

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2016
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 October 6, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingens, Tom Grosskopf, 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, and Davita Molling; Student representative: Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin, Lisa Gerke and Paige Dunnum.

Approval of Agenda

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

Mr. Clements presented Jane Halverson her WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) Level II Certificate for demonstrating a high level of commitment to Wisconsin public school students by participating in WASB professional development opportunities.

Connection with the Community

Simon Buchanan reported on:

1. As a part of her Senior Exit Project, Katie Krien organized a mock accident that took place on September 27. The project was meant to show high school students the consequences of drinking and driving. She created a short movie setting the scene of a drunk driving crash, which led to a live conclusion with first responders, firefighters and police responding to the crash outside the high school. Katie acted in the mock crash and involved other classmates in the production. Students also heard from the mother of a student who was hit by a drunk driver after the mock accident. The end result of the project was very impactful for many students.
2. The high school band, consisting of nearly 150 students, marched at Oktoberfest on October 1. The band placed third behind Holmen and Onalaska. This was the last parade of the year for the whole band, but some students will be marching in Disney during the music trip in November.

3. Last week was West Salem's homecoming celebration. Both the middle and high school participated in dress ups days throughout the week. At the high school, the overall theme for the week was "From Page to Stage". Over 400 students attended the high school dance on Saturday, which had a Harry Potter theme. Simon Buchanan and Katie Krien were crowned as homecoming King and Queen.
4. Boy's Soccer-Last week of regular season before playoffs. With an away game on Tuesday at Sparta, and a home game on Thursday against Onalaska. Playoff seedings will be selected this Wednesday the 12th. Volleyball-Game at Westby on Tuesday, and game at home vs GET on Thursday (senior night). Tennis-None of the girls made it past sectionals. Football-Won their homecoming game against Sparta 8-0. They have an upcoming conference game this Friday for first place in the MVC at Onalaska.

Correspondence

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was read, proclaiming Gifted Education Week, October 16-22, 2016.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

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

District Performance Initiative updates by administrators Ryan Rieber 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. Brickl seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2016; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment requests for the 16-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from The Salvation Army to assist students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade; from Fred & Joan Lentz for the DECA Club, from Pizza Villa for the 4K program, and from the County of La Crosse/Jean's Day Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the proposed 16-17 budget and tax levy calculation. Mr. Gunderson also reminded the Board of the October 17, 2016, Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Halverson, Mrs. Hopnisky-Bloomfield and Mr. Clements volunteered to review the board grant applications. Applications are due on October 14, 2016.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of school nutrition employee Cynthia Larson and the retirement of LMC Assistant Jean Raymer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to hire Julie Schaub and Barb Reynolds as part time school nutrition employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations. High school: boys basketball head coach, Jake Merrill; boys basketball assistant coaches, Steve Kastenschmidt and Jonathan Selck; volunteer assistant coaches, Bill Jensen and Ryan Storm; girls basketball head coach, Mike Malott; girls basketball assistant coaches Scott Koepnick and Cierra Jacobson; wrestling head coaches, Josh Brewer and Steve Kurschner, volunteer assistant coaches, David Neuman, Nathan Clements, Cory Scanlan, and Brian Gaffney; hockey head coach, Eric Borre, hockey assistant coaches, Bob Gorniak and Shaun Borre; gymnastics head coach, Carrie O'Hearn; gymnastics assistant coach, Brittney Hodgson; gymnastics volunteer assistant coach, Kristin Tschumper; dance team, Olivia Mercer; baseball head coach, Chuck Ihle; softball head coach, Brian Babiash; softball assistant coach, Brittney Hodgson; head girls track coach, LeRoy Krall; assistant track coach Stacy Mitchell; girls soccer head coaches, Marc Anderson and Ellie Bradford; girls soccer assistant coach, Ammar Sabar; golf head coach, Eric Borre; and golf assistant coach, Jim Klos. Middle school: assistant wrestling coach, Adam Kratochvill; athletic director, Ryan Waldhart; forensics, Nicole Friell; Mathcounts, Tammy Bentzen and Jonathan Jones; assistant band, Mardeana Glasel; band, Ryan Waldhart; yearbook, Nicole Friell and Jenny Morgan; drama director, Amy Hanson; drama stage manager, Elle Nimm; drama tech supervisor, Amy Hanson; jazz band, Ryan Waldhart; vocal, Elle Nimm; student council, Ben Tashner; show choir, Elle Nimm and Ben Tashner; and WEB leader, Heather Jehn and Justin Jehn. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

At 7:54 p.m., Mrs. Halverson, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Mr. Grosskopf, Mr. Clements, Mr. Schlimgen, Troy Gunderson, Patrick Bahr, Mike Malott, and Josh Mallicoat left the Heider Meeting Room and started a tour of the high school. High School Principal Josh Mallicoat gave a tour of the building, and highlighting some areas in the building.

Adjournment

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk