

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 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 October 19, 2017.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Alexis Brueggen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Nate Krien recited the District Mission Statement.

*Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat (7:09), Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Nate Krien and Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen, Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Connection with the Community**

*Nate Krien reported on:*

1. In DECA, the Virtual Business Challenge starts tomorrow.
2. High school football plays in Antigo Friday for their second playoff game.
3. The high school bands split into two different bands today, auditions were last week which determined chair placement.
4. High school students are handing out bags in West Salem on Sunday to collect for Trick or can which is brought on by National Honor Society. Tuesday, students will pick the items up which will be delivered to the food pantry in West Salem

*Alexis Brueggen reported on:*

1. The high school Interact Club is hosting a food drive now until November 3, and the food will be brought to Ifeed where different schools package food for people in other countries in need of food.
2. Unity Day is Wednesday, October 25, a nationwide event that means we stand up against bullying with everyone is wearing orange.

3. In high school homerooms tomorrow, Youth Frontiers Leadership Council members will be having a discussion and showing a video about standing up for bullying and what it means to show compassion to others.

*Correspondence* – None.

*Public comments* – None.

#### *Written and Oral Reports*

Policy Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the Policy Committee met tonight and reviewed three policies that will be on the agenda for a first reading in November.

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the Staff Relations Committee met and reviewed the co-curricular survey and district (salaried) positions.

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

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2017; invoices to be paid; and co-curricular recommendations as follows:

##### Middle School

Math Counts-Tammy Bentzen and Jon Jones, forensics-Nicole Friell, assistant band-Mardeana Glasel, drama stage manager-Elle Nimm, jazz band-Ryan Waldhart, show choir-Ben Tashner, student council-Ben Tashner, WEB leader-Alyssa Jarosh, Heather Jehn and Ben Tashner, athletic director-Ryan Waldhart, band-Ryan Waldhart, drama director-Amy Hanson, drama tech. supervisor-Amy Hanson, show choir-Elle Nimm, vocal-Elle Nimm, and team leaders-Elle Nimm, Nicole Friell, Amy Marshall, Erika Olson, Casi Rochester, and Kari Schultz.

##### High School

Girls' basketball head coach-Matt Quik, girls' basketball assistant coach-Makenzie Becker and Cierra Jacobsen, boys's basketball volunteer coach-Bill Jensen, boys basketball assistant coach-Jared Hauser and Kenny Desrosier, wrestling volunteer coach-Mike Lyga, marching band, Dave Kies, color guard-Kelli Martin, jazz band-Dave Kies, pep band-Dave Kies, choir-Amy Hanson, show choir-Amy Hanson, show choir assistant-Kelli Martin, play director 1st and 2nd semester-Rhonda Andres assistant play director 1st and 2nd semester, stage manager 1st and 2nd semester-Dan Heerts, drama club-Rhonda Andres and Amy Hanson, forensics-Kim Volden, assistant forensics-Andrea Armstrong, summer theatre director-Amy Hanson, summer theater instrumental-Dave Kies, summer theater vocal-Rhonda Andres, summer theatre state-Dan Heerts, student council-Jenna Umberger and Darren Fruit, Neshonoc-Andrea Armstrong, LINK Crew-Missy Haas, Jamie Olson, Justin Jehn, and Andrea Armstrong, Health Occupations Student of America-Pamela Hansen, Visual Arts Classic-Quenten Brown, quiz bowl-Jim Klos, Ecology Club-Kelly Rueckheim, Interact club-Julie Arentz, math club-Chris Milne, FFA-Kelly Rueckheim, Skills USA-Paul Liethen, DECA-Jason Holter and Brittney Hodgson, Robotics-Erik Mathison and Dave Halverson, pep club-Rhonda Andres, NHS-Jennifer Stenberg, diversity club-Emily Maxwell, trapshooting club-Paul Liethen, fishing club-Darren Fruit and Brian Baker, Spanish club-Shelly Helland and Becky Tower, Youth Frontiers-Ryan Nelson, homecoming

supervisors-Quenten Brown, Eric Borre, Amy hanson, Laura Deal, and Rhonda Andres, freshman class advisor-Missy Haas, sophomore class advisor-Eric Borre, junior class advisor-Kim Volden, senior class advisors-Rhonda Andres, Laura Deal, Julie Arentz, and Jessica Tripp. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the resignation of Scott Johnson, Director of Buildings and Grounds. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Schlimgen)

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Reedy Concrete Construction, Inc. for a Senior Exit Project; and from Nick Miller for the District. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adopt the following:  
Resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$2,000,000 for the operation of the schools of the district: \$1,000,000 on October 26, 2017, with an additional \$1,000,000 on November 27, 2017, with a payment of \$1,000,000 to be made on December 12, 2017, and the final payment of \$1,000,000 on January 23, 2018.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the 2017-18 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The long-term debt strategy was reviewed. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to set the 2017-18 school tax levy at \$8,003,326 with a Mill rate of 0.00893371. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #363 Web Publishing, #345.1 Grading Systems and #345.2 Reporting Student Progress and Achievements to Parents. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #533 Employment of Personnel. Motion carried. 4-Aye, 2-Nay (Grosskopf and Schlimgen)

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the 2017-18 second semester Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Catherine Griffin, Jane Halverson, Syl Clements, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield volunteered to review the board grant applications.

Mr. Clements welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session to discuss the compensation of a district employee pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.”

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:36 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Halverson, Clerk