

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2018
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 August 9, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Dagan Hemker 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 Schlingen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat (7:09), Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt (7:03), and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton, Student Representative reported on:

The high school fall sports have begun to practice and compete.

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative reported on:

1. The DECA store managers have ordered new items for the school store.
2. The NHS will be having their annual blood drive on August 14 from 10:30-3:30.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the summer school students who took a hiking trip on the Ice Age Trail.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that she wasn't able to attend the meeting but shared what the Board had on their agenda.

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield reported on the events at the committee's meeting.

Transportation Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the events of the committee’s meeting.

District Strategic Initiatives were shared by the administrators. Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of paraprofessional Diana Swim; the hiring of paraprofessionals-Amanda Bahl, Stephanie Fronk, Lori Jambois, Tiffany Janisch, Sherry Kneifl, Adilene Rojas, Kristi Schmitz, Kari Schuster, Stephanie Sprehn, Kimberly Sullivan, Kaila Winters, Michael Winters, and Callie Zwicker, bus driver-Chris Norman, nutrition services-Jennifer Hyer and Kathy Wagner, and administrative assistant-Tricia Mulholland.

Trap Shoot Team Presentation: Coach Paul Liethen shared information on the Wisconsin High School Clay Target League. Students and family that were in attendance: Barry Olver, Samantha Olver, Monika Loging, Jesse Loging, Karen Jankowski, AJ Jankowski, Mike Klein, Missy Klein, Sam Klein, Jesse Klein, and Dylan Liethen. There were both students and parents who shared information with the Board on the benefits of the club.

District Communication and Engagement Strategy: Public Communications Specialist/Grant writer Samantha Schmitz shared the district’s communication strategy.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2018; invoices to be paid; the resignation English Teacher Emily Maxwell; the hiring of Kjerstin Dellenbach as .33 FTE high school physical education teacher, Nickolas Brandt as 1.0 FTE high school special education teacher, Lisa Robbins as 1.0 FTE high school special education teacher; and the Open Enrollment Requests for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the administration’s co-curricular recommendation for Ben Wopat as a volunteer high school assistant football coach. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the donation of a book from the West Salem Historical Society to the middle school library. The book was created in cooperation with the Historical Society, former Middle School Art Teacher Krista Beron and her 7th grade students.

Draft of use agreement for the new multi-purpose events center with the West Salem Hockey Association. No discussion or action was taken on this agenda item.

Director of Human Resources Barb Buswell and Public Communications Specialist/Grant writer Samantha Schmitz were present to answer questions regarding the Employee Handbook. Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve the Employee Handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Referendum/Financial Planning – Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to set the amounts for an operational referendum: 2019-2020 - 1,600,000; 2020-2021 - 1,900,000; 2021-2022 - 2,115,000; and 2022-2023 - 2,020,000. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded the following resolution:
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT FOR FOUR YEARS FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Incorporate resolution wording in minutes.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded the following resolution:
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT FOR FOUR YEARS FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Incorporate resolution wording in minutes.

Operational Referendum Communication - Public Communications Specialist/Grant writer Samantha Schmitz shared information and requested feedback from the Board. No action taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the 2018-2019 school bus routes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION: Whereas the following school districts have handicapped children, and whereas it appears that the educational interests of all children in these school districts will be served best by the districts joining together to offer special services, as authorized by the Department of Public Instruction, to meet the needs of handicapped children. Be it, and it is hereby resolved that the school boards of the West Salem School District and the Bangor School District agree to establish and maintain, on a cooperative basis, a handicapped children's special education program(s) pursuant to Section 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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 compensation for the superintendent for the 18-19 school year.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:30 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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk