

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2018
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, 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 November 8, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Robin Fitzgerald recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tom Grosskopf.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Student Representative Rachel Newton reported on:

1. The Student Council organized the Veterans' day program today with guest speaker Mike Winters and performances by the high school band and choir.
2. The one-act play "Selfies" will be advancing to state on account of their stellar performance.
3. DECA hosted a haunted tunnel on October 29th and 30th where they collected \$1 donations or non-perishable items.

Student Representative Dagan Hemker reported on:

1. Last Friday, Nick Noelke, Ian Knudson, and Dani Miller performed in the honors jazz band in Winona.
2. On Saturday, November 3rd, Nick Noelke, Megan Lassig, and Trygve Lebakken played in the Eau Claire state honors band.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Lynn Strong was read.

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was read, proclaiming Gifted Education Week, November 5-9, 2018.

A thank you note from Laurie Kessler, Viterbo University Director of Student Teachers, was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Canvass of Ballots – Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield reported the election results were canvassed.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the Board’s meeting.

District Strategic Initiatives update by the School Leadership Team, Troy Gunderson and Shawn Handland on Safety were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced: the hiring of Annie Marie Bahr in School Nutrition Services and Victoria McVey as a special education bus driver.

Multi-Purpose Events Center progress update and naming of facility – Mr. Gunderson shared pictures and progress of the events center and reviewed potential names and process for selecting the name of the facility.

Leadership & Strategy Baldrige application – Mr. Gunderson shared information on the process.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield approved the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2018; invoices to be paid; the resignation of Mary Czajka as Middle School Council of Kids advisor; middle school: color guard-Sheila Vandyke, jazz band-Ryan Waldhart, show choir-Elle Nimm, show choir assistant-Alexandra burch, 5/6 choir-Elle Nimm, an additional .25 for Council of Kids to Martha Burdick; Odyssey of the Mind Leader-Angie Hemker; Odyssey of the Mind coaches-Angie Hemker, Raena Housker, Meghan Adams, Emily Rose, Brian Baker, Nicole Niedfeldt, Adilene Rojas, Becky Tower, Nickolas Brandt, and Nic Schmidt/Lindsay Becker; volunteer Odyssey of the Mind coaches-Elissa Kinstler/Erin Pederson, BJ Newton, Callie Helgeson, Kathy Rhoden, Vickie Horman, and Kendra Ames; Open Enrollment requests for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Kopniski-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept donations from Bradley Goetz and Patricia Hendrickson-Goetz for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe fund, from the West Salem Lions Club for the Random Acts of Kindness fund, from the Panther Booster Club for the middle school football program, from the Panther Booster Club for the West Salem/Bangor youth wrestling program, from the West Salem Park & Rec program for the middle school, Jane & Marty Frank for a middle school science room, from Sara & Paul Jeranek for the middle school, and from Ken Schlingen for the middle school. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 Spanish Ecology Trip. High School Spanish Teacher Shelly Helland and High School Ecology Club Advisor Kelly Rueckheim presented information on a 2020 trip to Peru. No action was taken.

Bleachers for Multi-Purpose Events Center – No action was taken.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the Board Grant Review Committee’s recommendation to award the following Board Grants:

- Applicant: Jake Merrill & Makenzie Becker
- Grant Request: Trikes for tikes
- Grant Awarded: \$1,607.94

Applicant: Jamie Olson, David Neuman, Makenzie Becker, Kjerstin Dellenbach
Grant Request: West Salem Community Ice Arena Winter Units
Grant Awarded: \$3,449.19

Applicant: Quenten Brown
Grant Request: The Memory Project
Grant Awarded: \$315

Applicant: Tara Allind
Grant Request: Flexible Seating for Reading Workshop Time
Grant Awarded: \$580

Applicant: Lisa Jones
Grant Request: Let's Play
Grant Awarded: \$150

Applicant: Jonathan Jones
Grant Request: Programming Robots
Grant Awarded: \$750

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the additional 18-19 second semester Early College Credit request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approved the revised agreement with the West Salem Hockey Association pending review of paragraph 10. Indemnification: Assumption of Risk; Disclaimer of Liability, (e), and other changes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

November 6, 2018 Operational Referendum recap and communication. No action was taken.

Closed Session

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action 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" regarding the superintendent's evaluation. No action was taken to go into closed session.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk