

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2024  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Due to technical difficulties, Live Streaming was not available for this meeting.

**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 January 18, 2024.

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

*Approval of Agenda*

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard 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 resignation of Julie Schaub, and the hire of Holly Boggs and Sue Walters-School Nutrition.

**Connection with the Community**

*Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. Second semester starts tomorrow with students having new classes. Tomorrow is also a CCLR day, so students will go through four sessions where the goal is to make the students better prepared for life after high school.
2. The Prom Committee is meeting and planning prom.
3. The National Honors Society is putting on a winter walk through the school forest on January 26, 2024.
4. January student of the months: Carter Quackenbush, Elliott Sjoquist, Brisha Briseno, Gideon Wolbrink, Gavin Brothen, Madisen Skrede, Taylor Burch, Eve Froiseth, Derek Freit, Hailey Gerke, Samantha MacRogers, and Ray Gander.

5. Boys' basketball played GET on Tuesday and won, and Luther on Friday and won. They play three games this week Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

*Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. Girls' basketball played at Logan on Tuesday where Megan Johnson broke 1,000 in career points. They play three games this week.
2. Wrestling (boys' and girls') had a meet against Caledonia last Thursday. They have two meets this week and then travel to Lodi on Saturday.
3. Boys' hockey had a game Thursday at Aquinas, and had their senior night on Friday. They play at home this Tuesday against Viroqua and have an overnight trip this weekend.
4. Gymnastics had a meet on Friday at Westby and won.
5. Show Choir hosted their home competition this past weekend called Wonderstruck. It was a great success.
6. The dance team travels to DC Everest this weekend to compete in their regional competition. If they place in the top half they will advance to state.

*Correspondence – None.*

*Public Comments – None.*

**Consent Agenda**

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024;
- b. Invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept donations from Team Bass of Onalaska for the Fishing Club, from Flambeau Diagnostics LLC for the 5019 Gearbox Heroes, from Coulee Health Chiropractic Clinic for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken on the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2024.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to approve 72 regular education open enrollment seats and 8 seats in special education for the 2024-2025 school year based on the criteria outlined in the Board's Open Enrollment Policy #5113 Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District).

**Students with Disabilities Spaces by Program**

Early Childhood Education	1
Elementary Cross Categorical	4
Elementary Emotional Behavioral Disability	2
Elementary Intellectual Disabilities	0
Middle School Cross Categorical	0
Middle School Intellectual Disabilities	0
High School Cross Categorical	1
High School Intellectual Disabilities	0
Speech and Language (SL)	0

**Regular Education Spaces by Grade Level**

Pre-Kindergarten	No Cap
Kindergarten	No Cap
Grade 1	11
Grade 2	11
Grade 3	6
Grade 4	11
Grade 5	No Cap
Grade 6	16
Grade 7	13
Grade 8	4
Grades 9-12	No Cap

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Rieber shared information regarding the fall Traffic Study. No action was taken.

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

**Board Development**

Superintendent Rieber reviewed the 2023 Community Survey comments with the Board. No action was taken.

**Adjournment**

B. Minard moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk