

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2015
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice 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 22, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Schlingen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and John Smalley recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

No student representatives were present to give a report.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Reports by Scott Johnson, Rick Kline and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2015; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment Requests for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the donation from UW-L for the high school football program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on the progress of the district survey. A representative from School Perceptions will be present at the August 10, 2015 board meeting.

Mr. Gunderson led a discussion on options for facility use for the Boys and Girls Club. Mike Desmond, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Greater La Crosse Area, was present and participated in the discussion.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the high school 2015-16 Student and Parent Handbook as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the high school 2015-16 Athletic Handbook as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the co-curricular compensation schedule additions for the 15-16 school year as presented. Motion carried. (4-Aye, 1-Nay)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve one 4-hour position for clerical support at the elementary school. Motion carried. (Aye-4, 1-Nay)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to hire Emily Maxwell as a high school English teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to hire Rebecca Buisman as an elementary teacher, pending release from her current contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to hire Minda Lemke as a .42FTE middle school science teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to hire part-time paraprofessionals: middle school-Sabrina Flood; elementary school-Megan Schrock, Colette Schockman, Deb Pessl-Bauer, Stephanie Sharp, Alexandra Sanders, Lisa Yahnke, and Roxanne Whitehead. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of bus driver Tom Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk