

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2018
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 21, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Deanna Wiatt led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ben Wopat recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Robin Fitzgerald. 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: Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield and Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative reported on:

1. The Principles of Leadership class put up suckers with kind and inspiring messages on each locker in the high school on the day before Thanksgiving break.
2. Last week Monday, the English 110 and CST 110 (speech) classes went to UW-L to explore the library, research, and listen to speeches by college students.

Rachel Newton, Student Representative reported on:

1. Sam Olson had a signing ceremony on November 14 with Wingate University on her commitment to play college soccer there.
2. High school girls basketball won their games against Sparta and Holmen.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the events of the committee's meeting earlier tonight.

District Strategic Initiatives updated by the Business Operations Team, Troy Gunderson were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced: the hiring of Jessica Hendrickson as an elementary custodian and Michael Schaub as a high school custodian.

Boys' and Girls' Brenengen Club of West Salem. Executive Director Mike Desmond and Don and Cheryl Brenengen were present and thank the board for their support and dedication for making a difference to the students of the district. A video created by the district about the club was played.

2017-2018 School District Report Cards. Director of Instruction Deanna Wiatt reviewed and explained the district's report cards that were released on November 13, 2018.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 12, 2018; the invoices to be paid; and the resignation of Casi Rochester as the 8th grade girls' assistant basketball coach for the 18-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept donations from the Jim Jeffers family for students in grades 5-8 in memory of Susan Jeffers, and from the La Crosse County Jeans Day Committee for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to name the multi-purpose events center as the Panther Den. Motion carried unanimously.

Bleachers for multi-purpose events center. Mr. Clements moved to purchase bleachers for the multi-purpose events center. Motion failed. 2-Aye (Grosskopf, Clements), 4-Nay (Schlimgen, Griffin, Fitzgerald, Halverson)

Operational Referendum: 2019-2020 district budgets with or without referendum, timelines and communication, and district survey. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded not to exceed \$5,000 for a district survey for a potential referendum. Motion carried. 4-Aye (Schlimgen, Griffin, Fitzgerald, Halverson), 2-Nay (Grosskopf, Clements).

Mrs. Halverson welcomed the motion for 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.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:34 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 11:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Schlimgen, Acting Clerk