

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
November 28, 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 7:01 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 22, 2022.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Brennan Kennedy led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Madison MacRogers 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, Charlie Alexander, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Erik Peterson and Bob Minard.

*Approval of Agenda*

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Written and Oral Reports**

Teaching & Learning Committee – R. Fitzgerald reported on the agenda item State Report Card data.

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

Human Resource updates: the future retirement of Cheryl Elliot-kitchen manager, and the resignations of Gina George-paraprofessional, Andreas Pessl-Bauer-custodian and Rebecca Schmidt-cook.

**Connection with the Community**

*Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. Students enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving break last week.
2. The high school dance team has their first competition this weekend.
3. High school students and staff helped the middle school put on a great performance of *Peter Pan* a couple weeks ago.

4. The high school Holiday Choir Concert is this Sunday where the mixed choir, concert choir and show choir will perform.

*Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. The high school fall sports are officially over with the football team bringing home a silver ball.
2. Winter sports are in full swing.
  - Boys' basketball plays Friday at home against Tomah
  - Girls' basketball starts out 1-0 after beating Sparta and will play tomorrow at home against Holmen
  - Boys' hockey play tomorrow at Viroqua
  - Girls' hockey play tonight against Winona
  - Wrestling team has meets on Thursday and Saturday

*Correspondence*

A thank you note from the family of Marvin Iverson was read.

*Public Comments* – None.

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speaker was Aaron MacRogers.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2022, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022;
- b. invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for Darrel Shane Schmeling as a volunteer boys' basketball coach;
- d. to accept the anonymous donation for the high school football team, from the La Crosse County Jean's Day Committee for the Jane Doe lunch fund and the Random Acts of Kindness fund and from the Foundation of the Wisconsin Automobile & Truck Dealers for the district.

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**

The Board and the Superintendent's Cabinet Team participated in a book study, The Sale, by Jon Gordon.

**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) (d) Except as provided in s. 304.06 (1) (eg) and by rule promulgated under s. 304.06 (1) (em), considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention, regarding the review of the school's Crisis Response Plan.

R. Fitzgerald moved, C. Peterson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:52 p.m. A roll vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

**Adjournment**

C. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk