

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2018
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Syl Clements. 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 July 26, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Patrick Bahr led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Grosskopf recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jane Halverson, Michael Johnson, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Justin Jehn, Ryan Rieber, Rachel Newton, and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Dagan Hemker Representative reported on:

1. The summer SEP Jump Start Class has started. This allows students to get an early start on whatever they want to work on relating to their SEP.
2. The Legion baseball team competed at state.
3. The National Honor Society will be distributing posters to local businesses around West Salem tomorrow in preparation for the blood drive they're hosting on Tuesday, August 14th from 10:30 am - 3:30 pm in the high school library.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments

Bob Minard and Israel McKinney expressed their concerns with the double rout busing. Lori Szymanski expressed her concerns regarding charging families for sports.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Clements reported on the events of the committee's last meeting.

TIF District Meeting – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the TIF District and how it is affecting the district.

District performance reports by David McPheeters, Shawn Handland, Rick Kline and Troy Gunderson were reviewed. Kerri Feyen presented her report on the Nutrition Services program for the 17-18 school year and a preview of the 18-19 school year.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the hire of Morgan Hyatt as a Speech and Language Paraprofessional, and there were no support staff resignations to report.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of Special Education Teacher Jenna Umberger; to hire Craig Halvorson as the Director of Technology and Geoffrey Baumann as the Director of Athletics; high school co-curricular: Justin Jehn-head football, Bob Gorniak, Deter Antoni, Jamie Olson, Mark Byom, Scott Johnson, and Tyler Shrake (volunteer)-assistant football, Brett Thompson-head volleyball, Ida Steingas, Adam Baltz and MacKenzie Rechner-assistant volleyball, LeRoy Krall-head cross country, Laura Deal-assistant cross country, Julie Kamla-head tennis, Brian Baker and Danielle Schultz-assistant tennis, Quintin Brown-assistant soccer; middle school co-curricular: Justin Running-7th grade head football, Josh Brewer-8th grade head football, Matt Duster-8th grade assistant football, Julie Arentz and Sam Schmitz-(co) 7th grade head volleyball, Sara Jeranek and Kayla Wegner-(co) 8th grade head volleyball, Jeremy Hoff-head cross country, Ben Tashner-assistant cross country; and Open Enrollment requests for the 18-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Nutrition Services Agreement with the Bangor School District as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the Buildings and Grounds Committee's recommendation to approve the request for an additional full-time custodian at the middle school. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the staffing request for special education paraprofessionals as presented for the middle school. Motion carried unanimously.

Referendum/financial planning: The Board and Mr. Gunderson reviewed referendum and financial planning information. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the elementary student and parent handbook as amended, the middle school student and parent handbook and co-curricular handbook, the high school student handbook and the technology use handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the donation from Forage Genetics for the art and science departments. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk