

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019
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 March 7, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Shawn Handland recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Reverend Richard Erikson, a part-time driver of bus #9 for West Salem has just published a children's book about safety, simple facts, and excitement about riding a school bus. The profits from his book go to the state to fund extracurricular activities or school sport costs for underprivileged local students, as well as Talking School Bus Enterprises, an incorporation that benefits orphans in Cambodia.
2. Auditions for the summer musical *Annie* are being held next Tuesday, March 19.
3. Ryan Nickles had a third-place finish in the Badger State Games Trap Shooting Competition.
4. Spring sports practices have begun.

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Members from Youth Frontiers went over to a few kindergarten classrooms and helped out teachers in their classrooms and interacted with the students on Thursday, March 7, and will continue to do so every other Thursday.
2. Skills USA students participated in a competition during the weekend of March 2, Dan Schwarz placed 1st, Ethan Ashbeck took 2nd place in Electronic Technology, and Samantha Quam took 2nd in Job Interview.
3. DECA has returned from state and is sending 14 students onto the international conference: Ryan Schlimgen, Aaron Bahr, John Glassmaker, Kylie Wright, Carissa Hass, Dani Miller, Julia Krien, Rayna Dressel, Kendra Ames, Abby Sharp, Kate Fitzgerald, Max Schumacher, Julia Stoleson, and Josie Hanson.

4. Also, at state DECA, Max Schumacher and Julie Stoleson were elected as state officers to represent the State of Wisconsin.
5. The National Honor Society is partnering with the BloodCenter of Wisconsin to host a blood drive on Thursday, March 14, from 8:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
6. The Robotics team competed at Duluth for the Northern Lights Regional Competition from Thursday to Saturday. With approximately 60 teams there, they placed 52nd.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Selection of Art Work – Middle School Art Teacher Angie Hemker invited board, administrators and district staff to select work from the K-12 Honors Art Exhibit in the Heider Gallery to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for a year.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mr. Clements reported on the events of the March 4 committee meeting.

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

District Strategic Initiatives update by the Superintendent's Cabinet Team and Troy Gunderson were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced: the hiring of Susan Kenyan as a limited term school nutrition employee, and that Sharon Hindley will replace Sara Patterson, who resigned, for the remainder of the school year.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2019, as amended; the invoices to be paid; the retirement of High School English Teacher Wendi Hundt, and accepting the administration's co-curricular recommendations: high school assistant track coach-Stacy Mitchell, Laura Skemp-Deal, Anessa Holey, Tommy Friday, Matt Matel, Samantha Rielly, Cole Murray; high school baseball- Charles Ihle (varsity head coach), Jason Holter, Trevor Kastenschmidt, Damian Wiblin (assistants); high school girls' soccer assistant coach-Darwin Carranza; high school boys' golf head coach-Jim Klos; second semester assistant play director-Elle Nimm. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Terri Lenselink, President of the Heider Center Arts Board Inc., presented a request to have enhanced concessions in the Heider Center for the 19-20 season. Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the request for the Heider Center Arts Board Inc. to have enhanced concessions, sell alcohol, for the event in February 2020. 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-Ayes, 2-Nays)

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept donations from the American Legion Post 51, Friends of Baseball and La Crosse Community Foundation for the baseball team, and from SSE Music, Dependable Solutions and Brenengen Chevrolet for Anne Skaar/elementary school/Tools for Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #821.5 District Use of Social Media and #361.1 Acceptable Use of Technology. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #422.1 Foreign Exchange Students, #3345.52 Commencement Ceremony, #522.71 Staff use of Social Media, #529 District Vehicle Requirements, #673 Payment Procedures, and #171.1 Public Notifications of School Board Meetings and Required Legal Notices. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the bid and select Bernie Buchner for the elementary HVAC upgrade. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the part-time custodian to be shared with the Boys & Girls Club as presented, and to amend the contract with the Boys & Girls Club to reflect the cost sharing of the custodian. Motion carried unanimously.

A draft of the 2019-2020 budget process following the election on April 2, 2019, was reviewed by Mr. Gunderson for financial planning purposes.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed and recommended updates were noted. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk