

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 24, 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 July 20, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Robin Fitzgerald led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob Minard recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

Annual Joint Review Board (TIF District)-T. Grosskopf reported on the meeting.

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

Human Resource updates: the employment of cook-Thomas Cunningham, paraprofessionals-Darwin Carranza, Lizette Cisneros, Hayley Davidson, Rachel Dopson, Anna Erdman, Alaina Govek, Nicole Hockert, Taylor Klemmensen, Makida Lathrop, Sierra McKinney, Jessie Skiles, and Heather Wolff, and the resignations of cook-Bethany Hooker and bus driver-Cole Viner.

Director of Pupil Services Heidi Horton provided information on Seclusion and Restraint for the 2022-2023 school year.

Connection with the Community

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. High school registration opened on July 14. In person registration and pictures will be August 8
2. Legion baseball regionals started Friday; first game against Holmen, which they lost

3. Legion softball won their regionals and their first game for state is Friday against Sparta
4. Summer boys' basketball lost both games Tuesday night against Sparta and Caledonia
5. Summer girls' basketball won both games Tuesday handedly
6. Volleyball will have one more contact day coming up before the season starts on August 14
7. Football had a camp this past week which included a paintball outing last Friday
8. Football begins their practice on August 1
9. Youth football camp happened where football players taught skills to youth football players
10. Tennis practice starts the August 8

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Dance team will hold camp week the first week in August
2. Cross country practice will be starting on August 14
3. This will be the last week for the CAT program this summer; this week is performance week
4. Fall sports meeting will be next Monday
5. NHS Blood Drive is coming up on August 8, from 11:00-4:00, with a goal to get 52 units, so about 75 people will need to donate
6. There will be a calling night on Sunday, August 6, for the blood drive, with poster distribution happening tomorrow
7. Show choir will hold a choreo-camp the first weekend in August and the theme this year is modern-day teenager

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Ken Wortman was read.

A thank you letter from Kaitlyn Knutson was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. there were no resignations to accept; and
- d. the hiring of a 1.0 FTE middle school special education teacher Maria Holicky, 1.0 FTE District Literacy Specialist Karen Kais, 1.0 FTE 3rd grade teacher Natalie Stevens.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Director of Nutrition Services Emily Klunk provided a report for the 22-23 school year and a recommendation for meal prices for the 23-24 school year. C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to accept the Director's recommendation to keep the prices the same for the 23-24 school year:

	<u>Full-pay</u>	<u>Reduced</u>
Breakfast		
Elementary	1.80	Free
Middle	2.00	Free
High	2.15	Free
Adult	2.75	N/A
Lunch		
Elementary	3.10	.40
Middle	3.30	.40
High	3.45	.40
Adult	4.25	N/A
Elementary Milk Break		
K-4	.35	Free
Ala Carte Milk or Juice		
	.50	.50

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Rieber shared a technical correction for policy #7544 Staff Use of Social Media. No action was needed or taken.

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

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk