

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 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 22, 2023.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

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

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Written and Oral Reports**

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

Human Resource updates: the hiring of Amanda Boswell-custodian and Tyler Crick-custodian; and the resignation of Kendra Davidson-cook.

Superintendent Rieber provided pictures of the new OEC shelters.

**Connection with the Community**

*Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. The CAT Program just got done with the first max week of the summer. Athletes got to show off their skills and set a baseline to improve by the end of the summer.
2. Wizard of OZ play was very good. There were two different casts (Thursday/Saturday and Friday/Sunday). The parts that were switched were Dorothy and Glinda.
3. Running club meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:30 and Tuesday, Thursday at 8:00 for anyone who wants to get in shape for their sport and tan by the cross country coach Justin Stakston.

4. High school summer school is going on.
5. The high school two-week band camp wrapped up on June 16th.
6. Brennan Garbers and Sam Stenberg attended Badger Boys State at UW-Eau Claire and Kate and Emily Fechner attended Badger Girls State at UW-Oshkosh.
7. Summer sports are in full swing – Legion baseball, Legion softball summer league boys' and girls' basketball, and football.
8. Fall sports are starting - dance team practices two times a week and volleyball has open gyms on Mondays 9:00-10:30 and Thursdays 5:30-7:00. There is a Monday night league with 3 different split teams - contact days starting Thursday.

*Correspondence* – None.

*Public Comments* – None.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023;
- b. invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept donations from the Herb Kohl Fellowship-Brian Baker was selected as a 2023 recipient, and from Jeff Helm and Amber Clerk for the Jane Doe Fund;
- d. to accept the resignations of Alternative Education Teacher Adam Krause, Special Education Teacher Jeremy Johnson and Elementary Teacher Rachel Lopez.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

S. Gavaghan moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to approve for a second 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.

R. Fitzgerald moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve for a second reading of policy 8500.01-Meal Charge and 5460.03-Graduation Date/Ceremony. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Fitzgerald moved, C. Peterson seconded to adopt the budget adjustments for 2022-2023. 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.*

**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.

S. Gavaghan moved, C. Peterson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:22 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; and T. Grosskopf, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

C. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk