

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 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 January 5, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Brennan Kennedy 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

S. Gavaghan 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: 5-year plans and sale of property.

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

Director of Transportation Rick Kline reviewed the school bus camera system, including video footage.

Connection with the Community

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. In December, the student council put on a great dress-up week to get in the holiday spirit before the break.
2. The Sports Marketing Class put on two successful basketball games raising money for the Salvation Army, giving away premiums, and adding more entertainment.

3. Boys' wrestling did well at the Bi-State Classic with 3 place winners including senior Andy Johnson.
4. Both girls' and boys' basketball teams have won all their conference games. The boys' team will play at Viroqua tomorrow night and girls' team will play Altoona tomorrow night at West Salem.
5. Girls' gymnastics have completed the first month of their season as owner of the state's top team score in division 2.

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. For Anna Szymanski's SEP, she held a fundraiser to collect money for care packages for children with cancer. This was held at the Cyclones girls' hockey game last week against Hayward and tomorrow the Cyclones will be taking on Viroqua.
2. Boys' hockey has had a rocky start to their season but are hoping to take home a win tomorrow when they play Aquinas.
3. This past weekend was very eventful with DECA going to compete at Stout for the regional district 1 competition. The team finished with 12 finalists and 29 going to state.
4. The shows choirs prep group Vivace took first at Viterbo on Saturday. The varsity group Singsations made it to finals and finished 5th runner up and will compete this weekend at Onalaska.
5. On Saturday night, the student council put on a successful winter formal.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was shared:

1. Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week, January 9-13, 2023.
2. Halley Puent received 1st place in the 2022-2023 Student Art Exhibit and Awards Sponsored by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, the Wisconsin Art Education Association and Performance Services.
3. A thank you note from the Boys' and Girls' Club.
4. A thank you note from the family of Linda Lyche.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2022;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for Lauren Lovely-Assistant 7th grade girls' baseball coach, Heidi Propson-head 7th grade girls' basketball coach, Heather Jehn-head 8th grade girls' basketball coach, Tanner Davis-assistant 8th grade girls' baseball coach, Evan Wolf-volunteer wrestling coach, Kimberly Eick-winter Esports advisor, and Austin Stalsberg-spring Esports advisor;
- d. to accept donations from James Michelson for the school district's scholarships, SEP's and special education needs, from Deborah & Stephen Kraus for the Horace Moran Memorial Fund, Duane & An Schaper for the Angela Labus Scholarship Fund, from

Andree Harding for the Jane Doe Fund, from Ashley for the arts, LTC for the high school dance team and for the high school show choir.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Director of Pupil Services and Superintendent Ryan Rieber reviewed a draft of the Open Enrollment limits for 2023-2024 for special education and regular education. No action was taken.

S. Gavaghan moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to authorize the B. Minard to vote as he sees fit with the proposals in the 2023 Delegate Assembly at the Education Convention. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded to authorize Superintendent Rieber to pursue the sale of 10,887 square feet of district land. 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 administration reviewed the expulsion, abeyance agreements, policies, and processes. No action was taken.

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 nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators.

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:42 p.m. A roll vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk