

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 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 August 18, 2022.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Bob Minard led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Erik Peterson 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, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

*Approval of Agenda*

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Written and Oral Reports**

Business Operations Committee – Tom Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: potential sale of school district property and energy savings and CLOCworks, Inc/Data Wrangler agreement.

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

Human Resource updates: the hiring of paraprofessionals-Kelly Bringe, Chloe Castillo, Karla Schroeder, Stephanie Williams, Alexandria Durazo, Saige Ebert, Ashley Hagen, Samantha Scott, Abby Solberg, Nicole Gullickson, Michelle Monahan, Autumn Weed; school nutrition-Heidi Allen, Bethany Hooker, Kathy Marx, Terry Miller, Rebecca Schmidt; administrative assistant-Stephanie Pearson; part-time math interventionist-Tammy Bentzen; and the resignation of bus driver John Hentges.

Superintendent Rieber provided a welcome back to school district update.

## **Connection with the Community**

*Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:*

The high school fall sports seasons have officially begun this past week with tennis matches, swim meets, and a football opener in Onalaska with a loss of 13-14...soccer games, cross country meets, and volleyball games are also scheduled for these upcoming weeks

*Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:*

Last week the class of 2026 had their freshman orientation with the help of LinkCrew and the high school staff.

## *Correspondence*

A thank you note from Blaine Wheeler was read.

A thank you note from the family of former High School Principal James Saxton was read.

## *Public Comments –*

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speakers was Jennifer Black.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2022, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2022;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. the hiring of part-time English Learner (EL) Teacher, Terri Martinson;
- d. to accept the donations from Games People Play for the high school girls' soccer team, and from Hansen's IGA, Linda's Bakery, Le Coulee Cheese Castle, Features of West Salem, Culvers, and the Red Cross for the National Honor Society August blood drive;
- e. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations, volunteer soccer coach-Josh Iliff and Ryan Fell, volunteer dance coach-Jami Greer, middle school 7th grade football assistant coach-Myron Hole, middle school 7th grade volleyball assistant coach-Nicole Shrake, assistant tennis coach-Hailey Hudzinski, volunteer tennis coach-Dennis Kreuser, and volunteer football coach-Cody Risch.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Discussion/Action Items:**

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard seconded to adopt the following Resolution:

Whereas the following school districts have student with a disability, and whereas it appears that the educational interests of all children in these school districts will be served best by the districts joining together to offer special services, as authorized by the Department of Public Instruction, to meet the needs of the students with a disability. Be it, and it is hereby resolved that the school boards of the School District of West Salem and the Bangor School District agree to establish and maintain, on a cooperative basis, a handicapped children's special education program(s) pursuant to Section 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

T. Grosskopf moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the food service agreement with the School District of Bangor. 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**

R. Rieber shared the book, *The Sale: The Number One Strategy to Build Trust and Create Success*, by Jon Gordon, with the Board along with a study guide. By the September 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, read chapters 1-6 of the book and review pages 1-12 of the study guide.

**Adjournment**

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk