

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 8, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Student reported on:

1. Link Crew members, a group of high school students, volunteer to help the incoming Freshmen feel welcome as they began high school. Last week, the Link Leaders and Freshmen took a trip to the school forest for a transition program which helped the students become acclimated to the routines and policies of our high school.
2. Pep club began their meetings this week to discuss and vote on Homecoming themes and activities. They also elected new Junior Vice Presidents to organize and decorate for the Homecoming dance and eventually take on the Presidents' role the next year.
3. 1st Community Credit Union and the West Salem High School National Honor Society teamed up this month to create a fundraiser for the West Salem School District Jane Doe fund. The project was originally organized by 1st Community Credit Union but Junior Nate Krien, who works at the bank as a teller, was able to get NHS students involved. The fundraiser was a success and raised nearly \$400 for this fund, which provides meals to students and families who are suffering financially.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Maxwell-White Plumbing was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met and discussed referendum finance strategy.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of last weeks CESA meeting.

District Performance Initiative Reports by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Big Board, Features, Subway/Jon Hetland, and Hansen's for the NHS Blood Drive; from an anonymous donor for the Horace Moran Memorial Fund; and from The La Crosse Community Foundation-Jim's Grocery Bag for the Food Service Jane Doe Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Brewer, Managing Director from RW Baird, reviewed financing options for possible additional long-term debt following the November 8, 2016, referendum questions.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the resignation of Associate Nurse Deborah Masewicz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to hire Darlene Olson as a vehicle driver; Paula Thompson and Kathleen Bahr to share the 1-year contract as the high school special education teacher, Beth Arentz as the School Nurse, and Jessica Tomten as the Associate Nurse. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Jenna Lee, volunteer high school volleyball coach; Maddie Vinzant and Jenna Umberger, student council; Kelly Rueckheim, ecology club and FFA advisor; Emily Maxwell, diversity club; and Adam Kennedy, volunteer middle school football coach. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:35 p.m., the six board members, Scott Johnson, Michael St. Pierre, Tobias Mann, Brittany Parry, Troy Gunderson, Patrick Bahr and Ben Wopat left the Heider Meeting Room and went to the middle school. Middle School Principal Ben Wopat gave a tour of the building and grounds, highlighting some areas in the building and showing the footprint of the possible addition if approved by the voters in November, 2016.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk