

West Salem School District

December 2013



Newsletter

The Annual Budget In Review

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

Each year, the weeks leading up to the Annual District Meeting are filled with a series of moving targets as the final numbers impacting our budget and tax levy arrive in the district office. This year proved to be especially turbulent as we experienced an unexpected drop in enrollment, zero increase in our total evaluation and a significant reduction in state aid despite a last minute “tax relief” measure from Madison.

In the final analysis, the school board set the new tax levy at \$7,335,156 with a mill rate of \$10.20. This represents a 4.5% or \$319,067 increase over the last year’s levy of \$7,016,089 and mill rate of \$9.76. The primary reason for the levy increase is our state equalization aid decreased by \$358,918 from \$11,079,266 last year to \$10,720,348 for this year. Surprisingly, the new levy amount set by our school board is \$303,380 less than the 9% levy increase recommended by the State of Wisconsin. As a point of information, this is the fifth consecutive year our school district has levied less than the amount recommended by the state. Ironically, as depicted by the chart below, we are experiencing a reduction in total revenue, from \$18,095,355 to \$18,055,504, despite raising local property taxes.

Tax Levy	12-13	13-14
Fund 10 (general)	\$4,904,844	\$5,221,101
Debt (building debt)	\$2,001,745	\$2,004,555
Fund 80 (community)	\$109,500	\$109,500
Total Levy	\$7,016,089	\$7,335,156
	(\$319,067 increase from 12-13)	
State Aid	\$11,079,266	\$10,720,348
	(\$358,918 decrease from 12-13)	
Total Revenues	\$18,095,355	\$18,055,504
	(\$39,851 less revenue for 13-14)	

The other side of the budget ledger deals with expenses. Our expenses for the upcoming year are predicted to increase by nearly 2%. The increase is the result of additional staff, a 2% wage increase and increased cost for health insurance. All other areas of predicted expenses for 13-14 remain fairly consistent when compared to 12-13.

A quick review of the recent publication “School Facts13 – Coulee Conference Report” provided by the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance provides direct comparisons between West Salem, Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Viroqua and Westby. The data indicates West Salem has the lowest per pupil total cost including the lowest amount of “education related” spending. A closer look reveals these totals to be the result of having the lowest transportation costs, the lowest maintenance costs, the lowest administrative costs and the lowest support personnel costs. Once again it appears our centralized location and “campus concept” allow for an efficient approach.

The School Facts13 publication also offers a look at the revenues generated by each school district. The per student percentage of state aid support ranges from a low of 51% in Viroqua to a high of 64% in Black River Falls. West Salem is second highest at 60%. The resulting “Mill Rates” range from a high of \$11.48 in Arcadia to a low of \$8.63 in Black River Falls. West Salem is fifth lowest at \$9.67. It should be noted that levy rates are also significantly impacted by building construction projects. For your reference, the “School Facts13 – Coulee Conference Report” is available on our school district website.

It seems as though funding for public schools in Wisconsin continues to become more complex and more political. As noted in our school district vision, we offer our continuing “commitment to good stewardship of resources and transparent communication with parents and community members.” We greatly appreciate your continued support of public education and wish you and yours a happy holiday season.

Smiles 4 Life



The Cavity Crushers are back again for the 2013-14 school year! Over 100 students in the West Salem School District currently participate in the Smiles 4 Life program that provides preventative oral hygiene care right at school. The program is open to all students in the district Pre-K through 12th grade.

Some students are receiving an extra cleaning and fluoride application in addition to their regular dental care in the community. Others are taking advantage of a very convenient way to keep up with their routine, preventative oral care.

Your child can also benefit from this care right at school. Simply visit our school's website and visit the "Activities by Outside Agencies" link to obtain and complete a simple one page enrollment form or stop by the school office. Completed forms should be turned into the school office.

We are proud to be working together to make our school district a pain free zone full of bright smiles! Smiles 4 Life, Inc. 262-896-9891



Celebrity Story Night

The PTO held their annual story night on October 22.

Celebrity readers included:

Zachary & Kyle Lang - WSHS Athletes

Michael Andersen - WSHS Drum Major

Mike Heimer - WS Firefighter

John Smalley -

WSES Principal

Josh Baker -

WSHS Drum Major

Duane Kneifl -

First Responder

Chief Ashbeck -

WS Police Department

Nick Miller -

Le Coulee Cheese Castle

Troy Gunderson -

Superintendent



ALUMINUM FOR ATHLETICS

When cleaning up around the garage, etc., you are encouraged to bring all aluminum cans to the can pen in the southwest corner of the Heider Center parking lot for recycling. West Salem Athletics will gain full benefit of this collection project. Also, if you have any car or truck batteries for recycling, please drop them off at West Salem Auto Repair at 513 Brick Road, West Salem. Dave Eckelberg and the guys there have graciously offered their services to be our collection point for those recyclable batteries.

Engaging Parents as Partners WI FACETS

What is WI FACETS? Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support, Inc. (WI FACETS) was founded by a small group of parents in 1995. It has since grown into a leading source of information and support for children and youth who have special needs, their families and others who support them.

Services Provided

Free workshops: Choose from in person, over the phone or online workshops. These are for parents and professionals who work with children with disabilities. A list of upcoming workshops is available on their website.

Support groups: Meet with other parents in the community or online support groups are also available.

Information and Referral: Get answers to questions about programs, services and resources in the community. They can offer referrals to other programs and agencies.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO WWW.WIFACETS.ORG
OR CALL TOLL FREE 1-877-374-0511.

If you have questions about WI FACETS please contact Tiffany Lisk, Family Engagement Liaison for the West Salem School District.

You may reach Tiffany at 786-1662 or you may email her at lisk.tiffany@wsalem.k12.wi.us

DECEMBER ART STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The West Salem High School Art Department is proud to announce that Anessa Holey is the Art Student of the Month for December. Anessa's artistic focus is in digital photography. She has been spending the last couple of years developing her style, and is ready to display some of her best works at the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts. Miss Holey's work will be alongside the "About Face" collection by Jeanne Arenz and the Wooden Treasures of Larry Krajewski. There will be an artist reception on Friday, December 20, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Gallery.



WSHS Music Honors

Kaitlin Brueggen (Flute) and **Brady Scafe** (Contralto Clarinet) were chosen to participate in the UW-Eau Claire Honor Band Festival on November 9. The group was made up of the area's top high school musicians spanning a 100+ mile radius. The day was spent attending master classes as well as sectionals facilitated by university students and professors. The day culminated with an evening concert with performances by the UW-EC Wind Symphony along with the Honor Band.

Cooper Addington and **Abby Bahr** (Alto Sax), **Athen Viner** and **Zachary Lang** (Trumpet) and **Josh Baker** (Tenor Sax) were chosen to participate in the Winona State University Honor Jazz Festival held on November 8 and 9. Over the 2 day period the students rehearsed and performed with the top area high school jazz musicians as well as renown trombonist Tom "Bones" Malone.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

April 1, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of West Salem on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members will begin on Monday, April 28, 2014.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Term</u>
School Board Member	Tom Ward	3 years-Expire April 23, 2017
School Board Member	Sylvester Clements	3 years-Expire April 23, 2017

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on January 7, 2014. These forms must be filed in the District Office, 405 East Hamlin Street, between the hours 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Dated this 11th day of November 2013.
Jason Falck, Clerk

The West Salem School District prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the Pupil Services Director at (608)786-0700. To file a complaint of discrimination write to: Pupil Services Director at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669 or call 608-786-0700. The West Salem School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

School Board Members

Tom Ward ~~~~~	397-9873
Scott Scafe ~~~~~	786-0969
Jason Falck ~~~~~	786-0935
Thomas Helgeson ~~~~~	612-0018
Syl Clements ~~~~~	786-1491
Jane Halverson ~~~~~	786-1067
Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~	786-4382

Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Emergency Radio/TV Stations

These are the radio and TV stations we use for school delays and closings. ***Please listen to these stations when inclement weather arises or check their websites.*** The decision to delay or close school is made as soon as possible and the stations are notified promptly. Please refrain from calling the radio stations and the schools as it ties up the phone for necessary calls.

Please discuss with your children what to do if school is unexpectedly dismissed early. Any preparations made in advance will make a hectic time run a little smoother.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.

WIZM - 1410 A.M.	WLFN - 1490 A.M.
Z-93 - 93.3 F.M.	WKBH - 100.1 F.M.
WRQT - 95.7 F.M.	WFBZ - 105.5 F.M.
WKTY - 580 A.M.	WCOW - 97.1 F.M.
KCLH - 94.7 F.M.	WKLJ - 1290 A.M.
KQYB - 98.3 F.M.	WXOW - TV-19
KQEG - 102.7 F.M.	WKBT - TV-8
WLXR - 104.9 F.M.	WEAU -TV-13
WQCC - 106.3 F.M.	WLAX - TV-25

Students and parents can check school closings and delays on the following websites:



www.wlxr.com
www.cc1063.com
www.eagle1027.com
www.classicrock1001.com
www.1490wlfm.com
www.1410wizm.com
www.mwfbroadcasting.com
www.news8000.com
www.wxow.com

Annual Notices

Teacher Information

Federal law requires that we share with you the qualifications of teachers in the School District of West Salem. There are questions you may ask, including:

- Is my child's teacher licensed to teach the grades or subjects assigned?
- Has the state waived any requirements for my child's teacher?
- What was the college major of my child's teacher?
- What degrees does my child's teacher hold?
- Are there paraprofessionals working with my child? If so, what are their qualifications?

This notice is to inform you that all of the teachers working in the West Salem schools have at least a bachelor's degree, and 74% have advanced degrees. In addition, all of the teachers in this school are fully licensed for their assignment. If you want to see the state qualification for your child's teacher you may ask us or find it on the DPI website at <www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsis/tel/lisearch.html>.

In addition, we have 30 instructional para professionals, and they all are considered qualified for this work. If you would like more information about any school district employee, please feel free to contact Troy Gunderson, Superintendent at 786-0700.

For more information on teacher qualifications or the reporting requirement for teachers and paraprofessionals under the No Child Left Behind legislation, contact: Professional Development and Licensing at (608) 266-1788 at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Homeless Children

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines homeless children and youth (twenty-one years of age and younger) as

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:
 - sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as double-up);
 - living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
 - living in emergency or transitional shelters;
 - abandoned in hospitals; or
 - awaiting foster care placement.
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children who may qualify according to the above criteria, the School District of West Salem provides the following assurances to parents of homeless children:

- The local district staff person (liaison) for homeless children is the Elementary School Principal.
- There shall be immediate enrollment and school participation, even if educational and medical records and proof of residency are not available.
- All educational opportunities and related opportunities for homeless students (preschool to age 21), including unaccompanied youth, shall be the same as for the general student population.
- Enrollment and transportation rights, including transportation to the school of origin shall be possible. "School of origin" is defined as the school the child attended when permanently housed or when last enrolled.
- Written explanation of why a homeless child is placed other than in a school of origin or school requested by the parent, with the right to appeal, within the local dispute resolution process.
- Meaningful opportunities for parents to participate in the education of their children. These shall include: special notices of events, parent-teacher conference, newsletters, and access to student records.

Please contact John Smalley, homeless liaison for the School District of West Salem, for additional information about homeless issues. Mr. Smalley can be reached at 608-786-1662.

Directory Data

Schools and school districts receiving funds under any NCLB Title program must, upon request, provide student directory data (names, addresses, telephone numbers) to military recruiters and institutions of higher education. School districts must notify parents of their right to request that this information be withheld from disclosure, and districts must comply with such requests.



District Report Card

The recently reauthorized Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, requires additional data collection and reporting by both state and local educational agencies. One of the additional reporting requirements is to issue local report cards. State and Local report cards should include:

- Aggregate student achievement data at each proficiency level on the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concept Examination (WKCE).
- Disaggregated student achievement data on the WKCE.
- Comparisons between actual achievement levels for the district and the state
- Percentage of students not tested on the WKCE.
- Two-year trend of student achievement in each subject area at each grade level.
- Information regarding Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for each category.
- Information on graduation and attendance rates.
- The number and percentage of Schools Identified For Improvement (SIFI) and how long the schools have been identified for improvement.
- The professional qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals.
- Information on the acquisition of English proficiency by students with limited English Proficiency.

The Department of Public Instruction has data available in many of these areas; however, in a few cases the data collection and management system is being revised to comply with the federal requirements. The Wisconsin Information Network for Successful Schools (WINSS) website at the Department of Public Instruction will serve as the official state report card.

To access the School District of West Salem's report card on the WINSS website, you can go to the Department of Public Instruction website. Copy and paste the following URL into your browser: <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sig/index.html> and click on "Data Analysis." If you do not have home Web access, visit the Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library at 201 Neshonoc Road, West Salem, WI. For further information or assistance, contact Michael St. Pierre, Curriculum Director at 786-1220. For tips on how to use the Data Analysis Section of WINSS go to www.dpi.state.wi.us/sig/usetips_data.html.

Limited English Proficient Students

Title III funds sent to eligible school districts must be used to provide language instruction education to students with limited English proficiency (LEP). Schools and school districts receiving Title III funds must notify parents of children identified for participation in an LEP program no more than 30 days after the start of the school year. For a child identified as in need of an LEP program after the start of the school year, parents must be notified within two weeks of placement in a program.

Districts and schools using Title III funds must notify parents of the following:

The reasons for identifying the child as limited English proficient and for placing the child in a language instruction educational program for LEP students.

The child's level of English proficiency, including how the level was assessed and the status of the child's academic achievement.

The instructional methods to be used in the program in which the child is participating or might be assigned to and a description of all language programs that differ in content, use of English, and a native language.

How the program will meet the educational strengths and needs of the child.

How the program will help the child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic achievement standards.

Specific exit requirements of the program, including when the transition will take place. Secondary schools also inform parents of the child's expected date of graduation.

For children with a disability, how the program will meet the objectives of an individualized education program (IEP).

The notification must include written guidance that explains the following:

The parent's right to have his or her child removed, immediately upon request, from the language instructional program.

The other possible programs or methods of instruction available and the parent's option to decline enrolling his or her child.

How parents will receive assistance in selecting another program or method if one is offered by the district.



Heider Center Events

Art Gallery

DECEMBER - "About Face" by *Jeanne Arenz* and
"Wooden Treasures" by *Larry Krajewski*

JANUARY - *Barbara Decker, Paper Collages*

Mainstage Series

Simple Gifts with Billy McLaughlin

This award-winning group brings a modern flair to traditional Christmas carols and hymns to cover the arc of the Christmas narrative in a beautiful and profound way that touches audiences deeply.

Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$20/\$18



Food donations will be collected at this performance to help the local food pantry, so all attending this show are encourage to bring a non-perishable donation.

Spotlight Performance

Grand River Singers

Meet the stars of their own reality series! VH1's "Off Pitch" revolves around this young adult show choir with determination and heart.

Saturday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m.

General Admission Seating - Tickets: \$15.00



School districts are also required to notify parents of LEP children participating in a Title III program if the program is failing to help the child make progress on annual measurable achievement objectives. This notice must be provided no later than 30 days after the failure occurs and, as with all notices, must be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand.

A child may not be admitted to or excluded from any federally assisted education program on the basis of a surname or language minority status.

Student Surveys

School districts receiving funds under any U.S. Department of Education program must notify parents of their right to inspect certain student surveys and to opt their children out of those surveys and other activities that collect, disclose, or use personal information from students, including materials designed to sell or market student information to others. The types of surveys include those created by third parties (outside of the school district) and their subject matter is specified below. Parents must be notified of their rights before the survey is distributed to students.

Schools must involve parents in establishing policies that annually notify parents of this right at the beginning of each school year and when substantive changes are made to related school policies. The notice to parents must state the specific or approximate dates during the school year when activities are scheduled. If a survey asks students for information in any of the following eight categories, schools must give parents the right to inspect the survey:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of students or their family.
- Mental and psychological problems of students or their family.
- Sex behavior or attitudes.
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
- Critical appraisals of individuals with whom students have close family relationships.
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of students or their parents.
- Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for program participation or financial assistance).

School districts must provide the survey to parents within a reasonable amount of time after the request and before surveys are distributed to students. Districts must also involve parents in developing and adopting policies that establish the right of parents, upon request, to inspect student surveys and opt their children out.

Box Office
(608)786-2550

Monday: Noon to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Friday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.

www.heidercenter.org

School District of West Salem
 Annual Budget Hearing
 October 21, 2013
 Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:30 p.m.

School District of West Salem
 Annual School District Meeting
 October 21, 2013
 Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 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 October 4 and October 18, 2013 and posted in the district office on October 17, 2013.

There were 27 district resident/voting members present at the meeting.

Presentation and Explanation of the Budget

Mr. Ward called on Superintendent Troy Gunderson who presented a report on the 2012-13 budget, the proposed 2013-14 budget, tax levy by municipality, Fund 80-Community Service, long-term debt, and post retirement trust account-Fund 73.

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2012-13</u>	<u>Proposed 2013-14</u>
General Fund (10)	17,156,363.39	17,673,722.00
Special Revenue Trust (21)	55,574.04	2,438.00
Special Education (27)	2,650,521.32	2,727,242.00
Non Referendum Debt Service (38)	237,590.00	237,590.00
Debt Service (39)	1,855,802.50	1,855,803.00
Food Service (50)	905,570.25	938,770.00
Private Benefit Trust (72)	12,068.10	11,000.00
Post Employment Trust Fund (73)	388,350.01	408,972.00
Community Service (80)	121,838.65	145,935.00

<u>Property Tax Levy</u>		
General Fund	4,667,254	5,117,925
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	237,590	237,590
Debt Service	2,001,745	2,004,555
Community Service Fund	109,500	109,500
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY		7,469,570

Call for Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Ken Schlimgen moved, Scott Scafe seconded to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jason Falck, Clerk

Have you ever thought about being a School Board member for the district?
 If so, contact any current Board Member.
 For a current list and contact information, visit
[<www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/board/members.cfm>](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/board/members.cfm)

Convene

President Tom Ward called the annual meeting of the School District of West Salem to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News on October 4 and October 18, 2013 and posted in the district office on October 17, 2013.

Tom Ward introduced the board members present: Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Jason Falck, Thomas Helgeson, Jane Halverson, and Syl Clements.

Troy Gunderson introduced members of the administration that were present: Davita Molling, Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson, Dean Buchanan, Michael St. Pierre, and Mike Malott.

Tom Ward indicated the procedures for the Annual Meeting are in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

There were 29 district resident/voting members present at the meeting.

Election of Permanent Chairperson

Tom Ward called for nominations for a permanent chairperson.

Jason Falck moved, Thomas Helgeson seconded to nominate Tom Ward.

Scott Scafe moved, Jane Halverson 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

Troy Gunderson reviewed the Community Service Fund 80 as reported in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

Electorate Authorizations:

Ellen Thorn moved, Don Bina seconded to authorize the School Board, Establish salaries for Board of Education during the 2013-14 school year. (Per State Statute, §120.10(3)) Motion carried.

	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
President	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Student Representative	Hourly (Min. Wage)	Hourly (Min. Wage)
All others	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00

Don Bina moved, Mark Ledman 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 Schlimgen moved, Jane Halverson 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.

Jane Halverson moved, Catherine Griffin 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.

Mark Ledman moved, Jane Halverson seconded to authorize the School Board, pursuant to §120.10 (5m) of the Wisconsin Statutes to acquire, by purchase or condemnation under ch. 32, real estate and structures and facilities appurtenant to such real estate necessary for school district purposes, the purchase of up to 50 acres of additional land from La Crosse County located adjacent to the school district property, under the terms and conditions to be accepted by the School Board. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gunderson reviewed the revenues, expenses, levy and levy rate, CESA comparisons, academic performance, and Strategic Planning Key Performance Initiatives.

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

Mark Ledman moved, Dean Buchanan 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, under the State imposed revenue limits as is necessary to support the District on or before October 28, 2013. Motion carried.

Time and Date of 2014 Annual Meeting

Dean Buchanan moved, Catherine Griffin seconded to approve the date for the 2014 Annual Budget Hearing at 6:30 and Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2014. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Jane Halverson moved, Ken Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Falck, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 700 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on October 24, 2013

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Ward led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Zachary Lang recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen

Approval of Agenda

Jane Halverson moved, Ken Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. The high school soccer team traveled to Chippewa Falls for the sectional final game and lost 2-0 against Ashland.
2. The boys' cross country team and Hannah Thorn will be competing at state in Wisconsin Rapids.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. The high school volleyball season ended with a loss at regional finals to Altoona.
2. The high school wind symphony was invited to perform at the National Band Association Convention in Wisconsin Rapids on January 17, 2014.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Board Grants – Mr. Ward reported that the Board Grants were reviewed and a recommendation will be presented later in the meeting.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met before the meeting tonight and will have a recommendation for the 2013-2014 Budget and Tax Levy Certification.

Reports by Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Linda Carpenter and Linda Neiman from Cardinal Stritch University presented their findings from the research on implementing extended (block scheduling) instructional time at the middle school.

Mr. Gunderson led the discussion on the WIAA decision to move high school football to the (Mississippi Valley Conference) MVC.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve setting the 2013-2014 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the certification of the 2013-2014 tax levy at \$7,335,156 with a mill rate of 10.20. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$1,500,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from October 29, 2013, until December 3, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the 2013-2014 Board Grants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the second semester Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson led the discussion to review possible alternative uses for the current middle school.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the lease agreement amendment with the Village of West Salem as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignation of custodian Matt Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to contract with Jamie Perz as a middle school assistant wrestling coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties" regarding the purchase of county land.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:27 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Falck, Clerk

Animals are not allowed on school grounds.

Board Policy #384

available on the district web site

<http://www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us/board/policies.cfm>

The following minutes have not been approved by the school board.

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on November 7, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Ward led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Jane Halverson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jason Falck.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. Cooper Addington, Abby Bahr, Athen Viner, Zachary Lang, and Josh Baker participated in the Winona State University Honor Jazz Festival held on November 8 and 9.
2. The high school winter sports practices started today.
3. Veterans' Day programs were held today in all three buildings. Zachary played Taps at the elementary program and students performed a short play "War Letters" at the high school program.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. The NHS held another successful Trick or Can drive for the food pantry.
2. The Math Club competed at UW-Platteville, results were not available yet.

3. Kaitlin Brueggen and Brady Scafe participated in the UW-Eau Claire Honor Band Festival on November 9.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Eric and Lori Jensen was read. A thank you note from the Heider Arts Board was read. Mr. Ward announced that he turned in papers indicating that he will not be running for school board.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mr. Ward reported that the board meets the first Wednesday of each month and the school board will need to find a replacement for him. Mr. Ward also reviewed items discussed at the meeting, which included: WISCNET, the state-wide student information system, cell phone reimbursement policy, revision of the mission and vision statements, and a budget presentation.

District Performance Initiatives updates by Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no Open Enrollment requests to act on.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donations from Target for the middle school, and from Brushtalk Signs for the high school art department. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer School Administrator Lisa Gerke reviewed the 2013 summer school program and answered the board's questions.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed and led a discussion on the 2013-2014 Key Performance Initiatives. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adopt the Strategic Plan Key Performance Initiatives as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to set the December board meeting as December 16, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar of Events

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to recommend the purchase of a new standard projector for the Heider Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to hire Ted Yankee as a vehicle driver. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Nicole Friell, high school winter dance team coach; Ryan Nelson, Diversity Advisor; B.J. Newton, Odyssey of the Mind volunteer. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 1 Nay)

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties" regarding the purchase of county land.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:54 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk

Photo Contest

The School District of West Salem will be holding a photo contest for the 2013-2014 school year. The district is looking for photos to be displayed in the district office for the 2014-15 school year. Photos should highlight the best the district has to offer. Watch for contest information under "Announcements" on the district's web site.

www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

Open Enrollment

You may apply for open enrollment from February 3-April 30, 2014, on-line at <https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>

For more information, visit the DPI website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>

DECEMBER

- 3 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V at BRF - 6:00/7:30
Girls Basketball-JV/V (H) Royall - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V at Viroqua - 5:30/7:30
- 5 Boys Hockey-JV/V (H) La Crosse Co-op - 5:30/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V (H) Central - 6:30/7:00
- 5-6 **YES VIRGINIA, The Musical - 7:00**
performed by WS students in grades 3-7
- 6 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey-V (H) St. Mary's Springs - 5:30/7:30
- 7 Wrestling-JV/V at Holmen Invite - 9:00
WSHS Holiday Choir Concert - 7:00
- 10 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V (H) BRF - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V (H) La Crescent - 5:30/7:30
- 12 **7th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 6:00**
8th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 7:30
School Board Candidate Information Meeting - 6:30
- 13 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V at Viroqua 0 6:00/7:30
- 14 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Randolph -
12:00/1:30/3:00
Gymnastics-V at Baraboo Invite - 10:00
Boys Hockey-JV/V (H) Aquinas Co-op - 1:00/3:00
Wrestling-V at WI Dells Duals Tourney - 9:00
- 15 **WSHS Holiday Concert, Concert Band and Wind
Symphony - 4:00**
- 17 Boys Basketball-C-JV/V at Bangor - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V at BRF - 5:30/7:30
- 19 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V 9H) Aquinas - 6:00/7:30
Gymnastics-JV/V at Caledonia - 6:00
Wrestling-JV/V at BRF - 6:30/7:00
- 20 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V (H) Amery - 5:30/7:30
Wrestling-JV at Mel-Min Tourney - 5:15
- 21 Wrestling-JV/V at Arcadia Invite - 9:30
- 23 No School - Winter Break**
- 26 Boys Hockey-V at Reedsburg Invite - 7:00
- 27 Boys Basketball-JV/V (H) Holiday Tournament
Girls Basketball-JV/V (H) Holiday Tournament
Boys Hockey-V at Reedsburg Invite
Wrestling-V at Bi-State (La Crosse Center) 9:30
- 28 Boys Basketball-JV/V (H) Holiday Tournament
Girls Basketball-JV/V (H) Holiday Tournament
Boys Hockey-V at Reedsburg Invite
Wrestling-V at Bi-State (La Crosse Center) 9:30
Wrestling-JV at Sparta Invite - 9:00

For the girls' hockey schedule
visit www.mvconference.org

On right, click on "Onalaska High School",
select "Hockey - Girls VAR", click "View".

JANUARY

- 1 **New Year's Day**
- 2 **School Resumes**
Boys Hockey-JV/V at Eau Claire Regis - 5:00/7:00
- 3 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V at Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
Girls Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Central - 6:00/7:30
- 7 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V at Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
Gymnastics-JV/V (H) Onalaska - 6:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V (H) Viroqua - 5:30/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V at Aquinas - 7:30
- 9 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V at Westby - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V at GET/Mel-Min - 6:30/7:00
Intro. to Theatre Class production at 7:00
- 10 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V at Marshfield - 5:30/7:30
- 11 Gymnastics-V at Reedsburg Invite - 10:00
Wrestling-JV/V at Sauk Prairie Invite - 9:30
- 13 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V at Onalaska - 5:50/7:30
- 14 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V (H) GET - 6:00/7:30
Gymnastics-JV/V at Arcadia - 6:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V at La Crescent - 5:30/7:30
- 16 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Westby - 6:00/7:30
- 17 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V at Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V (H) Viroqua at Bangor - 6:30/7:00
- 18 Gymnastics-V at McLellan Invite at Holmen
Boys Hockey-JV/V at Baraboo - 5:30/7:30
- 21 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V at GET - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey-V (H) BRF - 5:30/7:30
- 21-23 WSHS Semester Exams
- 23 Boys Basketball-C/JV (H) BRF - 6:00/7:30
Girls Basketball-C/JV at BRF - 5:50/7:30
Gymnastics-JV/V at Westby - 6:30
Wrestling-JV/V at Arcadia - 6:30/7:00
- 24 **No School**
Gymnastics-JV/V at Viroqua Invite - 6:00
Boys Hockey-JV/V (H) Tomah - 5:30/7:30
- 25 Boys Basketball-V vs. BRF at La Crosse Center - 6:30
Girls Basketball-V vs. BRF at La Crosse Center - 8:00
Boys Hockey-JV/V (H) Eau Claire North - 5:30/7:30
- 27 **District Jazz Concert - 7:00**
- 29 **Early Release - Students dismissed at 12:20,
Buses leave at 12:30**
- 30 **6th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 7:00**
Boys Basketball-C/JV/V at La Crescent - 5:45/7:15
Gymnastics-JV/V (H) Viroqua - 6:30
Wrestling-JV/V (H) Westby - 6:30/7:00
- 31 Wisconsin Singers & Show Choirs perform at 7:00
Girls Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V at Aquinas Co-op - 5:00/7:00

FEBRUARY

- 1 Wrestling -V (H) WS Team Tournament - 9:30
- 3 Boys Hockey-JV/V at Winona - 5:30/7:30
- 4 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V at Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
Girls Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Richland Center - 6:00/7:30
- 6 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V at Sparta - 5:50/7:30
- 7 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V at Tomah - 5:00/7:00
- 7-8 WSHS Winter Play - "Check Please"
- 8 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V at Holmen - 5:50/7:30
Gymnastics-V at GET Invite - 9:00
Wrestling-JV/V at Conference at Arcadia
- 11 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V (H) Onalaska - 5:30/7:30
- 13 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Westby - 6:00/7:30
- 14 **No School**
Valentine's Day
WSHS Conference Honor Band at 7:00
Girls Basketball-C/JV/V at Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
Gymnastics-JV/V (H) GET - 6:30
Boys Hockey-JV/V at DC Everest - 4:45/7:00
- 15 Wrestling Regionals (H)
- 18 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V at La Crescent - 5:45/7:15
Boys Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Central - 6:00/7:30
Boys Hockey Regionals
Wrestling Team Sectionals at WI Dells
- 19 **Early Release - Students dismissed at 12:20,
Buses leave at 12:30**
- 20 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V at Westby - 6:00/7:30
- 20-21 Boys Hockey Regionals
- 21 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V at GET - 6:00/7:30
Gymnastics Conference at Arcadia
- 22 **District Show Choir Extravaganza**
Wrestling Sectionals At Adams-Friendship
- 25 Boys Basketball Regional Quarter-Finals
Boys Hockey Sectionals
- 27 Girls Basketball-C/JV/V (H) GET - 6:00/7:30
- 27-28 Wrestling State at Madison
- 28 Boys Hockey Sectionals
Boys Basketball Regional Semi-Finals

MARCH

- 1 Boys Hockey Sectionals
Wrestling State at Madison
Boys Basketball Regional Finals
- 4 **1st Grade Concert - 6:15**
3rd Grade Concert - 7:15
Girls Basketball Regional Quarter Finals
- 6 **Kindergarten Concert - 6:15**
2nd Grade Concert - 7:15
Boys Basketball Sectional Semi-Finals

From the Superintendent

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From The District Office

The West Salem School District Office, located in the northwest end of the high school, will be closed December 24, 25, 31, and January 1 for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. The district office will be open on January 7 until 5:00 p.m. to receive candidacy papers for the April school board election.

**School Board Member
Candidate Informational Meeting**

Interested in running to be a member of the West Salem School Board? This is your opportunity to find out more information. Superintendent Gunderson will be hosting a informational meeting on December 12, 2013, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Marie Heider Meeting Room. *Please use the Hamlin Street District Office entrance.*



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