

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023
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 April 6, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Madison MacRogers led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Brennan Kennedy recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion rescinded. R. Fitzgerald moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda moving the Student and Board Member Acknowledgements item and the Art Department Presentations item to prior to the Written and Oral Reports section. Motion carried unanimously.

Student and Board Member acknowledgements were presented to Brennan Kennedy and Madison MacRogers.

Student art selections to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year were presented by Allen Schroeder, Kaylin Staebell, Angie Hemker, and Quenten Brown, District Art Teachers.

Written and Oral Reports

Workforce Engagement and Development Committee – S. Gavaghan reported on the agenda items: benefits and West Salem Education Association negotiations preparations.

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

High School Teachers Kimberly Volden and Ryan Nelson shared with the Board the Senior Exit Project (SEP) modifications beginning with the 23-24 school year.

Connection with the Community

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Boys' and girls' track have a meet in Holmen tomorrow as well as a meet at home this Friday
2. Baseball had a great start to the season last week with a win against Westby and they have a home game tomorrow at 5:00 against GET
3. Softball has been doing well this season and have a game tomorrow in Black River Falls at 5:00
4. Girls' soccer had a great start to their season with a win against Arcadia and Reedsburg and then play tomorrow at fields for kids against central at 7:00
5. Boys' tennis have a quad this Saturday
6. The golf team has a match this Thursday

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The trap team spring season has started. For this season, they have 68 student athletes participating from grades 6 - 12. Conferences were just announced (on Thursday) and they are competing in Class 2A conference 5, in the largest conference
2. Ecology club and interact club are both planning fun events for Earth Day including highway cleanups and Earth week
3. NHS have also elected there new officers, President Taylor Burch, Vice President Celia Mitchell, Secretary Danica Brenengen, and Treasurer Elliott Sjoquist
4. This is Brennan and I's last board meeting so we would just like to say thank you for being so welcoming and teaching us both so much, Thank You

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

R. Fitzgerald moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Minutes of March 27, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for volunteer golf coaches- Joshua Shrake, Aaron Kupinski, Zach Elliott, volunteer track coach-Tanner Gibbons, and volunteer Odyssey of the Mind Coach-Heath Byrnes;
- d. to accept the donations from the Game Getters Bow Hunting Club for the high school trap team, from the Game Getters Bowhunting Club to the Game Getters Bowhunting Club Scholarship Fund, from an anonymous donor for the Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund;
- e. to accept the resignation of Matt Hatzinger as the head high school hockey coach; and
- f. to hire Claire Schrader as a 1.0 FTE 5th Grade Teacher and Mason Berndt as a 1.0 FTE School Psychologist.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

T. Grosskopf moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for Early College Credit/Start College Now requests for the fall of 23-24 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Fitzgerald moved, B. Minard seconded accept the administration's recommendation to approve the CESA #4 Contracts for the 23-24 school year. 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

Mr. Rieber led a discussion on Long-Range Facility Plans and Capital Projects. No action was taken.

Adjournment

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk