

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 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.

The Board members and administration held a reception for those teachers who have attained the distinction of becoming a Model Teacher within the district from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

**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 October 5, 2022.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Sean Gavaghan 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, Catherine Griffin, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Crystal Becker, and Deanna Wiatt; Student representatives: Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tom Grosskopf, Robin Fitzgerald and Shawn Handland.

*Approval of Agenda*

C. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan 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 Controls agenda.

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

Director of Instruction Deanna Wiatt provided a report on the 2022 summer school program.

Superintendent Rieber provided a review of the Third Friday in September Pupil Count.

**Connection with the Community**

*Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. The high show choir performed their first performance last week at the Oktoberfest Heritage Night and then will be performing again tomorrow for a PTSD benefit.

2. The Drama Department is putting on the production of *Shrek* with the first performance being October 20th.
3. DECA has been connecting with the community more this year with highway clean-ups and last week Friday the group helped with the children's tailgate before the game.
4. The girls' tennis season has come to an end, but Kate Skaar, Elly Goodenough, Grace Waldhart, Rebekah Knudson, and Megan Johnson put up a good fight at the sectional meet.

*Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:*

1. Last Friday, the high school football team improved their record to 7-1 after a win against Black River Falls and will play for a conference championship this Friday vs Aquinas.
2. The high school volleyball team is currently ranked 2nd in conference.
3. This past weekend, the high school boys' cross country team took 3rd overall at Wisconsin Rapids and the girls' taking 2nd overall, and both teams racing against Division 1 schools. The teams are now preparing for this week's conference meet at Maple Grove.
4. The boys' soccer team have a game against Arcadia this Thursday.

*Correspondence*

A thank you card from the 8th grade students was shared.

A proclamation from the office of the Governor was shared regarding School Board Week, October 2-8, 2022.

*Public Comments – None.*

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speaker was Erika Boland.

***PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR EARLY START OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR PER 118.045(3), WISCONSIN STATUTES – REQUEST WAIVER FOR EARLY START OF SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.***

C. Griffin called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

There was one person who wished to speak.

C. Griffin ended the hearing at 7:33 p.m.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2022;
- b. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations

#### Coaches

Assistant gymnastics-Brittney Hodgson, volunteer gymnastics-Alyssa Hilker, head 8th grade boys' basketball-Heather Jehn, assistant 8th grade boys' basketball-Tanner Davis, head 7th grade boys' basketball-Jack Reader, assistant 7th grade boys' basketball-Ashly Serres, head middle school wrestling coach-Aaron Bahr, assistant middle school wrestling coach-Jason Raasch, assistant wrestling coach-Tyler Shrake, volunteer

wrestling coach-Warren Frank, assistant girls' high school basketball coach-Payton Steiner and Whitney Folkers, volunteer boys' basketball coach-Scott Koepnick, Bill Hehli and Bob Wetzsteon, assistant boys' high school basketball-Jared Hauser and Tanner Gibbons, and dance team (fall & winter)-Claire Schrader.

### 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-Elle Nimm, 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 & 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-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-Kelly Rueckheim, sophomore class advisor-Scott Martin, junior class advisors-Kim Volden and Eric Borre, senior class advisors-Angela Elsen, Laura Skemp-Deal, Julie Arentz, and Abby Kemp, volunteer HOSA-Toni Key, volunteer interact-Julie Arentz, volunteer fishing-Darren Fruit and Brian Baker, volunteer Spanish club-Shelly Helland and Becky Tower, and volunteer Trap Shooting volunteers-Barry Loging, Bryce Perrett, Dale Hewitt, Kyle Helgeson, Matthew Griffin, Patrick Burchell, Sean Clements, Terry Loging, and Tristan Johnsrude.

- c. to accept donations from the West Salem Hockey Association for the high school football program, from Kaitlyn Knudson to the Special Education Adapted Sports League, from the West Salem Panther Booster Club to the high school tennis team, from Lindzy Whitehead to the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund, and from an anonymous donor for the middle school solar panel project; and

- d. to approve the changes to the miscellaneous wage rate for the fitness center.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

E. Peterson moved, C. Peterson seconded to adopt the following resolution:

WAIVER REQUEST FOR EARLY START OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR PER 118.045(3), WISCONSIN STATUTE – REQUEST WAIVER FOR EARLY START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minard moved, C. Peterson seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #5113 – Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District) and #7510 – Use of District Facilities Excluding Center for the Arts. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Adjournment**

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried. 3-Aye, 2-Nay (Minard & Gavaghan)

Respectfully submitted,

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Erik Peterson, Acting Clerk