

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2016
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Syl Clements. 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 June 23, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat; Student representative: Paige Dunnum. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Simon Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, Davita Molling, and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. Our West Salem Panthers baseball team traveled to the Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium on June 15th to compete against Waupaca in a WIAA Division 2 state semifinal game. Unfortunately the Panthers lost 6-3, allowing Waupaca to advance to the championship game against Milwaukee Lutheran.
2. Mary Poppins, this year's high school summer musical, concluded this past weekend. The West Salem drama department continues in August, with a summer drama camp will be held for students in grades K-8. The kids will be able to choose between two 30-minute mini-shows, *The Jungle Book* or *Cinderella*. The camp will include numerous volunteers and performers. These two musicals will be performed August 18, 19 and 20 in the Heider Center.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Rick Kline family was read.

Public comments –

Heather Jehn wanted to make sure the Board received the memo from the West Salem Education Association regarding the cash in-lieu option.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the recent committee meeting regarding the pool and transportation facility.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2016; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2016; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept a donation from John & Lynn Labus for the Angela Labus Scholarship Fund, and from the Salvation Army for the "Jane Doe" account. Motion carried unanimously.

Middle School Principal Ben Wopat reviewed the benefits of moving the middle school back to six sections for the 16-17 school year.

Middle School Principal Ben Wopat talked about the transition for students between buildings and if moving the fifth grade to the middle school would be an issue. Mr. Gunderson reviewed the concerns and benefits of moving the fifth grade to the middle school. Staff from all three buildings participated in the discussion. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to move the vote on the future placement of the 5th grade to later in the agenda after item G. High School Co-curricular Recommendations. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Schomberg and Brian Guthrie, Vantage Architects, reviewed options, programming and site needs, concerns, and cost estimates. Craig Uhlenbrauck and Jason Recob, Miron Construction, also participated in the discussion and answered questions.

Kerri Feyen, Nutrition Services Director, gave a review of the nutrition services program and activities.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation and set the morning milk, school breakfast and lunch prices for the 2016-17 school year as presented:

| <u>Breakfast</u> | <u>Full Pay</u> | <u>Reduced Pay</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Elementary | \$1.50 | Free |
| Middle | \$1.75 | Free |
| High | \$1.85 | Free |
| Adult | \$2.50 | N/A |

| Lunch | Full Pay | Reduced Pay |
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| Elementary | \$2.50 | \$.40 |
| Middle | \$2.75 | \$.40 |
| High | \$2.95 | \$.40 |
| Adult | \$4.00 | N/A |

Ala Carte Milk/Juice \$.50 \$.50
 Elementary Milk Break - \$.35
 Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the high school co-curricular recommendations: football - Justin Jehn, Dieter Antoni, Bob Gorniak, Scott Johnson, Jim Klug, Erik Mathison, Dan Schnieder (volunteer), Myron Hole (volunteer); tennis - Julie Kamla, Brian Baker (volunteer); cross country - LeRoy Krall, Laura Deal; boys soccer - Dave Halverson, Ammar Sabar; volleyball - Tina Thompson, Brittany Heilman, Brett Thompson, Olivia Aleckson, Kelly Kalinowski, Darcy Sawyer (volunteer); and dance team - Olivia Mercer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to continue down the path to move the 5th grade to the middle school as part of the middle school and outdoor facilities project. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Nay; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Nay)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the 16-17 high school athletic handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to post pone until the July 25, 2016 Board Meeting to verify the information from the health insurance consultant and look for alternatives to the 16-17 health insurance benefit including cash in-lieu of health insurance and Fund 73. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to change the time of the July 11, 2016, Regular School Board Meeting to 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to hire part-time cooks Irma Gatlin and Inger Michaels. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to offer contracts to district employees for the 16-17 school year: Patrick Bahr, Administrative Assistant; Barb Buswell, Human Resources/Payroll Manager; Mary Callen, OEC Coordinator; Kerri Feyen, Nutrition Services Director, Jordan Gilge, Athletic Director; Heidi Horton, School Psychologist; Scott Johnson, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Rick Kline, Director of Transportation; and Tricia Mulholland, Business Assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the resignations of paraprofessional Olivia Mercer, teacher and athletic director Amanda Beld, and administrative assistant Annie Wachter-Labus. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements 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 the salaries and benefits of two specific professional educators. And (f) Considering social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, 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 concerning student programming.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 10:27 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, 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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to adjourn at 11:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk