

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2016
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 5:30 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 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 July 7, 2016. The meeting was set at the June 27, 2016, Board Meeting.

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 Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat and Michael St. Pierre (6:45). Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of the closed session item. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Correspondence

A thank you note from Gene Curtis was read.

Public comments – None.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2016; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 16-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Elisi Smith-Waller as a middle school science teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Maria Swanke as a .5 FTE 4K teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the 16-17 Elementary School Student and Parent Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the 16-17 Middle School Student and Parent Handbook, and the co-curricular handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the 16-17 Student Technology Use Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Resignations – No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to adopt academic standards for the 2016-17 school year: Wisconsin Academic Standards. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wopat left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Mr. Bahr left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to build consensus among the board members and the administration. This will be done through open discussion on a number of topics: Strategic Planning Summary and District Update, West Salem 2021 Financial Review, Workforce Goals, and Possible Facilities Referendum-Architect, Construction Manager, Proposals, Timelines. No formal action was taken.

The board reviewed the progress since the last retreat in June 2016.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk