

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2016
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 March 10, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Gretchen Hanchette led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Brennan Bahr recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlinggen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, Dean Buchanan, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Gretchen Hanchette and Brennan Bahr. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as amended, Mr. Schlinggen will give the Finance Committee Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. The following students had artwork on display at the Capitol in Madison: Brigitte Baker, Alli Elliot, Abby Johnson, Tierra Sackett, and Anna Johnson.
2. High school softball and track have started with track's first meet is Thursday at St. Mary's.
3. High School State Wrestling Results: Devin Bahr placed 1st (2 time state champion), Nathan Schomberg placed 5th, Aaron Bahr placed 5th, and Dalton Schams placed 3rd.
4. The high school girls' basketball lost in the sectional semi-final round to GET, 52-45.
5. High school gymnast Anna Tanke made it to the state meet in vault and floor. She placed 7th on vault, but did not place for floor.

Brennan Bahr reported on:

1. Members from DECA participated in the Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics and ended up raising \$1,000.
2. West Salem DECA recently participated in their state competition in Lake Geneva. 17 students ended up qualifying for Internationals in Nashville. Also, Nate Krien, was elected to a State Office.
3. The high school Odyssey of the Mind team is holding art classes to raise money to plant flowers in downtown West Salem.

4. Robotics had regionals at Duluth.
5. Forensics had their districts competition and will be sending 11 students to state.

Correspondence

1. The resignation letter from School Nurse Connie Troyanek.
2. A copy of a letter from Harry Griswold to the Village of West Salem.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on budget projections.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the March 2 meeting.

District Performance Initiative updates by Dean Buchanan and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Selection of Art Work – High School Art Teacher Quenten Brown invited board, administrators and district staff to select work from the K-12 Honors Art Exhibit in the Heider Gallery to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for a year. Elementary Art Teachers Angie Hemker and Courtney Vesperman were also present. Mr. Brown also noted that Anna Johnson and Tierra Sackett were two of nine people in the entire state of Wisconsin to have their designs put on the 2016 Youth Art Month flag, which was displayed at the Capitol Rotunda exhibit in Madison. Tori Greer was also honored for her Honorable Mention design for the same flag. Abby Johnson, Brigitte Baker, Allison Elliot, Xavier Davidson, Kate Holm, Anna Witte, Breckin Clements, Meghan Hansen, and Layla Fink were among the over 300 statewide artists on display at the Capitol Rotunda exhibit this past Friday as well.

Presentation by Robotics Team –

High School Technology Education Teacher and Robotics Team Advisor Erik Mathison introduced Advisor Dave Halverson and robotics team members present: Ted Tiber, Janna Seeger, Gabe Sweeney, Matt Schams, Cassandra Francis, Justin Severeid, and Ryan Rasmussen. The Gearbox Heroes 5019 team provided a demonstration, summarized the season and answered questions.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2016; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2016; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 15-16 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halveson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept donations from the La Crosse/Monroe County Pork Producers for the high school Family & Consumer Science class; Autumn Bohl for the elementary LMC; from Kelly Schneider for the elementary LMC, Tom and Iris Moran for the Horace and Gladys Scholarship Fund; Target Take Charge of Education for the elementary, middle and high schools; Charles and Marilyn Evan and Larry and Connie Blunk for the high

school football program; and Friends of Baseball for the baseball program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Katelyn Shepardson, Ryan Carroll and Jordan Gilge-assistant track coach; Eric Borre-head golf coach; Julie Arentz-senior class advisor; and Rhonda Andres & Amy Hanson-co-drama club advisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson gave a budget update which included: 2016-17 budget summary, CESA #4 Comparison Data, Fund 10 tax levy, equalization aid and revenue limit, and a 5-year mil rate/tax levy projection. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on what is happening with Vantage Architects, Miron Construction and the proposed November 2016 referendum. No action as taken.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve Tricia Mulholland as the district office Business Assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the resignation of LMC paraprofessional Cole Andres, and the retirements of Spanish Teacher Loretta Zwonitzer, Science Teacher Mike Zwonitzer, Science Teacher Randy Dammon, and School Nurse Connie Troyanek. Motion carried uanimously

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” regarding the superintendent’s evaluation.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:30 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk