

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 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 October 19, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Sam Stenberg led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Payton Greer 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, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Chris Peterson and Ben Wopat.

Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

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

Business Operations Committee – No report was given.

Human Resource updates: the employment of Danya Das as a bus driver and Katherine Boehlke as a high school LMC paraprofessional.

Connection with the Community

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Both the boys' and girls' cross-country teams qualify for the state championship meet in Wisconsin Rapids this Saturday. The boys are Sectional Champs with Tom Stenberg as their top finisher in 3rd place. The girls are Sectional Runner-Ups with Mia Olson as their top finisher in 4th place. They run at the Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.
2. The football team won Friday against Adams-Friendship in level 1. They play in their level 2 game against the #1 seed Lodi at Lodi.
3. The volleyball team became Regional Champs on Saturday. They beat #3 seed Portage 3-0. They play against the #1 seed Sauk Prairie on Thursday in Sauk Prairie.

4. Natalie Graham and Taylor Burch made it to tennis state as a double team and Megan Johnson also made it to state as a single they lost but it was exciting they made it.
5. Soccer ended their season with a hard-fought game against Edgewood on Thursday.

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The ski and snowboard team will be having a meeting this Wednesday to discuss their season.
2. There is a winter lifting program being organized by Fitness Center Director Mr. Seibert. He is looking to increase the strength, power, and mobility of all athletes at West Salem.
3. The Drama Department put on a play last week - *Back to the 80's*, and it was a great success.
4. Band had their auditions this week to decide where they get placed into Wind Symphony or Concert Band.
5. DECA will hold their regular meeting this Thursday. They are also putting on a highway clean up.
6. Robotics started with an informational meeting today.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2023, the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the donation from Morrie's Auto Group for the Elementary School Random Acts of Kindness Fund.
- d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for assistant gymnastics coach-Brittney Hodgson, assistant girls' basketball coach-Whitney Folkers, Payton Steiner, Jared Hauser, Tanner Gibbons, assistant wrestling coach-Tyler Shrake, head middle school wrestling coach-Jason Raasch, assistant middle school wrestling coach-Warren Frank, assistant 8th grade girls' basketball coach-Heidi Propson, head 8th grade girls' basketball coach-Lauren Lovely, assistant 8th grade boys' basketball coach-Nick Schultz, and head 8th grade boys' basketball coach-Tony Schultz;
- e. to accept the resignation of winter dance team head coach Claire Schrader.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

R. Fitzgerald moved, E. Peterson seconded to adopt the 2024-2025 school calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Early College Credits (4-year universities)/Start College Now (technical colleges) for the spring of 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to set the budget for the 2023-2024 school year as presented at the Annual Meeting – proposed Fund 10 revenues at \$29,888,950 and proposed Fund 10 expenses at \$29,168,653. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Fitzgerald moved, E. Peterson seconded to set the 2023-2024 school year Tax Levy at \$10,710,208 with a Mill Rate of 0.00760290. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Abstained (B. Minard)

Board Grant volunteers to review the Board Grant applications are E. Peterson, Robin Fitzgerald and Sean Gavaghan.

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

Adjournment

R. Fitzgerald moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk