

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 26, 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.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 22, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald (7:10), and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Charlie Alexander, 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, B. Minard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy/Communication and Engagement – E. Peterson reported on the agenda items: 0000s – Bylaws, policy #7510 Use of District Facilities, Excluding Center for the Arts, #5113 Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District), and School Board Resource Manual.

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

Human Resource updates: the resignations of Alexandria Durazo-paraprofessional and Eric Trautman-Fitness Center Director; and the hire of paraprofessionals, Sarah Arnold, Vikki Fitzpatrick, Gina George, Natalie Jeranek, Anna Molling, Katelyn Steckbauer, Allison Arentz, Lorrie Burch, and Kathy Hilby as an hourly technology integrationist.

Director of Buildings and Grounds David McPheeters provided an update on the summer campus improvements.

PR Specialist/Grant Writer Samantha Pederson provided an update on the current enrollment.

Connection with the Community

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Homecoming week has officially started with an amazing kickoff organized by West Salem High School DECA.
2. The high school students are getting into the homecoming spirit by building class floats, decorating class hallways, creating skits to perform on Friday, dressing up every day of the week, and searching for talents to showcase on Friday.
3. Senior court was announced yesterday, and pep royalty will be announced Friday where they will both ride in the parade at 2:15 and join the halftime show for this Friday's game.
4. During halftime, the band and dance team will also be performing numbers that they have been working on for weeks.

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The football team came home with a win last Friday against GET making their record 5-1 and are pumped for this week's homecoming game versus Viroqua.
2. The volleyball team completed their first round of conference play with a conference record of 5-1.
3. This past weekend, the boys' cross country took 3rd at the Dick Mitchell Invitational while the girls took 4th.
4. The girls' tennis team have won most of their conference matches.
5. The boys' soccer team is getting ready for their homecoming game tomorrow against Aquinas.

Correspondence

Thank you cards from retired teachers Cyndy Nichols and Cindy Patza were shared.

Public Comments – None.

West Salem Bicycle Playground Project – Stephen Cohen shared information and answered questions about the project at Lewis Point and inquired if there would be an issue using the Panther Den parking lot for overflow if needed. There was no indication that this would be a problem.

Consent Agenda

- E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
- a. the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2022; and
 - b. the invoices to be paid.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland provided an update on the budget, mill rate and tax levy. 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

The Board and the Superintendent's Cabinet Team participated in a book study, The Sale, by Jon Gordon.

Adjournment

S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk