

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 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 April 7, 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. Excused: None.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Board member and student representative recognition – Gretchen Hanchette, Brennan Bahr, Scott Scafe and Thomas Helgeson with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools. WASB Member Recognition Certificates and Pins were presented to Syl Clements and Scott Scafe for their attainment to a new level in the leadership and board development program.

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

Brennan Bahr reported on:

1. The music department seniors went to Chanhassen last Wednesday to watch *Beauty and the Beast*.
2. Junior Devin Bahr was named Tribune Wrestler of the Year
3. 15 Juniors attended the annual Youth Frontiers leadership conference.
4. Jillie Olson's SEP "Lip Dub" video was shown for the school and is available online.
5. Students celebrated Principal Mallicoat's birthday by wearing black today.

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. Track-the next meet is tomorrow in Holmen at 4:45.
2. Softball-the softball team is currently playing in Arcadia.
3. Girls' soccer-they play tomorrow at Central and Thursday in Holmen .
4. Baseball-their past two games were against CFC Won 3-1, at Holmen lost 12-0.
5. Golf-practice has started.

Correspondence

A letter from CESA #4 congratulating Paul Liethen, Josh Mallicoat, Troy Gunderson and the district for its participation in the Mississippi Valley CESA 4 Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Transportation Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the April 11, 2016, Transportation Committee meeting regarding the sale/disposal and purchase of vehicles.

Staff Relations Committee – Mr. Scafe reported on the April 5, 2016, Staff Relations Committee meeting with the West Salem School Employees Association regarding base wages.

Bearing Wall Committee – Mr. Clements reported that Peggy Green was selected as the Bearing Wall Recipient and Patricia Seubert was selected as the La Verne Nuttelman Distinguished Service Award Recipient.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the Board of Control's agenda items.

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.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2016; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2016; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2016; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept donations from Subway, Linda's Bakery, Hansen's IGA for the National Honor Society; Jillian and Daren Hugo, Benjamin & Kally Bierman for the Lisa Hugo Scholarship Fund; Corbin Frydenlund and Jane Bangsberg for the elementary library. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Schomberg and Brian Guthrie from Vantage Architects; Craig Uhlenbrauck, Jason Recob, and Dylan Lienhardt from Miron Construction; and Mike Desmond from the Boys and Girls Club of La Crosse, were present to review and discuss the middle school design/remodel and district facility layout.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Scott Pirnstill as a high school volunteer assistant soccer coach. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Nay; Mr. Helgeson, Nay; Mr. Clements, Nay; Mrs. Halverson, Nay; Mrs. Griffin, Nay; Mr. Grosskopf, Nay; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to hire Scott Pirnstill as a high school assistant soccer coach at a rate of 1% of the co-curricular salary schedule base. 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.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the Youth Options/Course Options Fall 2016 requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson led the board in a discussion on dealing with student expulsions.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to enter into a new 66.0301 agreement with the Bangor School District for the delivery of services. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the sale/disposal of three plow trucks, one van, one regular school bus, and one special education bus; and to accept the bid (\$87,516) for the purchase of a Blue Bird Special Education Bus. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve contracts with Brickl Brothers, Sebesta Pools and Ramaker Engineering for the transportation and swimming pool construction projects; the Buildings and Grounds Committees will open all bids. After some discussion, Mr. Scafe called for the question. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the Staff Relations Committee's recommendation to approve the contract with the West Salem School Employees Association including a .12% increase to the base wages for the 16-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept resignations from Administrative Assistant Lori DuMars, Kindergarten Teacher Carrie Andres, Science Teacher Minda Lemke; and the retirement of Elementary Teacher Rick Martinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Maintenance Worker Tim Schaller. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk