

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2017
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 August 24, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Nate Krien and Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin, Jane Halverson, Lisa Gerke, and Ben Wopat.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Nate Krien reported on:

1. The NHS held a blood drive on August 15 and collected 36 units.
2. The DECA Officers participated in a highway clean up on County Road M. The officers also discussed other events they may participate in.
3. High school MacBook distribution will be on August 29 and followed by an SEP meeting.

Alexis Brueggen reported on:

1. The Link Crew participated in the freshman class orientation.
2. The high school student council held a 17-18 planning session.
3. The fall sports are underway.
4. The high school Youth Frontiers club will be creating a back-to-school video to be shown on the first day.

Correspondence

A letter from the Wisconsin RtI Center and the Wisconsin PBIS Network congratulating the district on being awarded the Bronze level in Reading as part of the Wisconsin RtI Center's Recognized School program, was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – The committee meeting was cancelled.

District performance reports by Scott Johnson, Shawn Handland, Rick Kline, Kerri Feyen, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Elementary school, middle school and high school Seclusion and Restraint reports for the 2016-2017 school year were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of High School Principal Josh Mallicoat; to hire David Kazda as a 1.0 FTE special education teacher, Jessica Tripp as a 1.0 FTE middle/high school counselor, part-time paraprofessionals Ethan Andres and Janeen Anderson, and Patricia Cox as a 1.0 FTE special education teacher semester replacement; and Brian Baker and Danielle Schultz to split the contract as assistant tennis coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to deny Open Enrollment requests by "Student D" and "Student F" approve the remaining Open Enrollment requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Linda's Bakery, Subway, Pizza Oven, and the Union State Bank for the National Honor Society August Blood Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Head Softball Coach Brian Babiash presented the request for a softball team trip to Florida in the spring of 2018. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the softball team's request for a softball team trip to Florida in the spring of 2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the latest estimated tax levy and budget information. No action was taken.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to hire a second part-time administrative assistant for the business office. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield 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, and the West Salem School District and the School District of Holmen 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.

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 employment and compensation of high school administrator(s).

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:48 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to reconvene into Open Session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to appoint Mike Mallot as the interim high school principal for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried. 3-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Clements)

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Acting Clerk