

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024
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 3, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Chris Peterson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Payton Greer recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Bob Minard, Chris Peterson, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Ben Wopat, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Alex Hubing, Robin Fitzgerald and Sean Gavaghan.

Approval of Agenda

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Student acknowledgements were presented to Payton Greer, Sam Stenberg and Julian Gutierrez Nunez.

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

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Evan Noel was selected to be on the Wisconsin State Jazz Ensemble. This is a prestigious selection as hundreds of musicians audition for this and only 2 alto sax get selected.
2. The 2nd annual Build My Future event is taking place on Wednesday, April 24. Deadline to register is Friday, April 19.
3. WTC Career Exploration is on April 12 from 9:00-1:00. This is where students can explore Medical and Stem based careers at Western.
4. Track and field were to compete in a meet at Holmen last week, but it was canceled. There is another Holmen meet scheduled for tomorrow. There is also a home meet on Friday. DECA has sold meet shirts as a fundraiser for their internationals trip.

5. Solo and ensemble was hosted here this past weekend. There were tons of talented singers and instrument players. If they placed this weekend they qualified for state. We had lots of West Salem students make it to state.
6. Baseball will have their first game is at GET tomorrow, due to all the others getting canceled

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Softball lost 6-2 against Portage last week. They play 2 double headers this week.
2. Girls' soccer have their first game Thursday at home against Logan.
3. Boys' tennis had their first meet on Friday at Tomah. They have another match this Friday against Aquinas.
4. Golf will have their first meet on Thursday at Coulee Golf Bowl.
5. Band and choir will leave for NYC Trip on April 16th
6. The summer musical *Mamma Mia!* started practices this week.
7. Given that this is our last meeting ever, we both wanted to extend our thanks to all of you for making this experience possible and special for us. We both agree that this has been one of the highlights of our high school career and we wish the best of luck to the next board that serves this great district.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Michael St. Pierre was read.

Wisconsin Department of Public proclamations were shared: Month of the Military Child, National Library Week and School Library Month.

Public Comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

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

Consent Agenda

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for winter and fall dance coach-Brianna Kruser;
- d. to hire Cody Rohl-1.0 FTE High School English Teacher, May Tepp-1.0 FTE High School Math Teacher, and Callie Fantz-1.0 FTE Grade 5 Teacher;
- e. to accept donations from Game Getters Bowhunting Club for the high school trap team and from the family of Elaine Bina for high school art scholarships.

Motion carried unanimously.

There were no resignations or retirements to act upon.

Discussion/Action Items:

E. Peterson moved, C. Peterson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the CESA #4 Contracts for the 24-25 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Acting Clerk