

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 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 24, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

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

Human Resource updates: the retirement of district office administrative assistant Monica Quinn and bus driver Angela Devenport.

Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Senior Megan Johnson had a great finish to her tennis season, taking 6th place at the state tournament. She now holds the school record for the highest place finish for girls' tennis at West Salem.
2. Both the girls' and boys' cross country team are sectional champs after their meet in Black River Falls this weekend. All seven of the boys finished in the top 20. The teams will compete in the state tournament this Saturday at Wisconsin Rapids.

3. On Thursday night the show choir hosted a Halloween event for elementary students at the high school which included performances by both the kids and high schoolers, along with trick-or-treating.
4. The football team took down Platteville 30-27 on Friday night at home in the first round of playoffs. They will play in Columbus this Friday in the regional final game.
5. The girls' volleyball team ended their season with a 1-3 loss against Mount Horeb on Saturday night.
6. The boys' soccer season also came to an end this weekend after losing 4-0 to Platteville on Friday night.
7. The girls' swim team took first place overall at their meet on Saturday at the Onalaska YMCA. This was their last meet before sectionals, which will be on November 9th at Hudson.
8. The trap team finished their fall season last week. They finished 3rd in the conference. Three boys and nine girls were in the top 25 of the conference.
9. The winter athletics meetings will be held next Monday, November 4th as we near the beginning of the winter season.

Correspondence

- A Department of Public Instruction Proclamation HOSA-Future Health Professionals (HOSA-FHP) Week, November 4-8, 2024, was read.
- A thank you note from Shawn Handland's family was read.

Public Comments – None.

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speakers were

Consent Agenda

- T. Grosskopf moved, C. Wilson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
- a. the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 14, 2024;
 - b. the invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for Brennan Kennedy to move from assistant basketball coach to middle school coach and Jacob Iverson & Stephen Shimshak-assistant boys' hockey coach;
 - d. to accept the donation from Cynthia & William Innes to the Random Acts of Kindness Fund, from Amy & Nolan Nolte, Luanne & Trenton Anderson and Donna & Merle Bruemmer to the Unsung Hero Quintin Browne Memorial Scholarship Fund, and from Culver's for the Future Farmers of America organization.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

T. Grosskopf moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee and Administration's recommendation to select the bid from Ledegar Roofing for the roof repair and replacement project. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Gollnik seconded to set the budget for the 2024-2025 school year as presented at the Annual Meeting – proposed Fund 10 revenues \$28,133,528 and proposed Fund 10 expenses at \$28,044,056. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to set the 2024-2025 school year Tax Levy at \$11,189,036 with a mill rate of 0.00759943 regardless if the recurring referendum passes or not, and if the capital referendum passes set the Tax Levy at \$12,844,117 with a mill rate of 0.00872353. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Grant volunteers to review the Board Grant applications are C. Wilson, S. Gavaghan and C. Griffin.

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

Adjournment

S. Gavaghan moved, C. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Clerk