

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2016
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 June 9, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Simon Buchanan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Paige Dunnum recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Michael St. Pierre, and Davita Molling; Student representatives: Paige Dunnum and Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. The West Salem Sharks started their season and so far it has been going swimmingly. The swim team includes students from ages 6 – 18. The swim team will have their first home meet on Saturday, June 18, beginning at 7:45 a.m
2. The students, staff, and parents involved in this year's High School summer musical, *Mary Poppins*, have spent countless hours over the past six weeks preparing for the show. *Mary Poppins* will be performed June 23-25.

Simon Buchanan reported on:

1. The high school baseball team qualified and will compete in the state tournament this week.
2. The high school soccer team completed in the sectional final, and did not qualify for the state tournament.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Reuben Oldenburg family was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the June meeting. The next meeting will be in August.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the June 7 and June 13 committee meetings.

District Performance Initiative reports by Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Board Grant recipient Mary Hundt, Elementary LMC Director, shared the outcome of the Full STEAM Ahead with Ozobots project.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2016, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept donations from Target Corporation for the elementary school; from Dawn & Rich Berghefer for the high school band; from the La Crosse Community Foundation/Zielke Fund Grant for the high school baseball program; and from Bradley & Patricia Goetz for the Nutrition Services Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Updated cost estimates for the Campus Facilities Projects were reviewed. No action was taken.

Simon Buchanan left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adopt the following Resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the taxable sum of \$1,500,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from June 14, 2016, until June 21, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Board development/set date for Board Retreat. A tentative date for a Board Retreat could be July 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the 2016-2017 Nutrition Services Agreement with Bangor School District. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Miscellaneous Wage Rates for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, In response to Department of Public Instruction requirements for the establishment of a Fund 46 Long Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund;

WHEREAS, The West Salem School District (the "District") wishes to adopt a Fund 46 Trust Fund for the purpose of funding long term capital improvement needs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board does hereby adopt this resolution for the purpose of establishing a Fund 46 Capital Improvement Trust, which will, at all times, conform to the requirements and applicable regulations set forth by the Department of Public Instruction; and

RESOLVED, That it is the intention of the Board that the Fund 46 Trust will conform with all federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements; and

RESOLVED, That the Board authorize the District Administrator to act on the Board's behalf with respect to this Trust and to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to implement, maintain, and administer the Trust in accordance with the Board's intentions and all applicable state and federal laws.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Heinz from Associated Financial was present to answer questions regarding employee health insurance benefits including cash in-lieu of health insurance for the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the WEA Insurance Trust plan as presented with a 10% increase. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken at this time on changing the cash in-lieu benefit.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the 2015-16 budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to offer contracts to, pending release from their current contract if appropriate, Andrea Alvin, Elementary Special Education Teacher; Kevin Anderson, Middle School Special Education Teacher; Mark Byom, High School Science Teacher; Kelly Rueckheim, High School Aquaponics/Science Teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the resignation of Middle School Science Teacher Darcy Sawyer. Motion carried unanimously.

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 salaries and benefits of specific administrators and district staff members.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:17 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; 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. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk