

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2019
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice President Syl Clements. 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 20, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Boy Scout Troop 77 led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, and Ryan Rieber; Student representative: Rachel Newton. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jane Halverson and Dagan Hemker.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The Aquaponics class teamed up with the Advanced Foods class where students made salads with ingredients grown in the high school's Aquaponics class
2. This past weekend, 5 West Salem High School art students had their artwork shown in the West Central Youth Art Month Exhibit in Black River Falls. The students were Emma Hull, Reghan Sage, Rachel Stein, Ada Hage, and Cristina Toro Garzon. Of those 5 students, 3 of them also had their work selected to hang in the State Capitol Rotunda Exhibit in Madison in April. The 3 students were Emma Hull, Rachel Stein, and Ada Hage
3. Joe Wopat held his SEP on March 17. He hosted a wheelchair basketball all-star game with local celebrities and members of the community. He raised \$1,167 for NASA, an organization that supports individuals with disabilities.
4. Team 5019 Gearbox Heroes held a scrimmage at the middle school on March 16. NHS members were also there and helped out with concessions, and Shanda Athnos sang the National Anthem
5. For their HOSA community awareness project, Madison Dutton, Anna Gorski, and Samantha Thompson collected one dollar on February 19^t from students so they could carry around their backpacks for the day. They brought awareness to autism.
6. Show Choir is holding their auditions today and tomorrow for next year's group.

7. Division 2 State Wrestling results: Dalton Schams placed 2nd, Joe Hess placed 6th and Aaron Bahr did not place.
8. Girls' basketball lost their regional match.
9. Boys' basketball will have their first playoff game this Thursday.
10. Gymnastics placed 2nd at sectionals this past Saturday and will be heading to state this Friday and Saturday.
11. Girl's hockey lost in overtime during their sectional match on Friday.
12. Boy's hockey lost against Tomah on Saturday.

Correspondence

A Proclamation by Carolyn Standford Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, School Breakfast Week, March 4-8, 2018, was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the meeting held earlier tonight.

District Strategic Initiatives update by the Business Operations Team and Troy Gunderson were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of Jeremy Yachwak-school nutrition.

Elementary Staff Recognition – Mr. Rieber announced that Dayna Andersen was nominated and selected by UW-La Crosse and Ashley Thornton was nominated and selected by Viterbo University for Early Career Educator Awards. Anne Skaar was the months WXOW, SSE Music, Brenengen Auto, and Dependable Solutions - Tools for Schools winner.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2019; the invoices to be paid; the Open Enrollment requests for 18-19 school year as presented; hire: high school softball coaches-Brian Babiash-head, Brittney Hodgson-assistant, Rod Hamilton-volunteer, Rob Hanson-volunteer, and Michelle Babiash-volunteer; high school girls' and boys' track head coach-Katelyn Shepardson; middle school track coaches-Nicole Friell, Ben Tashner, Sarah Weber and Bill Jensen; 7th grade softball coach-Makenzie Becker and Ethan Ringlien, 8th grade softball coach Katie Fink; approve the WIAA Cooperatives for 19-20 and 20-21 for hockey, gymnastics and wrestling; and approve contracts for administrators as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #422.1 Foreign Exchange Students as amended, #345.52 Commencement Ceremony, #522.71 Staff Use of Social Media, #529 District Vehicle Driver Requirements, #673 Payment Procedures, and #171.1 Public Notification of School Board Meetings and Required Legal Notices. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the first reading of Policy #723 Crisis Plan.

No action was taken on the first reading to reaffirm Policy #720 School Safety Policy.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to offer members of the professional teaching staff who qualify for Wisconsin Retirement System and who qualify for the School District of West Salem post-employment benefit an early retirement incentive of an additional 10% onto their post-employment benefit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Development preparation for Board Retreat in March of 2019. Mr. Gunderson provided the board members with the handout to review prior to the retreat – Boards: Tolerate? Ignore? Embrace?.

Administrative Action Items List – discussion was held and no action was taken.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk