

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 27, 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 22, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Schlingen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Troy Gunderson 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, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Lisa Gerke and Nate Krien.

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. The high school girls' basketball team has two games this week and one of them is parents' night.
2. The high school hockey and wrestling teams each have a competition this week.
3. The DECA Club started roll playing prep for competition.
4. The NHS Giving Tree is up in the high school library.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Terry Pudenz was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported on the policies reviewed by the committee.

District Performance Reports by Shawn Handland, Rick Kline, Kerri Feyen, Barb Buswell and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Michael St. Pierre, Curriculum Director, reported on the District Report Cards for the 16-17 school year and the Teaching & Learning Strategic Initiative.

Interim High School Principal Mike Malott, Dean of Students Justin Jehn, School Counselor Jessica Trip, and School Counselor Julie Arentz reported on Redefining Ready.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of custodian Lowell Hehl Jr.; a limited-term teaching contract with Cassie Geary as an elementary special education teacher; co-curricular contracts for Council of Kids-Martha Burdick and Mary Czajka, After School Art-Angie Hemker and Stephanie Sharp, 5th grade choir-Lisa Jones, Yearbook-Stephanie Sharp, winter dance team-Jami Greer; and Open Enrollment requests for the 17-18 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the donation from La Crosse Technologies for the middle school. Motion carried unanimously.

Rita Schmitz, representative of the Berg Hemker Olson American Legion Post #51 Building Fund Committee, presented the Legion's request for enhanced concessions for their Heider Center Events. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the request from the Berg Hemker Olson American Legion Post #51 to have enhanced concessions for events in the Heider Center: February 10 and April 21, 2018. Enhanced concessions will be allowed during intermission and following the events, with a two-drink maximum, and with ticket sales for the drinks. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Nay; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Nay. Motion carried. 4-Aye, 2-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen and Mrs. Griffin)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the following resolution: Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$5,100,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes.

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016, the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (the "District") adopted an initial resolution ("Initial Resolution Number I") authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of a school improvement program consisting of: renovations and additions at the current Middle School; renovations and building infrastructure improvements at the Elementary School; site improvements, including additional parking and a new bus transfer area; and acquisition of related furnishings, fixtures and equipment (the "Initial Resolution Number I Project"); and an initial resolution ("Initial Resolution Number II" and collectively with Initial Resolution Number I, the "Initial Resolutions") authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of District athletic facilities improvements consisting of: replacing the track and constructing additional track/football stadium seating, constructing and equipping baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and a multi-purpose sports and events facility; and completing related site improvements (the "Initial Resolution Number II Project" and collectively with the

Initial Resolution Number I Project, the "Project"), and there are insufficient funds on hand to pay said cost;

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016, the School Board adopted a resolution providing for a referendum election on the proposition of whether Initial Resolution Number I and Initial Resolution Number II should be approved;

WHEREAS, a referendum election was held on November 8, 2016 in the District in which 3,352 votes were cast "YES" for approval and 2,118 votes were cast "NO" for rejection of Initial Resolution Number I and 3,242 votes were cast "YES" for approval and 2,209 votes were cast "NO" for rejection of Initial Resolution Number II;

WHEREAS, the Board of Canvassers duly reported the aforesaid results to the District Clerk who has made said results public;

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 67.12(12)(e)(2), Wisconsin Statutes, provide that if the purpose and amount of a borrowing have been approved by the electors, general obligation promissory notes may be issued without any additional approval by the electors;

WHEREAS, the District issued \$9,900,000 General Obligation School Improvement Bonds, dated December 21, 2016 to pay a portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number I Project authorized by Initial Resolution Number I and the referendum election;

WHEREAS, the District issued \$10,000,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, dated April 6, 2017 to pay an additional \$4,000,000 portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number I Project authorized by Initial Resolution Number I and the referendum election, a \$4,500,000 portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number II Project authorized by Initial Resolution Number II and the referendum election and \$1,500,000 for a refunding;

WHEREAS, the School Board hereby finds and determines that the Project is within the District's power to undertake and therefore serves a "public purpose" as that term is defined in Section 67.04(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes;

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation promissory notes for such public purposes;

WHEREAS, the District has directed Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated ("Baird") to take the steps necessary to sell general obligation promissory notes (the "Notes") authorized by the Initial Resolutions and the referendum election to pay a \$4,600,000 portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number I Project and the remaining \$500,000 portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number II Project;

WHEREAS, Baird, in consultation with the officials of the District, prepared an Official Notice of Sale (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference) setting forth the details of and the bid requirements for the Notes and indicating that the Notes would be offered for public sale on November 27, 2017;

WHEREAS, the District Clerk (in consultation with Baird) caused a form of notice of the sale to be published and/or announced and caused the Official Notice of Sale to be distributed to potential bidders offering the Notes for public sale on November 27, 2017;

WHEREAS, the District has duly received bids for the Notes as described on the Bid Tabulation attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Bid Tabulation"); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the bid proposal (the "Proposal") submitted by the financial institution listed first on the Bid Tabulation fully complies with the bid requirements set forth in the Official Notice of Sale and is deemed to be the most advantageous to the District. Baird has recommended that the District accept the Proposal. A copy of said Proposal submitted by such institution (the "Purchaser") is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the following resolution: Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500,000.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and improvement program consisting of renovating, expanding and improving the high school automotive repair facility; continuing construction at the multi-purpose sports events center; and acquiring any related fixtures, furnishings and equipment.

Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mrs. Griffin)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the following resolution: Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500,000.

WHEREAS, the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted a resolution entitled: "Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500,000" (the "Initial Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the question approved in the Initial Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on February 20, 2018.

Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mrs. Griffin)

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

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the 2018-2019 and the 2019-2020 School Calendars. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Clements 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.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:48 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

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 10:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk