

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 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 September 10, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Syl Clements led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Josh Mallicoat recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Brennan Bahr reported on:

1. The high school football game on Friday, September 11, vs Onalaska included a half time performance by the dance team, and the middle and high school marching bands. The football team and the DECA Club raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project; relay race and miracle minute raised over \$1,100.
2. The high school marching band performed in the Kellogg Watermelon Days Parade.

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. The high school soccer team played Logan last week and will compete against Sparta this Thursday.
2. DECA, Robotics, Ecology, and Diversity Clubs have started meetings this week.
3. The high school tennis team competed Saturday.
4. The high school Link Crew went to the OEC with the freshman class last week. The freshmen had a chance to bond with their homerooms and speak with their link leaders on how the first days of school went.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that the Board accepted resignations and issued contracts. On September 24, there will be a Board Outreach at CESA and board members are encouraged to attend. The Board's next meeting will be at the Blair-Taylor School District and will tour the new facility.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met and reviewed the 15-16 budget. The Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting will be on October 19, 2015.

District Performance Initiatives by John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2015; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment Requests for the 2015-16 School Year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept donations from the West Salem Booster Club for the baseball field upgrade and from the La Crosse Community Foundation for the Nutrition Services program. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Brewer of Robert W. Baird & Company, reviewed past and projected annual levy mill rate data for referenda approved debt. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the proposed 2015-16 budget and tax levy. Brian Brewer also participated in this discussion. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the following:

Resolution: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the School District of West Salem that the Board officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with the Bank of Montreal to secure Procurement Cards for each authorized employee of the school district under such terms and conditions as approved by the board.

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent/ Business Manager to execute a P-Card program agreement on its behalf.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to direct the administration to look into a public information specialist and grant writer position on a full-time basis. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Nay; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Nay. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 2-Nay)

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to increase the financial limit of the Board Grants to \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to hire Jamie Steinhoff as a part-time elementary school paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire the following: Mary Czajka and Martha Burdick, Council of Kids; Angie Hemker and Courtney Vesperman, After School Art; 5th Grade Choir, Lisa Jones; elementary yearbook, Sara Jeranek; boys' soccer volunteer coaches, Andrew Buchanan and Steve Averbek; tennis volunteer coach, Hailey Hudzinski. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk