

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 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 April 6, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Simon Buchanan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Paige Dunnum recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Student representative and Coulee News recognition – Mr. Grosskopf presented Paige Dunnum and Simon Buchanan, Tobias Mann of the Coulee News were presented with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools.

Art teachers Quenten Brown, Johnnyray Wildt, Cassie Engen, and Angie Hemker were present to introduce each student to the board member, administrator or district staff who selected their piece of artwork to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year.

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. On Thursday, March 30, the middle school jazz band ended their season by performing for fifth grade students and parents at the annual ice cream social.
2. Saturday, April 1, West Salem High School hosted the annual Solo and Ensemble Festival. Over 40 West Salem students qualified for the state competition on Saturday, May 6, at UW-La Crosse.
3. The West Salem DECA chapter will be heading to the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California at the end of April with 14 students.

4. Relay for Life took place this past Friday, April 7 at the high school. The event consisted of various West Salem students, staff, and community members and even featured a performance by the West Salem Middle School show choir. West Salem teachers, Sarah Patterson and Krista Beron were honorary chairs for the annual event. Overall, West Salem's Relay for Life event was successful and over \$56,000 was raised in total for the American Cancer Society.

Simon Buchanan reported on:

The spring sports, golf, baseball, girls soccer, track, and softball, meets and games for each sport were summarized for the board.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Ray Deml family was read.

A thank you note from the George Apfel family was read.

Greg Brickl's letter of resignation from the West Salem Board of Education was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the Board's April meeting.

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported on the committee discussed co-curricular compensation, union negotiations and the employee handbook.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported that the committee discussed the bid strategy for the campus and facility projects.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee discussed the 17-18 budget, which included recommended additions and reductions.

District Performance Initiatives by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson.

Board Grant recipients, elementary teachers Lisa Jones and Mary Czajka, demonstrated and explained what they did with the funds used for "What's your 'sit' attitude?".

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2017, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept donations from Marisa & Gregory Jensen for the Jane Doe Fund, from the Baseball Booster Club for the baseball program, and from Rachel & Craig Lysne and family for the elementary music department. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the budget planning; strategies for deficit reduction. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the proposed professional staffing for the 17-18 school year. No action was taken.

Jerry Schomberg and Brian Guthrie from Vantage Architects were present to review the recommendations for finalizing of the bid process for the campus and facility projects. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the plan as proposed with the bid strategy with one amendment. The bid for the multi-purpose facility should go back to the Buildings and Grounds Committee to reassess the bid strategy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Albert Zolweg, assistant track coach for 16-17; Dave Hemker, volunteer soccer coach for 16-17; Brett Thompson, head volleyball coach for 17-18; Laura Weber, assistant volleyball coach for 17-18. Motion carried unanimously.

The school calendar was discussed. No action was taken

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the resignations of Paraprofessional Kelly Kalinowski, Teacher Melissa Iverson, Boys Basketball Coach Jake Merrill. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the administration's request to waive policy #751 Student Transportation Services and policy #484 Scheduling Student Activities/Practices for the 2017 Seven Rivers Regional FIRST Robotics Competition in La Crosse. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue preliminary notice(s) of non-renewal to teachers. No action was taken.

Mr. Clements 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 salaries of specific administrators and district staff members; issuing preliminary notice(s) of nonrenewal, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22; and approval of the January 23, 2017, closed session minutes. And (e) deliberating or negotiating or bargaining reasons require a closed session; for the purpose of discussing the employee compensation with the West Salem Education Association and West Salem School Employee Association for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:53 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. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn 9:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk