria Swanke, Jenny Stenberg, Heidi Knudson, Jen Wheeler, Carrie Johnson, and Angie Hemker; and Odyssey of the Mind volunteer coaches, B.J. Newton, Dave Bohnsack, Kathy Rhoden, and Callie Helgeson.

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) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding the superintendent's evaluation.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:30 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; 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, Mr. Brickl seconded to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk