

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 27, 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 August 23.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mike Malott led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Robin Fitzgerald recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingens, Tom Grosskopf, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber (7:10), Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative reported on:

1. The high school drama department will be performing Hair Spray on September 6-8, 2018.
2. The NHS held a blood drive on August 14, 2018.

Rachel Newton, Student Representative reported on:

Summarized the past couple weeks of the sports season.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Grosskopf reported on the events of the committee's meeting.

District Strategic Initiatives were shared by the Business Operations Team. The resignation of nutrition services employee Vicki Stegmaier, and the hiring Amanda Payne as a special education driver, Cassy Lueck as a paraprofessional.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2018; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2018; the invoices to be paid, the resignation of Middle School Spanish Teacher Melinda Tofstad; to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Brad Trocinski as the 7th grade assistant football coach; and the open enrollment requests for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Rachel Aspenson as a .40 FTE ESL Teacher and Sydney Prom as a high school English teacher. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to designate the administrators to sign PI-1618 Verification of Successful Completion of Curriculum for Experience-Based Licensure for Technical Education or Vocational Subjects form. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donations from Subway, Hansen's IGA, Linda's Bakery, Features, Le Coulee Cheese Castle, and the Pizza Oven for the National Honor Society Blood Drive.

Director of Finance Shawn Handland shared a draft of the 2018-19 Revenue Limit Worksheet and gave an update on the 17-18 school year. No action was taken.

Public Communications Specialist/Grant Writer Samantha Schmitz was present for the review of the operational referendum communication the district plans on sharing with the district residents.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve a part-time middle school paraprofessional position as presented. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Naming school facilities:

Multi-purpose events center – No action was taken.

Middle School Art Gallery – Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to name the middle school art gallery after Krista Beron. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wopat left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve for a first reading of Policy #851 Public Solicitations/Advertising in the Panther Community Center as amended by removing items in section D: #4, #7 and #13. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Draft of use agreement for the new multi-purpose events center with the West Salem Hockey Association – No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk