

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 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 November 9, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingen, 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, Justin Jehn, Shawn Handland, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Nate Krien and Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Alexis Brueggen reported on:

1. NHS Trick or Can took place on Halloween and it was a success. NHS collected around 1900 non-perishable food items that were donated to the food pantry in West Salem
2. Ifeed took place on November 4 at Logan High School and this is where Interact Clubs from schools in the area and other community members came together and volunteered to package over 78,000 meals for people in need in Nicaragua and Puerto Rico as well as hosted a food drive to donate the food items to the local food pantry
3. Winter sports practices are starting; girls' basketball had a scrimmage on Saturday.

Nate Krien reported on:

1. The High School Student Council put on Veteran's Day program. A big thank you to our troops and Mr. Eric Wiggins who was the guest speaker.
2. The High School Math Club had a competition held at UW-Platteville on November 1. The Math Club had two team and both teams placed first in their competitions. This is the first time this has happened ever for West Salem.
3. At the high school, the SEP paper writing process is done.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Lisa Gerke was read.

A thank you note from Lori-Skaer Jensen was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the multipurpose events center and auto lab agenda items.

Board Grant Review Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on a meeting held earlier tonight.

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

District Performance Initiatives by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2017; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignations of Ben Tashner as middle school choir director and Michelle Evenson as a cook; middle school yearbook advisors Jenny Morgan and Nicole Friell; and the Open Enrollment Requests for 17-18 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no recommendation for a high school dance coach.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from 1st Community Credit Union for the high school, from Beverly Bockenbauer for the Tom Black Memorial Fund; from the Elementary PTO for the elementary school, and from the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board to the district. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #447.3 Student Suspensions/Expulsions and #443.3 Two-Way Communication Devices. Motion carried unanimously

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #423 Early Admission to Four-year-old Kindergarten, Five-year-old Kindergarten and First Grade. After some discussion Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Halverson withdrew their motion to approve for a first reading of policy #423 Early Admission to Four-year-old Kindergarten, Five-year-old Kindergarten and First Grade.

Preliminary 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school calendars. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the administration's request for an additional limited-term teacher for the elementary IDS program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the administration's request for additional paraprofessional support at the elementary school as presented. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Preliminary wording and project scope for February 20, 2018 referendum. No action was taken.

Process for third sale of construction bonds. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the committee's recommendation and approve the following grant requests:

- 1) Strength and conditioning program for PE 9
- 2) Prototyping in the design process utilizing a 3D printer
- 3) 3D Challenge Mazes
- 4) Knitting us Together
- 5) Ukulele Group
- 6) Bringing the world to our students: Virtual reality in the social studies classroom
- 7) Ozobot Robots
- 8) Maker's Space Foundations
- 9) Differentiated Learning Stations

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk