

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2024
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:00 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 6:01 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 July 3, 2024. The 6:00 p.m. start time was set at the June 10, 2024, Board Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Crystal Becker led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Scott Johnson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Bob Minard, Bob Gollnik, Catherine Griffin, Caitlin Wilson (6:56), and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Ben Wopat, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, Crystal Becker, Scott Johnson, and Shawn Handland (6:43 p.m.); Student representatives: Jessa Hickey and Brennon Anderson. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A

Approval of Agenda

B. Minard 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 Cabinet Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The girls' Legion softball team has had a great start to their season going 5-2. Their next game is Wednesday against Viroqua.
2. The CAT workout program has continued over the summer, giving students the opportunity to workout and helping them feel more comfortable in the weight room.
3. The girls' volleyball team has been participating in a Monday night league with games against various local teams. They play against Brookwood tonight and have a tournament in Black River Falls on Friday. In addition, they hold open gyms on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Brennon Anderson, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Earlier this summer the high school band held their annual week-long band camp at which they prepared for the upcoming parade season.

2. The boys' basketball team is also participating in a summer league, playing games around the La Crosse and Winona area. They are playing in a Top 20 tournament in Winona on Thursday.
3. The 19u boys' Legion baseball team played in a tournament at Viroqua this weekend and won 1 of their 4 games.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Payton Greer was read.

A thank you note from Sam Stenberg was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items with the removal of the hiring of a 1.0 FTE high school biology teacher:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2024;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the resignation of elementary teacher Natalie Stevens;
- d. to hire Desiree Nelson as a 1.0 FTE high school cross categorical teacher;
- e. to accept the donations from Tim Trueblood and Susie Rudesill for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund, and from Andy and Annie Labus for the Angela Labus Memorial Scholarship Fund;
- f. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to hire Chad Long, Stacy Mitchell and Mikayla DeForrest-assistant girls' hockey coach, and Becky Buisman-assistant middle school cross country coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the adoption of the Academic Standards for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minard moved, B. Gollnik seconded to approve the following handbooks for the 24-25 school year: Employee Handbook, Elementary Student & Parent Handbook, Middle School Student & Athletic Handbook, High School Student Handbook, and Technology Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve for a first reading of policy 2264 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities and policy 2266 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard seconded to adopt the following: **RESOLUTION** - Whereas the following school districts have a student with a disability, and whereas it appears that the educational interests of all children in these school districts will be served best by the districts joining together to offer special services, as authorized by the Department of Public Instruction, to meet the needs of the students with a disability. Be it, and it is hereby resolved that the school

boards of School District of Holmen and School District of West Salem, agree to establish and maintain, on a cooperative basis, a student's with a disability special education program(s) pursuant to Section 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes. 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) (d) Except as provided in s. 304.06 (1) (eg) and by rule promulgated under s. 304.06 (1) (em), considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention, for the purpose of reviewing and adopting the district safety plan.

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 6:20 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, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to reconvene into Open Session at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

The board, if appropriate, will return to open session following the closed session to take action on the items discussed in the closed session.

No action was taken.

Board Development/Board Retreat

- School safety standard response protocol
- What is Title IX?
- District financial update on many topics
- School process/procedure – class rank
- Collaborate commitments – board and district on a couple of items

Adjournment

B. Minard moved, C. Wilson seconded to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Clerk