

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 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 June 6, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Bob Gollnik, Catherine Griffin, and Caitlin Wilson. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Justin Jehn (7:26), Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Jessa Hickey and Brennon Anderson. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tom Grosskopf, Bob Minard, Sean Gavaghan, Mike Malott, Ben Wopat, and Alex Hubing.

Approval of Agenda

C. Wilson moved, B. Gollnik 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 – C. Griffin reported on the Board of Control's agenda.

Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. With the school year ending, many sports and clubs wound down for the season.
2. After a good run, girls softball lost 3-4 in the sectional finals against Mount Horeb.
3. Kyle Hehli qualified for boys' tennis individual state where he took 4th place.
4. Students in the CNA program completed their final assessments and received their certifications.
5. Girls' soccer lost 1-2 in the semifinals to Rice Lake.
6. The track and field team had a very successful season, taking the boys' 4 x 100, 4 x 800 (which broke the school record), and Carter Walter in the 100 to state. The girls' 4 x 800 also competed at state. The boys' relays placed on the podium with the 4 x 100 taking 5th and the 4 x 800 taking 6th.

Brennon Anderson, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The theater department is continuing to prepare for their summer musical, *Mamma Mia*. The opening show is this Thursday, June 13.
2. The high school held the annual senior sports recognition assembly where many students were recognized for their participation in various activities. Juniors Kyle Hehli and Megan Johnson were named male and female athlete of the year, and Zoe Coder was nominated for the WIAA Spirit of Sports award.
3. The high school band marched in the June Dairy Days' parade and then later that day the Jazz 1 and 2 both performed their music at the gazebo.
4. The beginning of summer marked the start of Panther Portfolio projects for those seniors doing summer projects.
5. CAT program began at the start of last week. This gives students a chance to lift and better themselves in the summer.
6. This year's yearbook dedicatees were Mrs. Martinson and Mrs. Bentzen.
7. Running club started today and it runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Brennan Garbers was read.

Public Comments – None.

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speakers were

Consent Agenda

C. Wilson moved, C. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board meeting Minutes of May 13, 2024. Motion carried. 3 Aye, 1 Abstain (E. Peterson abstained)

C. Wilson moved, B. Gollnik seconded to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. the invoices to be paid;
- b. to hire Cody Braun as the 1.0 FTE high school associate principal;
- c. to accept a donation from Martha & Clark Burdick Fund within the Mielke Family Foundation, Inc. for the elementary school, for the elementary school special education department in memory of Emerson Small, from Bridget Peterson, Lynn Strong, Jane Frank, Julie Athnos, Cassandra Bramblett, Dawn Gerke, Kimberly Schmidt, Connie Hudzinski, Denise Jones, Becki Murphy, Emmy Schmidt, Amber Walter, and Wendy Whitehead for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund;
- d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations:
 - Becki Murphy-head girls' volleyball coach
 - Jamie Holst, Brianna Meyer and Jordyn Bruette-assistant volleyball coach
 - Amber Coe-head 8th grade volleyball coach
 - Sarah Weber-assistant 8th grade volleyball coach
 - Nicole Shrake-head 7th grade volleyball coach
 - Thomas Fell-head boys' soccer coach
 - Tyler Leren-assistant boys' soccer coach
 - Steve Averbeck-volunteer soccer coach
 - Justin Stakston-head cross country coach

Cameron Robaczewski and Averie Duffy-assistant high school cross country coach
Stacy Mitchell-volunteer high school assistant cross-country coach
Heidi Propson-head middle school cross country coach
Julie Kamla-head girls' tennis coach
Brian Baker and Hailey Hudzinski-assistant girls' tennis coach
Dennis Kreuser-volunteer girls' tennis coach
Ashly Serres-head Adaptive Sports League Coach (3 seasons)
Jack Reader-Adaptive Sports League Coach (3 seasons)

- e. to accept the administration's co-curricular salary schedule changes for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion carried. 3 Aye, 1 Nay (E. Peterson)

C. Wilson moved, B. Gollnik seconded to move high school football co-curricular recommendations to after closed session tonight. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the hiring of a high school biology teacher and there were no resignations to accept.

Discussion/Action Items:

Facility Needs and potential projects/costs, including current debt and borrowing options were presented by Kevin Bills from ISG, Jason Peterson from Krause/Anderson and Debby Burnett from Baird. No action was taken.

C. Griffin moved, B. Minard seconded to set the 2024 Board Retreat for July 8, 2024. The Regular Board to start at 6:00 p.m. with the Retreat happening at the end of the meeting. Motion Carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to set the August 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting start time to 6:00 to accommodate the Task Force Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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 the evaluation of the superintendent, the performance evaluation of a professional staff employee, and the employment of a co-curricular employee.

C. Wilson moved, E. Peterson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:44 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: C. Wilson, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; B. Gollnik, Aye; and C. Griffin, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

E. Peterson moved, C. Griffin seconded to reconvene into Open Session at 10:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

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E. Peterson moved, C. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for high school football: Ryan Olson-head coach, Bob Gorniak, Nick Seibert, Ethan Ringlien, and Mark Byom-assistant coach, and Craig Reid, Ben Wopat, Erik Mathison-volunteer assistant football coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

C. Wilson moved, C. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 10:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Clerk