

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 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 June 9, 2023.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

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

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Written and Oral Reports**

Policy/Communication and Engagement Committee – E. Peterson reported on the agenda items: review policies with legal and recommended changes, graduation, advertising policy, and meal charge.

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the high school kitchen remodel agenda item.

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

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

Superintendent Rieber provided an end of the year update.

**Connection with the Community**

*Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. track state results
2. tennis sectional and state results
3. softball was sectional runner-up

4. baseball was sectional runner-up
5. soccer competed in a playoff game
6. CAT program runs Monday-Thursday
7. the Summer Musical, *Wizard of Oz*, will be performed June 22-23-24-25
8. Panther Portfolios began, including a summer class
9. trap team placed 2nd as a team at state

*Correspondence*

A thank you note from Pryia Oshan was read.

*Public Comments* – None.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept donations from the La Crosse Community Foundation Mary Grace Sieber Fund for the Adapted Sports League's Athlete Safety Enhancement Project, from Kim Foglia, Kristine Cvikota, Michelle Anderson, Alison Hemker, Anne Skaar, Erin Waldhart, Jennifer Wehrenberg, Bridget Wright, and Lynn Maas for the Jane Doe Fund, from Wehrs Electric for the senior sing out, from Michael Garbers and Lesley Fitzgerald for the FFA in memory of their father, from the La Crosse Community Foundation for the school and community;
- d. to accept the resignation of Kimberly Volden as the Junior Class Advisor (prom coordinator);
- e. to hire Alyssa Harlan as a 1.0 FTE Director of Instruction, Rebekah Schomberg as a 1.0 FTE elementary school special education teacher, Jordyn Trager as a 1.0 FTE elementary school special education teacher;
- f. to accept the administration's high school co-curricular recommendations for Claire Schrader-dance team coach (fall & winter), Justin Stakston-head cross country coach, Justin Jehn-head football coach, Becki Murphy-head volleyball coach, Thomas Fell-head boys' soccer coach, and Julie Kamla-head girls' tennis coach; and
- g. to approve the request to borrow sports equipment.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

C. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the co-curricular requests and revision for the 23-24 school year Co-Curricular Compensation Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve for a first reading of the following policies: 0100-Definitions, 2210-Curriculum Development, 2220-Adoption of Courses of Study, 2221-Special Observance Days, 2430-District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities, 3215-Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Professional Staff, 4215-Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Support Staff, 5200-Attendance, 5330 Administration of Medicine/Emergency Care, 5340-Student Accidents/Illness/Concussion & Sudden Cardiac Arrest, 5410-Promotion, Placement, and Retention, 5512-Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Students, 5517-Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment – student Anti-Harassment, 5771-Search & Seizure, 7434-Use of Tobacco and Nicotine on School Premises, 7440-Facility Security, 7544-Staff Use of Social Media, 7544.01-

District Use of Social Media, 8405-Environmental Health and Safety Program, 7420.01-Epidemics and Pandemics-8450 Control of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases, 8600-Transportation, 8800-Religious Activities and Observances, and 8802 Patriotic Activities and Observances. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Peterson moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the Policy/Communication & Engagement Committee's recommendation to approve for a first reading of policy 8500.01-Meal Charge. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to accept the Policy/Communication & Engagement Committee's recommendation to approve for a first reading of policy 5460.03-Graduation Date/Ceremony. 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**

Final review of the Community Survey. No action was taken.

Crisis Response Plan. No action was taken

### **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 evaluation of the superintendent.

E. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:38 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; and T. Grosskopf, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

### **Adjournment**

C. Peterson moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk