

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 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 September 6, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Schlimgen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Michael Johnson, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Justin Jehn (7:12), Ryan Rieber, Lisa Gerke, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jane Halverson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Mr. Gunderson introduced the 2018 Model Teacher cohort: Mark Byom, Andrea Ihle, Jonathan Jones, Jason Mahlum, Amy Marshall, Erik Mathison, and Kelly Rueckheim.

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative reported on:

1. The marching band had their first parade yesterday in Kellogg, MN, where they received first place.
2. The high school will be doing a miracle minute following the 1st and 2nd quarter of the football game this Friday to help flood victims in the area. On Saturday, students will take buses to areas that were affected and help them clean up. The money raised from the miracle minute will be used to purchase gift cards to Menards, Home Depot, etc. and will be handed out to individuals on Saturday.

Rachel Newton, Student Representative reported on:
Summarized the past couple weeks of the sports season.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments

Terry Dressel spoke on his concerns regarding Edmodo, Skyward, iPads and computers.

Written and Oral Reports

District Performance Initiative updates by the Leadership Team and Troy Gunderson.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of Barb Reynolds-nutrition services; and the hiring of Richard Carvalho-Middle School Lead Custodian and Karen Johnson-nutrition services.

2018 high school trip to Panama – Spanish Teacher Shelly Helland, Science/Agriculture Teacher Kelly Rueckheim and Colvil Carlaw, student, were present and shared their experiences with the trip.

Report on Summer School 2018 – Elementary Associate Principal Lisa Gerke and High School Associate Principal Justin Jehn summarized the summer school offerings for 2018.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2018; the invoices to be paid; to contract with Emily Rose as a 1.0 FTE middle school Spanish teacher (one-year contract); Matt Quick as the head girls' varsity basketball coach; and the Open Enrollment Requests for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept donations from Jim's Grocery Bag for the Nutrition Services Department, from Teleperformance for the elementary, middle and high schools, and from Lawrence and Stephanie Sharp for the high school auto shop. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #851 Public Solicitations/Advertising in the Panther Community Center. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adopt the following resolution: Resolution to borrow up to \$900,000.00 from the Union State Bank of West Salem on a six month general obligation loan at an interest rate of 3.20% per annum, with no penalty for pre-payment. Loan to be repaid on or before March 1, 2019. Purpose of the loan is for school building and improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adopt the following resolution: Resolution to borrow up to \$600,000.00 from the Union State Bank of West Salem on a three year general obligation loan at an interest rate of 3.40% per annum, with no penalty for pre-payment. Repayment to be structured at \$200,000 annually to principal, plus interest, with the first payment being due on March 1, 2020. The final payment will be due March 1, 2022. Purpose of the loan is for school building and improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk