

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
August 24, 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 August 20, 2015.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Jane Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Lisa Gerke recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, and Tom Grosskopf. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Gretchen Hanchette (7:03) and Brennan Bahr. Finance Director: Davita Molling (7:03), Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin and Josh Mallicoat.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Brennan Bahr reported on:*

1. Last Friday, the varsity football team played St. Croix Central.
2. Freshman Linkcrew Orientation was last Friday.
3. The varsity football team will play GET this Friday.
4. Cross country early bird meet is later this week.
5. Last week there was a drama camp for kids and performed The Wizard of Oz.

*Gretchen Hanchette reported on:*

The high school dance team has been holding fundraisers.

*Correspondence*

The Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials (WASBO) commended Maintenance Director, Scott Johnson, for his efforts in organizing an inservice for custodians at the high school earlier this month.

*Public comments*

Bob Minard spoke about the pick-up and drop-off of students who are on the bus routes that have a double run.

### *Written and Oral Reports*

Transportation Committee – Mr. Schlingen reported that the committee reviewed bus routes and driver requests to keep school vehicles at home for the 15-16 school year, and also toured the bus garage facility.

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

Mr. Gunderson introduced the teachers who were the first teachers to achieve the status of Model Teacher: Rhonda Andres, Christine Antony, Randy Dammon, Amy Hanson, Angie Hemker, Mike Lang, Teri Lassig, and Chris Milne.

Kaytlin Larson, a 2013 West Salem High Graduate, gave an update on her recently completed Senior Exit Project, “Water for Africa.”

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2015; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 15-16 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the following donations:

1. National Honor Society from Subway, Linda’s Bakery, Hansen’s IGA, LeCoulee Cheese Castle, Marcie’s Pet Spa, Burkhardt’s Physical Therapy, Jim Dandy’s, Big Boar, Kwik Trip, and Features.
2. high school robotics club from the West Salem High School Class of 1985.
3. high school baseball bleacher fund from the American Legion Post 51.
4. the special education program from the Knights of Columbus.

Motion carried unanimously.

John Smalley, Elementary Principal, reviewed the elementary school building layout and described the scheduling, space and student issues within the building.

A draft of the district survey by School Perceptions was reviewed.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the Transportation Committee’s recommendation to approve the bus routes for the 2015-16 school year and for the Transportation Committee to review the double runs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the Transportation Committee’s recommendation to approve the requests from bus drivers to keep a school vehicle on their own property from Bonnie Kortbein, Stan Tauscher, Ted Yankee, Betty Hanson, and Curt Berg. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the resignations of Donna Bruemmer, vehicle drive; Alyssa Jarosh, JV basketball coach; and Holly Schulz, special education teacher, pending receipt payment of liquidated damages. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to hire Pam Noll as the production center assistant, Stephanie Williams as an elementary administrative assistant, Emily Keim as an elementary school special education teacher pending release from her current contract, Jeff Every as a bus paraprofessional, and Teri Simonson as a vehicle driver. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Shannon Jones, 7th grade volleyball coach; Sara Jeranek, 7th grade assistant volleyball coach; Nicole Friell and Jenny Morgan, middle school yearbook advisors. 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) (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 superintendent's mid-year review.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:06 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk