

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on December 8, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Erik Peterson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Sean Gavaghan recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Chris Peterson, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ben Wopat and Mike Malott.

Approval of Agenda

C. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – C. Griffin reported on the Board of Control's agenda.

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Directors' Team, the Superintendent's Cabinet Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Human Resource updates: the resignations of Abby Solberg-paraprofessional.

Director of Instruction Deanna Wiatt presented the DPI State School Report Card.

Connection with the Community

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The high school choir had a phenomenal holiday concert on December 4 where the show choir debuted their show for this season.
2. The high school wind symphony and concert band performed yesterday and dedicated one of their songs to Zoe Coder.
3. Both the band and choir are volunteering at rotary lights tonight performing some of their favorites.

4. This past weekend, DECA went on a field trip to Milwaukee where they competed at DECAfest.
5. The Sports and Entertainment Marketing Class have been working to add more excitement to some of our high school sporting events. They will be hosting a college ESPN night this Friday for the girls' basketball game against Westby and then a holiday themed game night next Tuesday when the boys' basketball team plays Central. Attendance is encouraged and dress up in your best college and holiday attire.

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. To get the students more involved for the December 20 game, the student council has organized a holiday dress-up week before Christmas break.
2. Going into this week both the girls' and boys' basketball team have gone undefeated. The girls' next game is this Friday at home for college night, and they boys next game is this Thursday at home against GET.
3. The dance team competed these past two weekends, placing 6th at Ashwaubenon.
4. Girls' hockey had a great win against Cap City this past Saturday scoring 6-0 and have a game tomorrow at Viroqua.
5. Boys' hockey won their first game against Viroqua a couple weeks ago and have a game tomorrow at the Panther Den.
6. The gymnastics team hosted a meet this past weekend, where both JV and Varsity took first place.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Amy Chambers, 1st grade teacher, was read.

Public Comments – None.

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speakers were

Consent Agenda

- C. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2022;
 - b. the invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for
 - 1) Odyssey of the Mind – Elissa Kinstler-leader, Elissa Kinstler-coach, Laura Deal-coach, and volunteers Damien Johnson, Jaclyn Schubert, Rachel Miller, Kayla Kenowski, Lindsey Gilberts, Cheryl Weber, and Cassie Connell
 - 2) Nick Wagner-high school volunteer boys' basketball coach; and
 - d. to accept donations from the La Crosse Community Foundation for the Elementary LMC, from the 1st Community Credit Union in Sparta for the District and from A & C Martial Arts Studio in West Salem for the high school Student Services Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. No action was taken.

Live Streaming of the Board Meeting ended, as noted on the Public Meeting Notice.

Board Development

The Board and the Superintendent's Cabinet Team participated in a book study, The Sale, by Jon Gordon.

Closed Session

C. Griffin 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 mid-year evaluation of the superintendent.

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:18 p.m. A roll vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk