

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022
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 November 10, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Heidi Horton led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Deanna Wiatt recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Robin Fitzgerald. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Sean Gavaghan.

Approval of Agenda

C. Peterson moved, R. Fitzgerald 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.

Business Operations Committee – Tom Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: chillers, OEC shelter and kitchen remodel.

Board Grant Review Committee – Bob Minard reported on the agenda item, board grant recipients.

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

Connection with the Community

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Both the boys' and girls' cross country teams competed at the division 2 state meet a couple weeks ago where the girls placed 8th and the boys placed 9th.
2. The girls' volleyball team had a great season finishing with a tough battle against Bloomer in the sectional semifinals.

3. The football team won level four playoffs against Onalaska 37-14 and will play Monroe in the state championship this Friday at Camp Randall at 10:00 a.m. This will be the football team's first time back to the state championship since 2007. Luke Noel (inside linebacker) and Brennan Kennedy (defensive back) were nominated and received Wisconsin Football Coaches Association (WFCA) Small School All-State Team, and Connor Bahr (defensive end) received WFCA Small School Honorable Mention All-State.
4. Priya Oshan and Lauren Zarecki swam at the Division 1 State Meet this past weekend with their 200 medley and 400 free relay teams.
5. Winter sports have now officially started with boys' and girls' hockey, gymnastics, dance team, and girls' basketball starting last week; and boys' basketball and wrestling starting today.

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The Sports Marketing class, Personal Finance class and DECA went on a great field trip to the Target Center for a Milwaukee Bucks vs Minnesota Timberwolves game where they learned about the marketing and management behind a professional sports team.
2. A couple of weeks ago DECA put on a successful haunted tunnel which was run by DECA member Kirah Goede.
3. The National Honor Society (NHS) had a successful trick-or-treat fundraiser; donating the canned goods collected to the local food pantry.
4. The Ecology Club put on a successful clothing drive last week.
5. Last night, Anthony Balboa held his SEP project where he had musicians from all musical backgrounds perform to raise money for the performing arts department and raising about \$200.

High School Spanish Teacher Shelly Helland and students Sidney Flack, Emily Sanwick, Reece Sackett, and Rylan Riste provided a recap of the 2022 Dominican Trip.

Director of Technology Craig Halvorson provided a district technology update.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

- R. Fitzgerald moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2022;
 - b. the invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations or volunteer gymnastics coach-Hannah Bunde and Orin Schwier;
 - d. to accept donations from Morris West Salem for the elementary school, from Kiley Clauson for the softball program, from Delta kappa Gamma-Theta Chapter for the elementary school LMC, from Holly Hanson for the Nutrition Services Department, from the Panther Booster Club to Austin Smith's SEP project for the athletic department, from

LAREA to the Pupil Services Department, and from the Knights of Columbus #9438 to the Pupil Services Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

T. Grosskopf moved, C. Peterson seconded to approve the Start College Now/Early College Credit requests for the spring of 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to go with a Screw Chiller for the high school and a Scroll Chiller for the elementary school, and to accept the bid from August Winter Inc., including an extended warranty. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to accept the bids from John Mast Masonry and Waldenberger Inc. for the OEC shelter project at an estimated cost of \$42,000 to complete the project. Motion carried. (6-0) C. Griffin-abstained

E. Peterson moved, C. Peterson seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to approve the Boys and Girls Club of Greater La Crosse's request to alter the old middle school kitchen, and for the district to replace the floor at an estimated cost of \$32,000. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Fitzgerald moved, C. Peterson seconded to accept the recommendations of the Board Grant Review Committee and approve School Board Grants as follows:

Applicant: Erika Olson & Jack Reader

Grant Request: Gaga Ball for all

Grant Awarded: \$1,000

Applicant: Jason Holter

Grant Request: Dual Air Fusion IQ Press

Grant Awarded: \$5,591

Applicant: Josh Brewer

Grant Request: S.U.P. Lifetime Activity

Grant Awarded: \$3,416

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar. 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.

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.

R. Fitzgerald moved, E. Peterson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:10 p.m. A roll vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk