

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 25, 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 September 21, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Sam Stenberg led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Alyssa Harlan 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, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Payton Greer

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: line of credit, revenue limit worksheet, debt options and a 24-25 budget outlook.

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

Human Resource updates: the hire of Diane Kriewald and Vicki Peterson in school nutrition, the resignation of Brooks Heineck-cook and Lilly Lutz-paraprofessional.

Director of Human Resources, Crystal Becker, provided a human resources update.

Connection with the Community

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Homecoming was this past week.
 - a. Senior Homecoming court members were Zoe Coder, Payton Greer, Danica Brenengen, Elyse Bee, Taylor Burch, Sam Stenberg, Elliott Sjoquist, Evan Huth, Tamarrein Henderson, and Douglas Dillaber. Zoe Coder and Sam Stenberg were the Homecoming Royalty.

- b. The seniors won the overall class competitions and the individual competitions of the float, hallway, skit, canvas, and school song. The Juniors took 2nd and won the individual competitions of dress-up days. The sophomores took 3rd and the freshmen took 4th.
- c. The football team won a hard-fought game 27-20. They play this Friday at Viroqua.
- d. The dance was a huge success and the theme was Day and Night.
- 2. Cross country had a meet on Saturday at Maple Grove. They also helped with the middle school meet that was held here last Tuesday.
- 3. Volleyball had a triangular against Arcadia and Luther Thursday at home. They won both matches. They have a big game this Thursday at home against Westby.
- 4. Girls' tennis had a tournament on Saturday.
- 5. The high school band marches at the Oktoberfest parade this upcoming weekend.
- 6. Show choir held regular practices throughout the week.
- 7. Odyssey of the Mind applications are due Friday, October 8. This is a competitive creative problem-solving organization that the students at the high school participate in.
- 8. During Thursday's lunch, high school students got to try out samples of the school's new breakfast smoothie options.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Arlene Oldenberg family was read.

A thank you note from Mike and Julie Schaub was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept a donation from the Horstmann Homestead Farm for the Random Acts of Kindness Fund and from Altra Federal Credit Union for the high school;
- d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations

Elementary School

Kaylin Staebell-after school art, Kayla Wegner-Council of Kids and Krista Mead-Yearbook

Middle School

Elissa Kinstler-band assistant, Ryan Waldhart-jazz band, Abby Solberg-color guard, Elle Nimm-5/6 grades choir, Josie Hanson-show choir assistant, Elle Nimm-play director, Kim Volden-assistant play director, Amy Hanson-stage manager/technical supervisor, Heather Jehn & Amber Coe-Web Leaders, Brianna Meyer & Nicole-yearbook, Nicole Friell-Forensics, Kamry Kjos-assistant forensics, Amber Coe & Sarah Weber-MathCounts, Student Council-Martha Burdick & Amber Coe, after school art-Angie Hemker, and District Odyssey of the Mind Leader-Elissa Kinstler.

High School

Color guard-Kelli Martin, jazz band-Dave Kies, pep band-Dave Kies, show choir-Amy Hanson, assistant show choir-Kelli Martin, drama club-Amy Hanson, play director first

semester-Amy Hanson, play director second semester-Amy Hanson, assistant play director first semester-Kim Volden, assistant play director second semester-Kim Volden, stage manager first semester-Dan Heerts, stage manager second semester-Dan Heerts, forensics-Kim Volden, forensics assistant-Andrea Armstrong, summer theatre director-Amy Hanson, summer theatre instrumental-Dave Kies, summer theatre vocal-Kelli Martin, summer theater stage-Dan Heerts, student council-Darren Fruit and Talia Dacquisto, Neshonoc yearbook-Andrea Armstrong, Link Crew-Melissa Haas and Jamie Olson, Visual Arts Classic-Quenten Brown, ecology club-Kelly Rueckheim, math club-Chris Milne, FFA-Kelly Rueckheim, Caden Servais and Kimberly Eick, DECA-Jason Holter, assistant DECA-Brittney Hodgson and Nicole Hinkel, robotics-Austin Stalsberg, NHS-Jennifer Stenberg and Toni Key, diversity club-Kim Volden, trapshooting club fall and spring-Erik Mathison, homecoming supervisor (windows)-Quenten Brown, homecoming supervisor (parade)-Eric Borre, homecoming supervisor (Mr./Miss. WS)-Amy Hanson, homecoming supervisor (floats)-Laura Skemp-Deal, homecoming supervisor (dance)-Talia Dacquisto, freshman class advisor-Laura Deal, sophomore class advisor-David Neuman, junior class advisors-Kim Volden and Maggie Maxwell, senior class advisors-Angela Elsen, Laura Skemp-Deal, Julie Arentz, and Abby Kemp, Esports-Kimberly Eick and Austin Stalsberg, volunteer HOSA-Toni Key and Kate Brohmer, volunteer interact-Julie Arentz, volunteer fishing-Darren Fruit and Brian Baker, volunteer Spanish club-Emily Phillips, and volunteer Trap Shooting volunteers-Barry Loging, Bryce Perrett, Dale Hewitt, Kyle Helgeson, Matthew Griffin, Patrick Burchell, Terry Loging, Tristan Johnsrude, Roger Week, Steve Bramblett, Cassie Bramblett, and Jesse Loging.

Motion carried. (C. Griffin-Abstained)

Discussion/Action Items:

E. Peterson moved, C. Peterson seconded to approve the line of credit with Union State Bank for a value of up to \$5 million for the 23-24 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland reviewed a preview of the revenue limit worksheet and possible debt options. 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

Director of Instruction Alyssa Harlan led a board development session regarding instructional initiatives. 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 a support staff position.

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:32 p.m. A roll call 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

S. Gavaghan moved. T. Grosskopf seconded to reconvene into Open Session at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the reclassification of a maintenance position to a lead maintenance position. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

E. Peterson moved, B. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk