

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2017  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 September 7, 2017.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Catherine Griffin led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

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

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Alexis Brueggen reported on:*

1. The high school marching band parade season has started, participating in the Kellogg Watermelon Festival parade and will perform for the Freedom Honor Flight and Applefest parade.
2. The NHS and DECA Clubs began meeting.
3. Class presidents were elected.
4. High school volleyball and football events were shared.

*Correspondence*

A thank you note from the family of Gene Eckelberg was read.

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*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the Board's recent meeting.

District performance initiative updates by administrators Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre and Troy Gunderson were read.

The 2017 Model Teacher cohort: Quenten Brown, Kim Volden, Laura Skemp-Deal, Lisa Jones, Lindy Meyer, Erika Olson, Amy Chambers, Deelyn Christianson, Rhea Servais, Jacki Hickey, Laura Wagner, Becky Buisman, Heather Jehn, and Justin Jehn were present. Unable to attend but also part of the cohort: Kari Schultz, Andrea Armstrong, Nicole Friell, and Paul Liethen.

Director of Curriculum Michael St. Pierre reviewed the district's efforts in grading and assessment through recent inservices.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of paraprofessionals Alexandra (Sanders) Pehling and Michelle Schwarz; no hires; 7th grade co-head volleyball coaches Kayla Wegner, Julie Arentz and Sam Schmitz; 7th grade volunteer football coach Adam Kennedy; Fall Dance Team Coach Jami Greer; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 17-18 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations for the Nutrition Services department from Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund Grant. 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 evaluation and performance of the interim high school principal.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:16 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed*

### **Adjournment**

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk