

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 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 September 7, 2023.

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

Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, C. Peterson 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 Superintendent's Cabinet Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Policy/Engagement and Development Committee – E. Peterson reported on the agenda item advertising and commercial activities.

Start of school report – None.

Summer campus improvements – Superintendent Rieber provided an update of all the maintenance items that were updated in the District. Director of Buildings and Grounds Scott Johnson was present and answered questions.

Connection with the Community

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. This past week, Class Presidents were elected. Freshmen-John Gerke, Sophomore-Lydia Jothan, Junior-Gideon Wolbrink, Senior-Sam Stenberg
2. Homecoming is next Friday, September 22. The theme this year is *Clash of Fans*. The football game will be against Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau. The dance theme is *Day and Night* on Saturday, September 23. All grades can start building their floats this week. Powder puff practices are also happening. The powder puff game will be this Sunday along with all the other homecoming kick off activities, which include volleyball, spikeball and the other activities. After those are completed, there will be a powder puff game featuring the juniors vs. the seniors.
3. Football, volleyball and boys' soccer information was shared.

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Girls' tennis information was shared.
2. The band performed at Kellogg's Watermelon Days Parade this past Saturday.
3. The show choir finished learning their closing number in their show and will have weekly practices after school.
4. The drama department is holding auditions for the production of *Back to the 80's*.
5. HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) will have their first meeting this Thursday.
6. Ecology Club will have their first meeting tomorrow.
7. FFA will have their first meeting this Friday.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR EARLY START OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR PER 118.045(3), WISCONSIN STATUTES – REQUEST A WAIVER FOR EARLY START OF SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO REPAIR OF ROOF FROM THE JULY 28, 2023, STORM.

C. Griffin called the hearing to order at 7:28 p.m. There wasn't a person who wished to speak. C. Griffin ended the hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Consent Agenda

- E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2023;
 - b. the invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept a donation from Dollar General Literacy Foundation for the elementary school, from Country Boom, LLC, for the high school football team, and from Waldenberger Inc., for the Outdoor Education Center.
 - d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for Brianna Kruser, volunteer dance coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adopt the following resolution.
WAIVER REQUEST FOR EARLY START OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR PER
118.045 (3) WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE – REQUEST A WAIVER FOR EARLY START
OF SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO REPAIR OF ROOF FROM THE JULY 28, 2023 STORM.
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

Superintendent Rieber led a Board Development on the Future District Initiatives and provided the Board some of the results of the community survey that pertained to the subject.

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Acting Clerk