

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 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 May 7, 2015.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe (7:52), Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Gretchen Hanchette and Brennan Bahr. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Lisa Gerke and Dean Buchanan.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Brennan Bahr reported on:*

1. The Junior Prom was recently held; Sophia Clements was queen and Brennan Bahr was king.
2. DECA students at the Internal Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida.
3. High school students competed at the Skills USA competition; Riley Miller placed 3rd.
4. The high school Star Search event was held last week.

*Gretchen Hanchette reported on:*

High school students are preparing for finals.

*Correspondence*

A thank you letter from West Salem Middle Social Studies Teacher Jenny Morgan was read. A thank you letter from the West Salem Village People and the West Salem Boys and Girls Club was read.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that the board met last week and the recently hired administrator was in attendance. The board also approved personnel contracts, policies, health and dental renewals, and a contract for tech support.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Clements reported that the committee met and toured the swimming pool facility.

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

**Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2015; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2015 as amended; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the donations from Syl's Supper Club for the high school golf team and from Gene Curtis for the Kory Servais Memorial Scholarship. Motion carried unanimously.

DECA Advisor Jason Holter, Erin Faella, Nate Krien, and Brennan Bahr were present to give a summary of the season, the international competition in Orlando, Florida, and plans for the next season.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the request of football equipment for summer camp use. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the rollover of the Apple devices for new Apple devices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the request for a rate increase of \$.50 per hour for ChildFirst Centers of Care & Discovery, in addition to the request, the board wishes to change the wording of the contract to include the district's campus instead of a specific building. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on the boys and girls club use of district facilities. As of July 1, 2015, the club will no longer have a space in the village to operate as a club.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve \$22,000 towards the construction of a press box at the baseball stadium. Motion carried unanimously.

District Director of Maintenance Scott Johnson gave an update on the possibility of having solar panels on school buildings.

Mr. Gunderson gave a staffing update for the 2015-16 school year. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the staffing adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to issue contracts to the school psychologist and teachers for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's high school co-curricular recommendations: Jake Merrill, boys basketball head coach; Steve Kastenschmidt, JV boys basketball coach; Jonathan Selck, freshman basketball coach; Mike Malott, head girls basketball coach; Alyssa Jarosh, JV girls basketball coach; Eric Borre, head hockey coach; Bob Gorniak, assistant hockey coach; Shaun Borre, JV hockey coach; Josh Brewer and Steve Kurschner, co-head wrestling coaches, Dave Neuman, assistant wrestling coach; Carrie O'Hearn gymnastics coach; and Olivia Mercer, dance team. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to offer Benjamin Wopat a contract as the middle school principal, pending release from his current contract. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Abstain)

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignation of custodian Milt Strong and JV Golf Coach Brad Skaer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the school board committee assignments as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

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) (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons...would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations, regarding the behavior of a particular student.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin 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, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk