

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2017
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 February 22, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Paige Dunnun led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Catherine Griffin recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Davita Molling (7:01), and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Paige Dunnun and Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Greg Brickl, Michael St. Pierre and Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnun reported on:

1. On February 17, West Salem held an Honors Band, inviting the best musicians from local schools to play together. Students received their music a week before the event, and spent all day that Friday learning to play with one another under the supervision of guest conductor Tammy Fisher of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The day finished with a free concert at the Heider Center.
2. The West Salem Middle School Student Council, which discusses and organizes various middle school events, activities, and dress-up days, ran concessions for the two middle school basketball games this week as a fundraiser for future activities.
3. On February 23, the West Salem High School Drama Department put on a play entitled “Senior Year Survivor”, that included high school students in grades 9 - 12. The play, which requires audience participation and has multiple endings, will be performed Tuesday for the senior class, and one final time this Thursday, March 2, at 7pm.
4. The Panther Quiz Bowl Tournament was February 18, and the two West Salem Teams both placed. The West Salem A Team took 2nd place while the West Salem B placed 4th. Both teams have qualified for the National Tournament where they will compete in Chicago at the end of April.

Simon Buchanan reported on:

1. Boys' and girls' basketball events of the past two weeks were summarized.
2. Devin Bahr earned his third state title in wrestling. Aaron Broer also competed at state wrestling this past weekend.
3. The gymnastics team is sectional champions and will compete at state along with three gymnasts, Anna Tanke, Anna Gorski and Ellie Tschumper, competing in individual events.
4. The hockey team is sectional champions and will compete at state.

Correspondence

A note from Ellen Thorn of the Heider Center Arts Board regarding their request for enhanced concessions was read.

A press release was shared: DECA Recognizes Outstanding School-based Enterprises.

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, School Breakfast Week, March 6-10, 2017, was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the multi-purpose events center, site preliminary cost estimates, the Boys and Girls Club agreement and the Owners Representative.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2017; the Special Board Meeting minutes of February 20, 2017; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to convene into closed session

The Board will discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats § 19.85(1)(f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations" for the purpose of discussing a student issue.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:19 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlingen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to reconvene into open session at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to deny the Open Enrollment request for the 16-17 school year based on the best interest of the student. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

With the upcoming Spring Election, the Board discussed the position of student representatives to the school board. No action was taken.

No action was taken on hiring an Owner's Representative for the campus and facility projects after hearing from the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Mr. Gunderson summarized the 17-18 Budget information following the February 20 Special Board meeting. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Tyler Fish as a Limited-Term Adaptive Physical Education/High School Physical Education Teacher for the remainder of the school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the administrations co-curricular recommendations to hire Katie Fink, 7th grade softball head coach; Stacy Rel, 8th grade softball head coach; Nicole Friell, middle school track & field head coach; Scott Johnson and Bill Jensen, middle school track & field coaches; Teesha Williams, volunteer track coach; Rod Hamilton, Rob Hansen, Ethan Giese, and Victoria Hansen, volunteer softball coaches. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Steve Doyle was present to provide an update on events happening in the state and issues concerning public education.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk