

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2018
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. 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 May 10, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingens, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber (7:09), and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Lisa Gerke and Michael St. Pierre.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton reported on:

1. The seniors have completed their SEP by doing their presentations to judges and community members last Wednesday.
2. The Junior Prom was May 6, 2018; Prom King-Christian Riemer, Prom Queen-Kylie Wright.
3. The high school forensics team competed at the State Forensics Competition in Madison and had seven medal winners.

Dagan Hemker reported on:

1. Last Thursday, the middle and high school band students met with Dr. John Stewart clinician.
2. A high school sports update was given.

Correspondence

A letter from John and Pat Reynolds to the Town of Greenfield Town Chairman regarding concerns with Strittmater Road/Lost Ridge Road.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the May meeting.

District Performance reports by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the retirement of paraprofessional Susan Jeffers, the resignations of bus driver Dean Tarasewicz, paraprofessional Joyce Larson, and paraprofessional Cheryl Kammel; and the hiring of John Laffey as a custodian.

High School Science Teacher and HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) advisor Pamela Hansen gave a presentation highlighting the club and the club's recent competition.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2018; invoices to be paid, the resignation of Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director Dawn LaFleur; and contract/hire elementary teachers-Tara Allind, Dayna Andersen, Nicholas Schmidt, Katie Christianson, special education teachers-Allie Hillestad, Amy Schmidt, Megan Adams, Raena Housker, high school math teacher-Allison Schullo. Motion carried unanimously. Acting on the hiring of the high school associate principal should be moved to the end of the meeting.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept donations from Collin Grosskopf for the art department, from the PTO for the elementary school, from La Crosse County for the middle school, from the high school health career program from the Mielke Foundation Generation III Martha and Clark Burdick Fund, from Bob Bahr for the middle school music department, and from the La Crosse Area Builders Association Annual Tools For Schools banquet for the high school technology education department. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the School Board Assignments as presented along with having Robin Fitzgerald as the WASB Delegate, Catherine Griffin as the WASB Alternate Delegate, and Syl Clements as the WASB Legislative Contact. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on the Director of Technology position. No action was taken.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to hire an athletic director that covers all schools and will supervise the pool. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #902 High School Principal, #913 Director of Nutrition Services, and #948 Director of Human Resources. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on policy #527 Family and Medical Leave Policy.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to eliminate policy #954 District Accountant Job Description from the policy manual. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adopt the Resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$1,750,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from May 15, 2018 until June 20, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the request to borrow sports equipment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the middle school and high school WIAA memberships for the 18-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to set the time of the May 27, 2018 Regular Board Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Heider Meeting Room. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board members indicated their attendance at the high school graduation on May 27 and the 8th grade promotion on May 31. No action was taken.

Board development/set date for Board Retreat – No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson 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 hiring an administrator.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:22 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; 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

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to reconvene into Open Session at 10:11 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

The Board announced the selection of Justin Jehn as the new High School Associate Principal.

Adjournment

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 10:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk