

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 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 August 10, 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, Chris Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Robin Fitzgerald (7:03). Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Crystal Becker, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Bob Minard, Sean Gavaghan and Ben Wopat.

Approval of Agenda

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson 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 – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: traffic study, storm damage, percent of fund balance, and state budget and future forecasting.

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

Connection with the Community

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The high school National Honor Society hosted a blood drive and collected 37 units of blood.
2. Last week was the first week of tennis practice.
3. Girls' swimming started practice last Tuesday.
4. Today was the first day of practice for volleyball, cross country and boys' soccer.

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Softball held a camp today for high school players
2. Football had a scrimmage last Friday with 5 teams participating: West Salem, Mauston, Reedsburg, Ellsworth, and Central. The first football game is this Friday against Onalaska.
3. Last week, show choir held a choreography camp to learn dances and music.
4. High school registration was last week Tuesday.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Madison Odenbach was read.

Public Comments

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speaker was high school student Syd Martin.

Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2023, and the revised Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2022;
- b. invoices to be paid;
- c. the hiring of Scott Johnson as the Director of Buildings and Grounds;
- d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for 8th grade assistant volleyball coach-Sarah Weber, assistant volleyball coach-Jordyn Trager, assistant football coach-Jamie Olson, assistant boys' soccer coach-Tyler Leren, and Fitness Center Director-Nick Seibert.

There were no resignations too act upon. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland reviewed state budget and future forecasting. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rieber provided a campus storm damage update. 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

Superintendent Rieber led a discussion on Expanding District Collaborative Culture.

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) (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 employment of a teacher.

C. Griffin moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:14 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; and T. Grosskopf, Aye;. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

E. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to reconvene into open session at 8:25 p.m.

The Board, if appropriate, will return to open session following the closed session to take action on the items discussed in the closed session.

T. Grosskopf moved, E. Peterson seconded to hire Kim Rieber as a 1.0 FTE reading interventionist teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk