

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 23, 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 September 19, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

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

Teaching & Learning Committee – B. Gollnik reported on the agenda items: Assessment data and processes, and academic action plans.

Director of Transportation Rick Kline provided a transportation report.

Human Resource updates: the resignations of Erin Diggs-paraprofessional, Ronald Hanson-buildings & grounds and Terry Miller-cook; and the hire of Amanda Boswell-custodian, Julian Gutierrez Nunez-custodian, Kathy Lang-paraprofessional, and Starla Smith-paraprofessional.

Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Last night, the high school kicked off homecoming week with fun activities including volleyball, spikeball and the powderpuff game. At halftime of the powderpuff game, boys from the varsity football team performed a dance.

2. Students were also at school on Saturday to decorate their class hallway, and they have been working on their class floats in preparation for Friday's homecoming parade.
3. The girls' volleyball team is currently 12-5 on their season. They will take on Viroqua and Westby tomorrow in a triangular at home.
4. Boys' soccer has a game tonight in Reedsburg, along with games on Wednesday and Thursday, which is their senior night.
5. The girls' co-op swim team had a swim meet in Chippewa Falls on Saturday, and they won with 471 points. Their next meet is tomorrow in Marshfield.

Brennon Anderson, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Yesterday, the marching band performed in the Applefest Parade in La Crescent. They will also march this Saturday in the Oktoberfest parade.
2. On Saturday, the girls' tennis team had a meet at Regis. They will play in their conference meet tomorrow in Black River Falls.
3. The football team took down Arcadia last Friday night 57-22. They are preparing for the homecoming game this Friday against Luther.
4. Cross country competed at Wausau this past weekend where both teams got second. Carter Quackenbush ran his way to the second fastest time on our school's record board.
5. The homecoming theme is *games*, and the theme for the dance on Saturday is *playing cards*. Today, the high school students divided by class and wore different colors representing the game of **Uno**.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Feed Our Children program was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Gollnik seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2024;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation boys' basketball coach-Mark Wagner, gymnastics coach-Carrie O'Hearn, boys' & girls' wrestling coach-Josh Brewer, boys' hockey coach-Richard Brown, head 8th grade boys' basketball coach-Heather Jehn, head 7th grade boys' basketball coach-Tony Schultz, and assistant 7th grade boys' basketball coach-Nick Schultz;
- d. to accept donations from Morrie's of West Salem for the three schools and from Beer by Bike Brigade for the Marley Tauscher Memorial Fund and for t-shirts honoring Marley Tauscher; and
- e. WIAA co-op agreement for girls' swim/dive.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland reported on the power usage of the food service equipment in each building. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rieber provided a referendum communication update on the following: referendum flyer, talking points, impact of the referendum questions, and public listening sessions. 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.

Board Development

Superintendent Rieber led discussion regarding the following: beginning of the school year, communication plan and process, school procedure question and answer, and 204-25 school year focus. No action was taken.

Adjournment

B. Minard moved, B. Gollnik seconded to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Minard, Acting Clerk