

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2018
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Syl Clements. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, 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 19, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Troy Gunderson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat (7:11), Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, and Ryan Rieber; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Lisa Gerke, Michael St. Pierre and Shawn Handland.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Organization of the 2018-2019 School Board

Mr. Grosskopf moved to nominate Mr. Schlimgen for the office of President. Mr. Clements moved to nominate Mrs. Halverson for the office of President. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Paper ballots were used. Mr. Schlimgen received three votes and Mrs. Halverson received four votes.

Mr. Schlimgen moved to nominate Mr. Grosskopf for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Halverson moved to nominate Mr. Clements for the office of Vice President. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Paper ballots were used. Mr. Grosskopf received three votes and Mr. Clements received four votes.

Mrs. Halverson moved to nominate Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield for the office of Clerk. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield for the office of Clerk of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved to nominate Mr. Schlimgen for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Clements moved to nominate Mrs. Griffin for the office of Treasurer. Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved,

Mr. Schlimgen seconded to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Paper ballots were used. Mr. Schlimgen received two votes and Mrs. Griffin received five votes.

Introduction of new student board representatives Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded of a resolution authorizing the Board officers to borrow money for the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 school years per Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to select the Union State Bank of West Salem as the bank depository. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to authorize the use of facsimile signatures per Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to authorize the Board officers to invest surplus funds per Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to continue with the current schedule to select the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for Regular School Board Meetings and one meeting in December, to move the second meeting in July to July 30 and set the second meeting in May to Sunday, May 27, 2018 with the exact time to be determined. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Deputy Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members should provide their input to the Board President on committees interested in by April 30, 2018.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, to nominate Jane Halverson as the CESA #4 Representative. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to closed the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jane Halverson as the CESA #4 Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton reported on:

1. Star Search, which is a talent show for high school students, is coming up this Thursday, April 26, with 16 different acts signed up so far.
2. Sophomores completed the Forward exam and Civics test last week on April 12 and 13.
3. Sixteen DECA members left for ICDC in Atlanta, Georgia on Friday, April 20. There they will be competing for an international title with their various projects.

Dagan Hemker reported on:

1. SEP boards are due and are filling up the library. Practice presentations have also started for the seniors.

2. The student/staff penny war raised a total of \$1,690 for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, which exceeded the \$1,500 goal. Because they reached the goal, students will receive a special lunch of steak and a potato bar at a future date.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Angie Hemker was read.

A thank you note from Alexis Brueggen was read.

A proclamation from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, School Nutrition Employee Week, May 7-11, 2018, was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the committee met and reviewed staff salary plans.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met last week and reviewed health insurance, staff salary plans, and budget and staffing.

District Performance reports by David McPheeters, Shawn Handland, Rick Kline, Kerri Feyen, Barb Buswell, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced the retirements of paraprofessionals Susan Jeffers and Jan Liles.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2018; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2018; the invoices to be paid, the resignation of Special Education Teacher Shannon Jones; hiring only two special education teachers Carrie Wilson-Smith and Julie Quackenbush; and Odyssey of the Mind World Competition volunteer coaches contracts for Corey Sjoquist and Cassie Zarecki. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations for the High School Youth Frontiers Leadership Council in support of the recent penny war for the American Cancer Society from the following: Kwik Trip, Jim Dandy's, Ohana Yoga, Features, Courtesy Corporation (McDonalds), Linda's Bakery, and Le Coulee Cheese Castle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to select the WEA Trust Alternate 1 (one) health insurance plan for 2018-19. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the wages/salary schedules for staff: teachers, support, district and administrator as presented. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to replace the full-time LMC paraprofessional with a .5 FTE teacher for the 18-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to separate the Director of Instruction/Technology position and to approve the Director of Instruction position, eliminate the middle school lead teacher position and replace with an associate principal for the 18-19 school year. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to issue contracts to the school psychologists and teachers for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to issue contracts for bus drivers for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk