

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2014
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Thomas Helgeson. 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 20, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Fred Perri led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Michael St. Pierre recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, and Fred Perri. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Mark Carlson, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin, Mariah Arneson, Cameron Robaczewski, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, and Mike Malott.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Connection with the Community

Mariah Arneson and Cameron Robaczewski reported on:

1. There were six students who went to the jazz honor band in Winona on November 14-15, 2014. Students had to apply, audition and perform.
2. The high school music trip to New York is taking place November 23-28. There will be 204 people on the tour which includes: Ellis Island, the Empire State Building, Broadway musicals, the Macy's Parade, and Rockefeller Center.
3. High school senior Kayla Adams has started the Interact Club as part of her SEP. As part of this project, students will be volunteering in the community.
4. High School students and staff participated in the No Shave November Collection for Cancer. The project raised \$1600 which will go towards cancer research. WKBT provided news coverage and Features donated free bowling to the homeroom with the most donations earned.
5. Courtney Garrels is the Art Student of the Month for November. Her artwork is on display in the Heider Center Gallery.

Correspondence

A thank you from the Terry Skemp family was read.

A letter from WAFER for food donation was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the committee met and reviewed many policies and some will be coming before the board for a first reading at the December meeting.

Reports by Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline, Davita Molling and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2014, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried. (Mr. Helgeson-abstained)

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Perri 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 \$1,200,000 for the operation of the schools of the district to include a draw of \$450,000 on November 26, 2014 and an additional \$750,000 draw on December 29, 2014 until January 20, 2015. Motion carried.

Mr. Gunderson led the discussion on campus and facility planning, which included the outdoor facility issues, building issues and solutions.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Perri seconded to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk