

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 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 7:00 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 10, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jessa Hickey led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Caitlin Wilson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Bob Minard, Bob Gollnik, Catherine Griffin, Caitlin Wilson, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Justin Jehn, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Jessa Hickey and Brennon Anderson. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ben Wopat

Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

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

CESA #4 Board of Control – C. Griffin reported on the Board of Control's agenda.

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: revenue limit worksheet, student count, preliminary budget, mill rate, and tax levy planning; roof replacement; future district interest in county farm property; review of policy 7230 - Gifts, Grants, Bequests, and Memorials.

Open enrollment/third Friday report. Superintendent Rieber provided information on our current enrollment information.

Director of Instruction provided a report on summer school 2024.

Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The girls' volleyball team has their last week of regular conference games this week. They will play Westby tomorrow night and take on Arcadia at home on Thursday, which is senior night.
2. This past Friday night was senior night for the football and dance teams. The dance team performed with 45 elementary students for their kid camp, along with their team performance afterwards. The football team lost 18-20 against Aquinas.
3. The trap team kicked off their season a few weeks ago. They compete in Conference 10, which is the largest conference by participation numbers, and they are currently in 3rd place.
4. The cross-country team competed at Wisconsin Rapids this past weekend. Their conference meet is this Thursday at GET.

Brennon Anderson, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Megan Johnson qualified for the girls' tennis individual state. The tournament is this Thursday through Saturday.
2. The marching band also had senior night last Friday night.
3. Boys' soccer plays tomorrow night at home. Their record on the season is 8-6-1.
4. The first Math Club competition is this Wednesday at UW-Platteville.
5. This past Wednesday was a CCLR Day at the high school. Sophomores toured at either Winona State or Minnesota State - Southeast Technical College, juniors took the Pre ACT, and seniors took the civics test. Freshman were introduced to the basics of CCLR.
6. Homecoming Parade Marshall was Dave Hundt.

Correspondence

- State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor proclamation, October 6-12, 2024, as School Board Week.
- Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction proclamations for the following: National Farm to School Month-October 2024, National School Lunch Week-October 14-18, 2024, Wisconsin Science Week-October 14-20, 2024, Keep Kids Safe Online Month-October 2024, and Gifted Education Month-October 2024.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

- S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024;
 - b. the invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for elementary school advisors, middle school advisors, high school advisors, middle school basketball and wrestling, and high school wrestling, gymnastics and head girls' basketball;
 - d. to accept donations.

Motion failed.

- S. Gavaghan moved, C. Wilson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024;
 - b. the invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept donations from the La Crosse Area Autism Foundation for the West Salem Adaptive Sports League from an anonymous donor for the Nutrition Department Jane Doe Fund, from Finley Garbers & Ellie Hass, Morrie's of West Salem, Carol & Rodger Schomberg, and Cynthia & William Innes for the Random Acts of Kindness Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Wilson and B. Minard seconded to move the co-curricular recommendations to closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to adopt the 2025-2026 school year calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, B. Gollnik seconded to approve the Early College Credit/Start College now requests. Motion carried. C. Griffin abstained.

Shawn Handland provided information on the revenue limit worksheet, preliminary budget, mill rate and tax levy. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rieber led a discussion on future district interest in county farm property. 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.

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 co-curricular assignment.

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Gollnik seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:11 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: C. Wilson, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; B. Gollnik, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, was not in attendance when the vote was taken. Motion carried. (6-0)

Closed Session

Adjournment

E. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Clerk