

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2016
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 March 24, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mrs. Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Brennan Bahr recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlinggen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Gretchen Hanchette and Brennan Bahr. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, and Michael St. Pierre.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Brennan Bahr reported on:

1. The West Salem High School Odyssey of the Mind team placed first at the state competition, earning them a trip to Internationals. There were many other teams also placing at state.
2. The high school softball team went down to Florida to compete in the ESPN Spring Training Tournament. They won one game and lost the other.
3. High school track: Last Tuesday they participated at an indoor meet at UW-Stout, and their first outdoor meet is next Tuesday at Cochrane-Fountain City.

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. The SEP Portfolios were due on Wednesday for the seniors, the boards are due April 14th and the practice presentations begin on the 18th of April, and are nearing the end of their projects.
2. On April 2, there will be a fundraiser for the senior class at Brenengen Auto. They are hosting a Lube-a-thon where people can come and get their oil changed or any quick service for their car with proceeds going to our Senior Lock-In.
3. Gretchen announced that she and Brennan Bahr were both accepted into Madison.

Correspondence—A thank you note from the West Salem Middle School MathCounts team was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met and reviewed the administrations budget recommendations.

Staff Relations – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met and will be discussed later in the Board meeting.

Department reports from Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Members of one of the Odyssey of the Mind teams gave a summary of the State Competition and a look at the upcoming Worlds Competition in Ames, Iowa. The following members were present: Eric Moen, Mathias Klingemann, Ben Sharp, Abby Tower, Courtney Koepp and Coach Angie Hemker.

Members of the West Salem High School DECA team were present to give a summary of the State Competition and a look at the upcoming International Competition in Nashville, Tennessee. The following members were present: Ben Sharp, Nate Krien, Kaylee Mulholland, Jinal Patel, Brennan Bahr, Audra Gaikowski, Josh Krien, Kate Sikyta, Tayler Jones, Aleshia Furlano, Kendra Ames, and Advisor Jason Holter.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2016, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the administration's request to offer track as a spring sport for sixth graders. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to approve Jim Klug as a middle school volunteer track coach. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the recommendation to approve the high school assistant soccer coach as presented.

Mr. Gunderson and Mrs. Molling gave an update on the proposed 2016-17 budget, possible reductions and preliminary staffing options.

Mr. Scafe left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's and Finance Committee's budget recommendations as amended by capping the district's share of any health insurance increase to \$50,000 and keeping the elementary art sections within the recommended number of students per class. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's recommendation and approve the CESA #4 contracts for the 16-17 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the Staff Relations Committee's recommendation to approve the contract with the West Salem Education Association including a .12% increase to the base salary for the 16-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the resignation of maintenance worker Garry Marten. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk