

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2016  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice 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 January 7, 2016.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Tom Grosskopf 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 (teleconference), Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, Dean Buchanan, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representative: Brennan Bahr. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Davita Molling, Lisa Gerke, and Gretchen Hanchette.

*Approval of Agenda*

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**Connection with the Community**

*Brennan Bahr reported on:*

1. Youth Frontiers organized a short pep week for the week before Christmas Break and held various activities.
2. A pancake breakfast for high school teachers was held before school on December 22, which was sponsored by the High School Student Council.
3. Girls' basketball had a game against Aquinas last Thursday. They won by 20.
4. Girls' basketball last Thursday against GET and won by 7.
5. Boys' basketball against Westby and were defeated.
6. Show Choir had their first competition last Saturday at Viterbo University. They did well, but did not move on to finals.
7. DECA had their district competition at UW-Stout on Saturday. West Salem ended the day with 8 1st places, 6 2nd places, 3 3rd places, 2 4th places, 8 finalists and 77 medals taken home. This year we will be sending 32 kids to state.
8. Robotics team had their season kick off this Saturday, where they found out details about this year's competition as well as the goals for the robots design this year.
9. Wrestling had a match against Viroqua on Thursday and won 46-29. Senior Nathan Schomberg had his 100th career win.

10. Wrestling participated in a tournament on Saturday, which they took 5th out of 19 teams. Noah Ready and Devin Bahr both surpassed their 100th career wins.
11. Gymnastics had a meet in Reedsburg and won by 15 points.

#### *Correspondence*

A thank you note from OM Leader Angie Hemker and the Odyssey of the Mind teams was read. An invitation was read for Dave Rogers upcoming retirement gathering.

*Public comments* – None.

#### *Written and Oral Reports*

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson summarized the events of the January Board of Control meeting.

District Performance Initiative reports by administrators Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Clements welcomed Dean Buchanan back to work. Mr. Buchanan will serve as the Interim Elementary Principal until the end of the school year.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2015; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2016; invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment Requests for the 2015-2016 school year. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the following donations:

1. Dave Skogen – meal assistance for families
2. Panera Bread – 8th Grade Washington DC trip
3. Stephen & Deborah Kraus – the Horace Moran Memorial Fund
4. Dawn Gerke – After School Art Program
5. David & Tammy Hallum – Korry Servais Scholarship Fund
6. West Salem Community Foundation – high school scholarship fund
7. West Salem Booster Club-Baseball Fund – field sign
8. Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger Fusion, Carlos O'Kelly's, Carroll's Popcorn & Frozen Yogurt, Culver's, Fazoli's, Features, Jim Dandy's, Linda's Bakery, McCourtesy Corporation, Olive Garden, TGI Fridays, VF Imagewear, and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board – High School Academic Achievement Program
9. Pat & Judith Moran – Horace and Gladys Moran Scholarship Fund

A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding a possible April 2016 referendum to address necessary repairs to the swimming pool and/or transportation facility. Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to recommend one question for the pool facility and transportation facility for \$1,500,000. The motion was retracted.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to change the resolution based upon the new information received:

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER I AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of renovating and improving the District transportation facility; and acquiring related fixtures and equipment.

A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried Unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to change the resolution based upon the new information received:

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER II AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of renovating and improving the District swimming pool and pool house; and acquiring related fixtures, furnishings and equipment.

A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Nay; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Nay)

The following resolution was combined with the previous resolution.

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER III AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000

No action was taken on this resolution.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to change the resolution based upon the new information received:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE APPROVAL OF INITIAL RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000.

A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe, Aye; Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Nay; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Nay)

Mr. Helgeson disconnected from the Board meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Michael St. Pierre, Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Technology presented information on the Strategic Initiative – Teaching and Learning. No action was taken.

The Board instructed Mrs. Griffin, Delegate Representative, to vote her conscience at the 2016 WASB Delegate Assembly.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to hire Andy Sires as the 7th Grade Girls Assistant Basketball Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Seth Hatz as a district Maintenance Worker. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk