

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024
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 7:02 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 March 8, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

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

CESA #4 Board of Control – No report given.

Teaching & Learning Committee – R. Fitzgerald reported on the agenda items: mid-year data review and update on building-level action plans.

Business Operations Committee – S. Gavaghan and Superintendent Rieber reported on the agenda items: Special Education and other staffing, and district property boundaries and educational impact.

Connection with the Community

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Juniors take the ACT tomorrow.
2. NHS Blood drive was Thursday, March 7. A total of 50 units were collected. The goal was 49 units so we made our goal and a little over!

3. NHS is also putting on PTO science night where kids get the chance to see neat displays put on by the science department.
4. Girls' basketball qualified for state for the second consecutive year. They lost to Pewaukee but had a great season.
5. Boys' basketball played in sectionals last week. Thursday they won against Fox Valley Lutheran and Saturday they played River Falls and won. They will be heading to state for the third year in a row.
6. Track and field began regular practices this past week.

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Softball started their regular practices this past week.
2. CCLR Day and March Madness; senior vs. staff basketball game and the seniors won.
3. Auditions for *Mama Mia* were Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. That performance will be this summer on June 13, 14, 20, 21.
4. The gymnastics team are back-to-back state runners-up. The team beat the school record for high score at the state meet. Additionally, Morgan Seikert place 5th in the all around, 2nd on floor, and 6th on vault. Hailey Ives also placed 5th on beam. In total, 11 medals were earned and a state runner-up trophy.
5. Auditions for the next show choir season are today and tomorrow.
6. Band and choir also had a meeting for their New York City trip tonight.
7. Senior Panther Portfolios are due next Monday.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Carrie Johnson was read.

A proclamation from the Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction for *Music, Art, Dance, and Theatre in Our Schools Month*, 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 February 26, 2024, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024;
- b. invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the resignations of 5th Grade Teacher Martha Burdick, Speech & Language Pathologist Ruby Kerkman and Social Studies Teacher Randy Hughes;
- d. the administration's co-curriculars for volunteer softball coach-Mariah Wick, Michelle Babiash, Paige Smudde, Jeanne Babiash, and head 7th grade softball coach-Lauren Lovely, head 8th grade softball coach-Katie Fink, and middle school assistant softball coach; and
- e. to accept donations from WXOW's February Tools for Schools Grant from the following businesses: River Bank of Stoddard, Board Store, Dependable Solutions, and Ryan Schultz and Associates for Middle School Resource Teacher Kris Marquez, from TDS Telecom for the high school fishing club, from the La Crosse County Pork Producers for the high school Family & Consumer Science Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Superintendent Rieber provided an update on the Traffic Study. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rieber provided information on Human Resources Staffing updates. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rieber provided information on a situation with the district's boundaries and educational impact to the district and the four-year-old kindergarten program. 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.

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk