

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 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 6:00 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 August 9, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

B. Minard moved, E. Peterson 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 – Superintendent Rieber reported on the agenda items: operational referendum, capital project/district improvements and possible referendum, preliminary financing.

West Salem Community Foundation – B. Minard, foundation representative, provided an update on committee activities.

State Solo & Ensemble competition at West Salem – more information to come.

Connection with the Community

Jess Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Both the girls' and boys' Legion Teams wrapped up their seasons at the state tournament. Girls' softball lost in the first round against Whittlesey, then went on to beat Waupun and Sparta, but were taken down by Antigo in their 4th game. Baseball Post 51 hosted the Double A State Tournament last weekend where West Salem went 1-2.
2. Girls' tennis starts up their season tomorrow. The team will look very different this year as many girls on last year's team graduated as the class of 2024.

Brennon Anderson, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The girls' volleyball team finished open gyms last week and will be holding tryouts next week.
2. The theater department is putting on *101 Dalmatians* for Syd Martin's Panther Portfolio. The camp is for kids in grades 4k-9th grade. They will practice this week and have performances on Thursday and Friday Night.
3. High school registration and pictures were last Tuesday.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Stephen Cohen provided an update on the Bike Park Project near the Panther Den and next to Lake Neshonoc on Tilson Street.

Consent Agenda

C. Wilson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2024, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2024;
- b. invoices to be paid
- c. to hire Cassandra Tolvstad as a 1.0 FTE High School Spanish Teacher;
- d. to accept the administration's recommendation to approve co-curricular recommendations for assistant 7th grade volleyball coach-Allie Arentz, 7th grade football coaches Tony Schultz and Tanner Davis, volunteer football coaches Connor Bahr and Luke Noel;
- e. to accept the donation from the Beer by Bike Brigade for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund.

Motion carried unanimously. There were no resignations to act upon.

Discussion/Action Items:

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve as written the recurring operational referendum question. Motion carried unanimously. Suggested changes were given to the capital referendum question.

E. Peterson moved, C. Wilson seconded to move the Regular School Board Meeting of August 26, 2024, to Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Set a Special Board Meeting sometime the week of August 19, 2024. No action was taken.

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

Board Development

Communication and community engagement around a possible referendum. No action was taken.

Adjournment

C. Griffin moved, C. Wilson seconded to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Clerk