

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, 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 February 7, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Rachel Newton led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Dagan Hemker recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott (7:31), Ryan Rieber, and Deanna Wiatt; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tom Grosskopf, Eric Jensen and Shawn Handland.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of a TIF Report by Mr. Schlimgen under II. Connection with the community, d. Reports #6. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Student Representative Rachel Newton reported on:

1. Girls basketball has won 3 games
2. Boys basketball has won 2 and lost 1
3. Wrestling placed 3rd at their conference tournament on February 2nd
 - Joe Hess had his 100th career win
 - Aaron Bahr became the all-time wins leader with his 168th career win
4. Placed 2nd at the regional tournament on the 9th
 - Six wrestlers qualified for sectionals this upcoming Saturday
 - Evan Wolfe, Dalton Schams, Aaron Bahr, and Joe Hess were tournament champions
 - Carlyle Lyga and Dylan Noel both took 2nd

Student Representative Dagan Hemker reported on:

1. DECA chapter went to a Milwaukee Bucks game on February 9th
2. Show choir placed 5th (singsations) and 6th (vivace) in Eau Claire on February 2nd
 - Josie Hanson won best female soloist (February 2nd)
 - Finished their season on Saturday (February 9th) at a competition at Logan HS

Correspondence

A letter of congratulations to Ryan Waldhart from Alden “Buz” Hofer was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Transportation Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the committee’s last meeting.

Finance Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the committee’s last meeting.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the committee’s last meeting.

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

District Strategic Initiative updates by the Superintendent Cabinet Team and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

TIF District – Mr. Schlimgen reported that he attended the meeting with the Village of West Salem about the TIF District.

Members of the West Salem High School DECA club and DECA Advisor Jason Holter presented information on the recent competition and introduced the club’s officers. DECA Officers: Danielle Miller, Julia Stoleson, Kendra Ames, Abby Sharp, Carissa Hass, and Kylie Wright. Max Schumacher was also in attendance as he and Julia Stoleson will both be running for a state office.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2019, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously. There were no resignations to act upon.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept donations from Legegar Roofing for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe account, from Ashley for the Arts for the dance team and the swim team, from Dennis and Barbara Manthei for the scholarship fund, from the family of Nicholas and JoAnne Quinn for the scholarship fund, and from the La Crosse County Dairy Promotions for the high school Family and Consumer Education program. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget reductions for the 2019-2020 school year – No action was taken.

Board development session. A discussion was held and more discussion will be held at an upcoming Board Retreat to be scheduled. No action was taken.

Review list of action/to do items and process for updating the list – No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson 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 administrator contract extensions and an employee performance concern.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:29 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk