

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 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 September 20, 2017.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Shawn Handland led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Eric Jensen recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingens, 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 representatives: Nate Krien and Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Lisa Gerke.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Nate Krien reported on:*

1. The high school cross country meet was at Fennimore.
2. The high school student council had their first meeting with homeroom representatives. The council will plan for the Veteran's Day Ceremony.
3. The high school marching band will perform this Saturday in Oktoberfest Parade.

*Alexis Brueggen reported on:*

1. Homecoming kicked off this past weekend with many activities, including: powder puff football, volleyball tournament, announcement of the court, float building, dress up days, football game, and a dance.
2. There is a volleyball game this week also.

*Correspondence*

A thank you note from Amy Reedy was read.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Policy Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported on the committee's meeting earlier tonight.

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

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of middle school volleyball coach Shannon Jones; no hires; and head varsity boys' basketball coach, Steve Kastenschmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept donations from Vantage Architect for the middle school, from Cheryl Weber for the middle school P & I Program, from the Elementary PTO for Teacher Grants, from Hawkins Ash CPA's for the Daniel Hesselberg Memorial, from Wal-Mart for the high school Health Academy, from the West Salem Area Community Foundation for the high school Health Academy, from Alice Anderson and Annette Apfel for the nutrition Services Jane Doe Foundation, and from the Mississippi Valley Mayhem for the high school aquaponics program. Motion carried unanimously.

High School Instrumental Music Teacher Dave Kies presented the Music Department request to travel to New York City in the spring of 2019. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Music Departments request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Schomberg and Steve Kumm from Vantage Architects were present and provided an update on the multi-purpose event center design and budget. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson provided summaries on the Existing General Obligation Debt Service Payments and the Referendum Approved Levies. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the parent transportation contracts for the 17-18 school year as presented.

The Board reviewed Policy #841 Naming School Facilities. No action was taken.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk