

School District of West Salem  
Annual Budget Hearing  
October 17, 2011  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:30 p.m.

**Convene**

President Tom Ward called the annual budget hearing of the School District of West Salem to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News on September 19 and October 13, 2011 and posted in schools and district office on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

There were 47 people signed in at the meeting.

**Presentation and Explanation of the Budget**

Mr. Ward called on Superintendent Troy Gunderson who presented a report on the 2010-11 budget, the proposed 2011-12 budget, tax levy by municipality, annual levy/mill rate, long-term debt, and post retirement trust account, Fund 73. Mr. Gunderson explained various calculations and answered questions.

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2009-10</u>	<u>Proposed 2010-11</u>
General Fund (10)	17,924,673.54	17,589,645.00
Special Revenue Trust (21)	17,860.32	21,000.00
Special Education (27)	2,936,640.40	2,801,820.00
Debt Service (39)	2,029,832.50	4,612,931.00
Food Service (50)	892,553.45	936,566.00
Student Activity (60)	162,543.26	162,000.00
Private Benefit Trust (72)	14,153.69	12,559.00
Post Employment Trust Fund (73)	569,352.44	595,233.00
Community Service (80)	120,346.87	135,468.52
<u>Property Tax Levy</u>		
General Fund	4,622,173.00	4,988,716.00
Debt Service Fund	2,028,703.00	1,871,246.00
Community Service Fund	109,500.00	109,500.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	6,760,376.00	6,969,462.00

**Call for Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Linda Brown moved, Thomas Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda A. Brown, Clerk

School District of West Salem  
Annual School District Meeting  
October 17, 2011  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

President Tom Ward called the annual meeting of the School District of West Salem to order at 8:20 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News on September 29 and October 13, 2011 and posted in schools and district office on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Tom Ward introduced the board members and administrators that were present.

There were 47 people signed in at the meeting.

**Approve Ground Rules for Annual Meeting**

Ken Schlimgen moved, Joe Brown seconded to approve the Ground Rules for Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

**Election of Permanent Chairperson**

Tom Ward called for nominations for a permanent chairperson.

Ken Spraez moved, Jason Falck seconded to nominate Tom Ward.

Joe Brown moved, Sharon Fuller seconded to close nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for Tom Ward. Motion carried.

Finance Director, Davita Molling presented the Treasurer’s Report.

**New Business**

**Auditor’s Letter**

Tom Ward reviewed the letter from the auditing firm of Vig and Associates.

**Electorate Authorizations:**

Ken Schlimgen moved, Joe Hesselberg seconded to authorize the School Board, Establish salaries for Board of Education during the 2011-12 school year. (Per State Statute, §120.10(3)) Motion carried.

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
President	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Student Representative	Hourly (Min. Wage)	Hourly (Min. Wage)
All others	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00

Ken Schlimgen moved, Joe Brown seconded to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses of board members who travel in the performance of their duties. (Per State Statute, §120.10(4)) Motion carried.

Ken Spraetz moved, Mark Ledman seconded to authorize the School Board to furnish school lunches to district students and appropriate funds for that purpose. (Per State Statute, §120.10(16)) Motion carried.

Paul Degenhardt moved, Barb Hesselberg seconded to authorize the School Board to furnish textbooks to students under conditions prescribed by the Annual Meeting or school board. (Per State Statute, §120.10(15)) Motion carried.

Anne Loomis moved, Ken Schlingen seconded to authorize the School Board to borrow on a temporary basis to meet operational expenses as may be necessary. (Per State Statute, §67.12(8)) Motion carried.

Joe Brown moved, Lance Jurgensen seconded to authorize the School Board, pursuant to §120.13(25) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to lease School District Property located at 475 North Mark Street and 450 North Mark Street, West Salem, Wisconsin, along with equipment therein as appropriate, for lawful purposes, and at a reasonable rental rate, as such real estate and equipment is not needed for school purposes. Motion carried.

Anne Loomis moved, Joe Hesselberg seconded to authorize the School Board, pursuant to §120.13(25) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to lease School District Property located at 490 North Mark Street and 450 North Mark Street, West Salem, Wisconsin, a portion of school district property included in the district's athletic complex for the purpose of a cellular relay tower, and at a reasonable lease rate. Motion carried.

Thomas Helgeson moved, Joe Brown seconded to authorize a RESOLUTION FOR REVENUE LIMIT EXEMPTIONS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCIES Be it resolved that the School District of West Salem is exercising its taxing authority under s. 121.91 (4) (o), Wis. Stats., to exceed the revenue limit on a non-recurring basis by an amount the district will spend on new energy efficiency measures and renewable energy products for the 2011-12 school year. The amount to be levied and expended is \$157,457 with any rebates applied to further new energy efficiency measures and renewable energy products. The board has identified the following required performance indicators that will measure the energy savings and/or energy cost avoidance in an amount equal to the exemption request and will include a timeline: • Monthly energy bills will be monitored for changes in energy consumption • Savings will be calculated based upon reduction in energy used • All work will be completed by June 30, 2012 • Monitoring of use and cost savings will begin on July 1, 2012 • Attached as an addendum is listing of projects, costs, and estimated payback lengths. An evaluation of the performance indicators will be included as an addendum in the required 2012-13 published budget summary document per s.65.90, Wis.Stats., and the published minutes of the school board meeting. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent Gunderson reviewed the academic performance report, new district mission statement, the Wisconsin Tax Payers Alliance report by CESA #4 and the School District of West Salem, and items from the district's strategic plan.

**Call for Resolution: (Per State Statute, §120.10(7) (8) (9) (10))**

Ken Spraetz moved, Joe Brown seconded to propose the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education be given the authority to establish the tax levy up to the full amount, with the intent to be \$167,000 under levy, under the State imposed revenue limits as is necessary to support the District on or before October 24, 2011. Motion failed: 16 Ayes, 22 Nays.

Ann Loomis moved, Richard Loomis seconded propose the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education be given the authority to establish the tax levy, by reducing the proposed tax levy to last year's tax levy, with an approximate reduction of 1% in expenses, under the State imposed revenue limits as is necessary to support the District on or before October 24, 2011. Motion carried.

**Time and Date of 2012 Annual Meeting**

Ken Schlimgen moved, Barb Hesselberg seconded to approve the date for the 2012 Annual Budget Hearing at 6:30 and Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2012. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Paul Degenhardt moved, Ken Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda A. Brown, Clerk