

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 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 February 23, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mike Malott led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ben Wopat recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

B. Minard moved, C. Peterson 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 hiring of Kendra Davidson-high school cook, Angela Devenport-bus driver, George Fisher-middle school/mail route custodian, Chery Friell-elementary paraprofessional, Cynthia Maxwell, middle school paraprofessional, Ashley Miner-middle school paraprofessional, Margaret Nelson-high school custodian, Barbara Reynolds-middle school cook; the retirement of Kathy Wagner-middle school cook; the resignations of Heidi Allen-high school cook, Jennifer Cole-bus driver, Lucy Hubbell-elementary paraprofessional, and Laura Johnsrude-elementary paraprofessional.

Connection with the Community

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The gymnastics team qualified for state, so 8 girls will be attending
2. The girls' basketball team are regional champs and play next Thursday against Elk Mound at Arcadia

3. The boys' basketball team won conference for the 4th year in a row, and was awarded a 1 seed and will play this Friday vs. the winner of the Adams-Friendship and Black River Falls game
4. Girl's hockey had a great season making it to the sectional finals
5. The boy's hockey had a great season
6. The wrestling season came to an end with Andy Johnson qualifying for state and putting up a tough fight
7. Show choir season ended with a concert involving show choir groups from elementary school and middle school
8. Finally, there are 38 Deca State qualifiers at Lake Geneva right now competing for spots to go to ICDC in Orlando, Florida

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 February 13, 2023, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations, Jamie Olson-head baseball coach from 10% to 8%, Nick Schultz-assistant baseball coach, Adam Krause-assistant baseball coach, Ben Luther-assistant baseball coach, Jared Hauser-assistant baseball coach, Scott Koepnick-volunteer baseball coach, Kyle Helgeson-volunteer baseball coach, Katie Fink-head 8th grade softball coach, Lauren Lovely-head 7th grade softball coach, Adeline Rojas-assistant middle school softball coach, Tommy Friday-assistant high school track coach, Tony Weilandt-assistant high school track coach, Ashley Miner-assistant high school track coach, Cameron Robaczewski-assistant high school track coach, Brittany Hodgson-assistant high school softball coach, Rod Hamilton-volunteer high school softball coach, Bill Jensen-middle school track coach, Heidi Propson-middle school track coach, and Nicole Friell-middle school track coach;
- d. to accept a donation from Mike & Connie Miller in memory of Marge Mussman for the Nutrition Services Department Jane Doe Fund and from West Salem Cares for the middle school Random Acts of Kindness Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve for a second reading of the following policies:

Policy Update v31 no2 Fall 2022

Legal/recommended

Po0100 (r) - definitions

Po0161 (r) - parliamentary authority

Po1213 (r) - student supervision and welfare

Po1421 (r) - criminal history record check and employee self-reporting requirement

Po2260.02 (r) - services for bilingual students/English learners
Po2414 (r) - human growth and development
Po2460.03 (l) - independent educational evaluation (IEE)
Po2522 (r) - library media centers
Po2700.01 (l) - school performance and accountability reports
Po3120.04 (r) - employment of substitutes
Po3121 (r) - criminal history record check and employee self-reporting requirement
Po3213 (r) - student supervision and welfare
Po3425 (r) - benefits
Po4120.04 (r) - employment of substitutes
Po4121 (r) - criminal history record check and employee self-reporting requirement
Po4213 (r) - student supervision and welfare
Po4425 (r) - benefits
Po5340 (l) - student accidents/illness/concussion & sudden cardiac arrest
Po5517.01 (r) - bullying
Po7440.01 (r) - video surveillance and electronic monitoring
Po8146 (l) - notification of educational options
Po8330 (l) - student records

Other

Po3139 – staff discipline
Po5500 – student conduct rules and discipline guidelines
Po8120 – volunteers
Po8500.01 – meal charge – unpaid
meal account
Po8451 - pediculosis (head lice)

Motion carried unanimously.

The Village of West Salem Ordinance No. 513, Regulation of ATV/UTV on Public Streets was reviewed by the Board and provided Superintendent Rieber with their thoughts on the matter. No action was taken.

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 Power of a Positive Team, Jon Gordon, chapters 5 & 6 were reviewed the Board and the administration.

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk