

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2018
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 June 21, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Schlimgen 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 Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Robin Fitzgerald, Eric Jensen, Ryan Rieber, Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

Ken Schlimgen moved, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton reported on:

The high school summer musical “Bye Bye Birdie” was performed this past weekend.

Dagan Hemker reported on:

The high school legion baseball held a tournament his past weekend.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

District performance reports by David McPheeters, Shawn Handland, Rick Kline, Kerri Feyen, Barb Buswell, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: The resignation of district office/accounts payable/school nutrition administrative assistant Ashley Johnson; the hiring of George Villarreal as a part-time custodian.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2018; the invoices to be paid; hiring Krista Mead as a .625 FTE elementary teacher, Nicole Finch as a .35 FTE elementary art teacher, and Lisa Andresen as a 1.0 FTE special education teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve hiring Deanna Wiatt as the Director of Instruction, pending release from her current contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to remove from the table, review bids and select contractor for auto lab project. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Grosskopf arrived at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the original bid #1 from Market & Johnson and include Alternates #1, #2 and #3 for a final total of \$819,839. Motion carried unanimously.

Charging students to participate in co-curricular activities – No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to rescind the previous motion to schedule a Special District Meeting on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the middle school co-curricular alterations for the 18-19 school year as resented. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the high school requests for co-curricular alterations for the 18-19 school year.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the request for additional school nutrition staff as presented.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the request to sell 3 buses and 1 van as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the 17-18 budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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 mid-year evaluation of the superintendent; and (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, regarding the possible sale of district land, possible purchase of additional land, and financial negotiations with the West Salem Hockey Association.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:16 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

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk