

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 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 February 5, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jane Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Michael St. Pierre recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Fred Perri (7:12), and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, John Smalley, Mike Malott (7:35), Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative Cameron Robaczewski. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mariah Arneson.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Connection with the Community

Cameron Robaczewski reported on:

1. Middle school current events: the MathCounts team went to UW-La Crosse last Friday to compete at regionals. The team placed 2nd overall and individuals Andrew Murphy and Ian Knudson placed 2nd and 4th, respectively. Also, the middle school will have their winter wellness day, where students will get to spend a day doing different activities. Parent teacher conferences are also coming up. The student council is participating in a fundraiser called Pennies for Patients in hopes of raising funds for the leukemia and lymphoma society.
2. Mariah Arneson is holding her SEP this evening. She held a health fair in the high school library. She participated in radio and TV interviews to spread the word. The event was sponsored by Gundersen, which included six stations.
3. On Friday, West Salem will host an honor band consisting of area schools. Students will practice as a group and in sectionals to prepare a few songs for the concert that night. There will also be a guest conductor.
4. The Wisconsin DECA Association has awarded junior Brennan Bahr the honor of being DECA member of the month. The school store, the Panther Plaza, was Gold Certified by DECA, and Brennan will be heading to the international competition in Orlando.

5. Game Show Wednesday was held on the last early release day, the high school had a learn day, where no classes were held but different activities: freshmen through juniors took part in test prep sessions and seniors attended different sessions about preparation for college. After the morning's sessions, the pep club hosted a game show in the Heider Center. The game was a great way to get the entire school together.
6. The high school student council has gotten approval for an ATM. After a proposal by member Anthony Baldwin and a survey showing interest, the student council drafted a proposal to get a ATM in the high school. The bank chosen was First Community Credit Union. A fee was decided upon, with 50 cents going towards a scholarship.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that they met with the WASB search consultants, approved a policy, accepted a resignation, contract with CESA #10, and CESA #4 services for 2015-16.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met tonight and reviewed preliminary budget numbers for 2015-16.

District Performance Initiatives updates by administrators Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2015; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment Request for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the following donations:

1. Gordon and Edith Phetteplace for the elementary art room
2. Pizza Villa for the elementary art room
3. Dahl Automotive for the DECA Club and the Booster Club
4. Syl's Supper Club for the high school baseball team and the high school tennis team
5. Friends of West Salem for the high school baseball team
6. Terry Geuntner for the high school drama department
7. 1st Community Credit Union for the Nutrition Services/Jane Doe fund.

Motion carried.

DECA Advisor Jason Holter and DECA student representatives Brennan Bahr, Erica Craig, Abby Maliszewski, and Josh Maliszewski gave a season update, which included a list of activities and projects by the club. There will be 20 students going to state in Lake Geneva.

Danielle Langel from Tostrud & Temp S.C. gave a review of the district's 2013-14 Financial Audit.

Mike Lorenz from the 1st Community Credit Union and Principal Mark Carlson shared information with the Board on the installation of an ATM in the high school commons. No action was taken by the Board.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed information with the board regarding campus, facility planning and referendum preparation, including what and how information can be presented. No action was taken by the board.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to hire Sarah Nighbor as the Pool Director for the 2015 season. Motion carried.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations.

Middle school coaches: track-Nicole Friell, Scott Johnson, Sarah Weber, and Bill Jensen; softball-Stacy Rel and Casi Rochester.

High school coaches: head baseball-Chuck Ihle, JV baseball-Jamie Olson, baseball C Team-Jonathan Selck, baseball volunteers-Dan Schneider and Curtis Fry.

Motion carried.

Mr. Helgeson 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" and (g) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved" regarding contracts for specific administrative personnel; nonextension/extension and employment of administrators.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:22 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Mr. Perri moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:04 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Perri, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried.

Open session

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve administrator contracts for 2015-2017.
Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Perri seconded to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk