

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 26, 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 21, 2015.

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, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Gretchen Hanchette and Brennan Bahr (7:13). Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused:

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. The 7th Grade OEC Campout was last week.
2. The 8th grade will be taking their class trip to Washington D.C. May 31-June 4.
3. Eighth grade promotion is May 28, 2015.
4. The last day of the 14-15 school year is June 4.

Gretchen also reported for Brennan Bahr:

1. The high school sports and academic assembly was held.
2. The high school band and choir held their farewell concert.
3. Odyssey of the Mind teams competed at Worlds in Michigan.
4. Last Friday was the senior sing-out.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Reports from Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2015; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment Requests for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept donations from Justin and Heather Jehn and Mike Morley, Thunder Valley Taxidermy, for the OEC; Anthony Schmidt, La Crosse Archery, for the high school PE department; Syl's Supper Club for the Ecology Club; William and Joan Loughan for the elementary school garden; Pizza Villa for the middle school art department; and Mitch Krien for the district. Motion carried unanimously.

Elementary Speech and Language Teacher, Ruby Kerkman, thanked the board for the board grant she received for early childhood stacking/locking storage lockers.

High School Physical Education Teachers, David Neuman and Jamie Olson, thanked the board for the board grant they received for their Heart Rate Sparks project for technology.

Middle School Project and Inquiry Teacher, Lindsey Dederich, thanked the board for the board grant they received for the VEX Kits for Maker's Studio.

High School Teachers, Justin Jehn, Jamie Olson and Kathy Hilby, and Principal Mark Carlson, presented a one-year follow-up to the 2014 NASSP Conference they attended.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on the School Performance Initiatives.

Mr. Gunderson presented survey information from School Perceptions and a past district survey.

A tentative School Board Retreat date was set for June 30, 2015, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adopt the following resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$800,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from June 1, 2015, until June 16, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adopt the following resolution: Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, the Establishment of an Escrow Account with Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, dated October 15, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the WIAA Affiliation for the middle and high school level athletics for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for middle school show choir, Elle Nimm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the resignations from Bonnie Klos, bus driver; Nicole Hirsch, paraprofessional; Melissa Olson, Elementary Teacher; and retirement of Jan Mattson, Elementary Special Education Teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the lease agreement for technology with Apple. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk