

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2015
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Thomas Helgeson. 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 August 6, 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Michael St. Pierre recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Gretchen Hanchette reported on:

1. High school football practice has started. Students and coaches participated in TV interviews.
2. The high school dance team held a Brat Bar Fundraiser at Festival Foods. Dance team held a camp this week.
3. The National Honor Society will hold a blood drive on August 12, from 11:00-4:00.

Brennan Bahr reported on:

1. A Senior Exit Project (SEP) writing class was held with Mrs. Volden.
2. The DECA officers held a meeting today.
3. High school soccer practice has begun.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the meeting’s discussions and actions.

District Performance Initiatives by John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson, were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2015; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests, with the exception of two students wishing to attend school in West Salem. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 1-Abstain)

Discussion/Action Items:

Cheryl Gullicksrud, CESA #4 Administrator, introduced herself and reviewed CESA #4 services.

Sue Peterson from School Perceptions reviewed the proposed community survey with the board.

The Board held a discussion following a Board Retreat item regarding the investigation of a marketing/social media person. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the West Salem Hockey Association for a future building site. Joe Belling from the West Salem Hockey Association was present to answer questions. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the West Salem Hockey Association as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the Boys and Girls Club use of school facilities. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the seclusion and restraint data, for the 2014-15 school year, provided by the building principals. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adopt academic standards for the 2015-16 school year: Wisconsin Academic Standards, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to hire Curtis Berg, bus driver; Mary Callen, OEC Coordinator; Lowell Hehl Jr., part-time custodian; and Susan Horstman, part-time food service. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's high school co-curricular recommendations: Erik Mathison, assistant football coach; Olivia Aleckson and Kelly Kalinowski, assistant volleyball coaches; Darcy Sawyer, volunteer volleyball coach; Brian Baker, volunteer tennis coach; Ryan Fink, Myron Hole, Dan Schneider, and Kevin Martinson, volunteer football coaches; and Brandon Gaethke, volunteer cross country coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's middle school co-curricular recommendations: Justin Running, 7th grade football; Josh Brewer, 8th grade football; Tyler Shrake, 7th grade assistant football; Matt Duster, 8th grade assistant football; Stacy Rel, 8th grade volleyball; Casi Rochester, 8th grade assistant volleyball; Jeremy Hoff, cross country; Alyssa Jarosh, cross country volunteer; Ben Tashner, cross country assistant; Amanda Beld, athletic director; Nicole Friell and Darcy Sawyer, forensics; Tammy Bentzen and Jonathan Jones, Mathcounts; Mardeana Glasel, assistant band; Ryan Waldhart, band; Amy Hanson, drama director; Elle Nimm, stage manager; Amy Hanson, tech supervisor; Ryan Waldhart, jazz band; Elle Nimm, vocal; Ben Tashner, student council; Elle Nimm and Ben Tashner, show choir; Amanda Beld and Heather Jehn, WEB leader; Kari Schultz, Jason Mahlum, Josh Brewer, Jenny Morgan, Ben Tashner, and Mardeana Glasel, team leaders. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the resignation of middle school volleyball coach Jennifer Perz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson 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 superintendent’s mid-year review and specific teachers in regards to model teacher promotion.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:56 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Helgeson, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk