

West Salem School District

February 2013



Newsletter

Creating Innovators – We are All In!

By Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

Last week five school members, our finance director and I attended the Annual State Education Convention in Milwaukee. As is the norm, the convention offered a plethora of interesting options from which to choose. Our group attended sessions covering topics such as strategic planning, community engagement, budgeting, instructional strategies, health care, taxes, supervision, and technology. Also the norm for the annual convention is the keynote presentations that highlight each daily agenda. This year, two such keynote presentations left their mark on our group.

Tony Wagner, author of *Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World*, offered an impassioned presentation on the need for our school systems to focus on developing the skills of creativity and innovation. Given our recently-forged school district mission calling for us to “Serve with Passion to Ignite Creativity, Innovation and Excellence,” Tony Wagner’s message hit home. Wagner suggested the combination of rewarding only individual success, separating disciplines, emphasizing consumption of information over creation of products and a strong aversion to risk are key factors limiting student growth in the areas of creativity and innovation. He concluded with the advice of documenting evidence of student work and elevating the skill sets of creativity and innovation through evaluation.

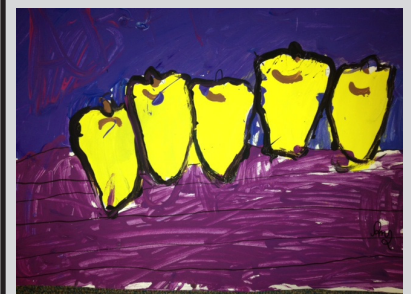
The second presentation offered a similar message as it applies to workplace culture. Chester Elton, co-author of *All In: How the Best Managers Create a Culture of Belief and Drive Big Results*, offered a road map for a healthier and more productive workplace. “Tell me why your job rocks?” was Elton’s leading question followed by “Doesn’t everyone deserve

a great place to work?” Elton pronounced that leaders, such as school boards and administrators, must accept full responsibility for the culture of the school workplace, adding the factors of engagement, empowerment and energy as foundations of a creative and innovative workplace. Elton concluded with his faith in “the power of appreciation.”

As the final presentation drew to a close we found ourselves energized by the affirmation of our district mission statement. Wagner’s prescription for “creating innovators” and Elton’s notion of a “work culture for believers” reinforced our commitment to “igniting creativity and innovation.” Attending these wonderful presentations offered us the opportunity to focus our priorities and provided us with a new set of skills to apply in our work.

The convention ended with one bit of clarity. When it comes to creativity and innovation, **we are all in!**

Student artwork displayed at the La Crosse Public Library



Open Enrollment

You may apply for open enrollment from February 4-April 30, 2013, on-line at http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc

For more information, visit the DPI website: http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc

Who may participate in open enrollment?

- Students in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.
- Open enrollment for prekindergarten, 4-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2013-14 school year is from February 4-April 30, 2013. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2013. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply in one of two ways:

- On-line (recommended) at http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc.
- Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district.

Public School Open Enrollment Program
 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
 P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
 Toll-free: 888-245-2732
 Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
 Web site: http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc

FAQ: Can an open enrolled student participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the non-resident school district?

- Open enrolled students have the same rights and responsibilities as resident students.
- Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has recently adopted new rules concerning transfer students. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

Important open enrollment dates

February 4-April 30, 2013 – Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 7, 2013 – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the student is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 14, 2013 – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 28, 2013 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2013-14 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.

..... **Your school district needs you...**.....

Do you like working with students and staff?
 Would you like to earn extra money?
 The district is looking for substitutes in the following areas:

- SUBSTITUTE Licensed Teachers
- SUBSTITUTE Paraprofessionals
- SUBSTITUTE Secretaries
- SUBSTITUTE Food Service
- SUBSTITUTE Custodians

- For an application, visit the district's web site. www.wsalem.k12.wi.us
- Click on Employment Opportunities
- Scroll down and click on the Substitute Employment Application Form.
- You may also contact the District Office at 608-786-0700 for an application. You may also stop in at the District Office at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI to pick-up an application form.

**The West Salem Elementary School
Library has a Blog!**

Visit <http://hunmar.edublogs.org>
for some library news.
LMC Director Mary Hundt would love
to hear your comments
and to develop a readership.



February Art Display

Hayden Gullickson is the WSHS Art Student of the Month for February. His work is full of extreme detail, quality craftsmanship, and sly humor. Hayden's primary medium to work with are paint, graphite and ink. Hayden's work will be on display at the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts gallery from Feb. 1st through the 28th, alongside the work from the Brown Dog Studio (Marianne Stanke, Marcia Thompson and Lynne Burgess). There will be a reception for all exhibiting artists on Thursday, February 21, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the gallery.

Call for Artists

8th Annual Mayfair Arts Festival

Sunday, May 5, 2013 — 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Artists interested in participating in the art fair can call Jane at 786-2388 or e-mail mayfairart@hotmail.com.

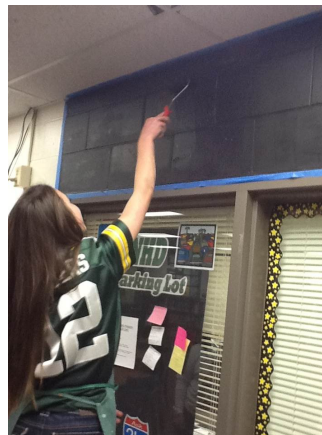
Applications are also available at the Heider Center Box Office.

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.

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.



Students Recreating The WSMS LMC

Students hope to improve the atmosphere of the library so that it would become a better area to learn, study and enjoy the pleasures of reading and encourage future students to enjoy the library. The students plan to use various recycled arts which require less equipment to purchase and would improve the overall appearance of the library. Changes could include a "creation station" - the objective of the creation station is to provide an area for students to work on homework or projects; and an iPad charging station. The LMC staff would like to acknowledge the following community members and staff for sharing their time and talents with us: Scott Modlin; B.J. Newton, Craig Thompson; Nick Clements, Renee Bradley, Cole Andres, and Mr. Buchanan. Ms. Treu welcomes any and all community members who would like to share their time and talents with us.

Solo/Ensemble Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested and are available to help at this year's Solo/Ensemble Festival on Saturday, March 23, 2013, please contact Kelli Martin at martin.kelli@wsalem.k12.wi.us or 786-1220 ext. 2184. The typical day begins around 7:30 a.m. and ends before 4:00 p.m. The event is held here at WSHS. I hope to hear from many high school music parent volunteers!

Thank you,
Kelli Martin
Elementary & High School Music Teacher

**3 yr. old Child Development Days
Friday, February 8, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

OR

Tuesday, February 12, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

If you have a child who will be three by September 1, 2013 please plan on bringing your child to one of the free developmental screening clinics at the West Salem elementary school. Early childhood staff and a speech therapist will be available to interact with your child while looking for specific developmental milestones. They will have you fill out a questionnaire regarding your child's development and take the time to discuss all of this with you. Please plan on the whole process taking approximately 45 minutes. Please call the school office at 786-1662 to let us know which date works for you.

If you missed School District's 4K registration night, and have a child who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2013 come to the elementary school during either of the above screening times. Please bring your child with you; early childhood staff and a speech therapist will be available to interact with your child while looking for specific developmental milestones. Be sure to bring your child's birth certificate with you for birth date verification. If you are new to the school district you will also need to bring proof of residency. Please note that registration cannot be completed without residency and birth date verification. Please call the school office at 786-1662 to let us know that you are coming.

**4-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration
& Child Development Evening**

The West Salem Elementary School will be hosting a Child Development Evening on Thursday, February 7, in conjunction with 4 year-old kindergarten (4K) registration. This joint program will offer information about your child's development as well as providing the opportunity for you to fill out your child's enrollment paperwork for 4K.

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, 2013, please call the Elementary School to preregister. You will then be mailed a registration packet. Also, plan to come with your child the night of February 7th.

Please come by 6:00 p.m. to sign in and transition your child to a classroom for a variety of activities led by one of our 4K teachers. Social, communication, motor and early learning skills will be observed. An audiologist will be on hand for free hearing screenings by parent request. Handouts regarding various aspects of child development will be available to families. The parent registration meeting will be held in the assembly room at 6:30 p.m. The total time needed for the various activities will be approximately one hour 15 minutes. Please allow extra time if a hearing screening is requested. Please note that registration cannot be completed without residency and birth date verification.

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 Brickl Road, West Salem. Dave Eckelberg and the guys there have graciously offered their services to be our collection point for those recyclable batteries.

Kindergarten Registration

Now that West Salem has a 4-Year-Old Kindergarten program in place, we will no longer be hosting a kindergarten registration. If you have a student who will be five years old by September 1, 2013 and your child does not attend our 4K program, please contact the elementary office at 786-1662 to pre-register. All current 4K students will automatically receive a kindergarten packet.

**West Salem Athletic Booster Club Fun Night
Saturday, February 9, 2013
Fox Hollow Banquet Hall**

5:30 Door open
6:30 Dinner - Prime Rib
Tickets: \$25
After February 1 \$30

Silent auction and ticket buckets
Games of Chance
Dog & Horse race video

46" flat screen TV, golf membership, on square board that will be at most sporting events.
Items donated by West Salem sports teams and many other great items.

Contact any Booster Club board member for tickets
OR Brian Babiash at 792-9330,
babiashhoc@yahoo.com.

Members: Adam Kennedy, Michelle Hansen, Mary Lewis, Mike Glassmaker, Melody Schmitz, Kim Dummer, Rob Koenen, and Brian Meyer

**The 2013-2014 School Year Student Calendar
is available on the District's website.
www.wsalem.k12.wi.us**

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
§120.06(8)(C), Wis. Stats.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the West Salem School District that on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, Spring election of school board members will be held. Candidates for the school board are as follows:

Thomas Helgeson
Scott Scafe
Jason Falck

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will be open and time may be obtained by contacting appropriate town and village clerks.

**Attention One And All...
We Need Your Help!!**

Our Healthy Living Department at the Middle School is in need of the following items:

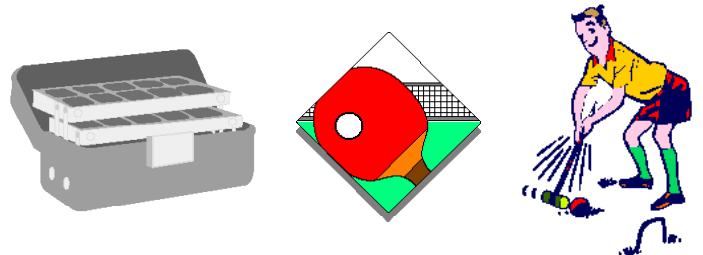


If you have any of the above items in GOOD/GREAT condition and would be willing to donate them to our department, please contact Josh Brewer at brewer.josh@wsalem.k12.wi.us or (608)786-2090 ext. 4133.

Thank You.

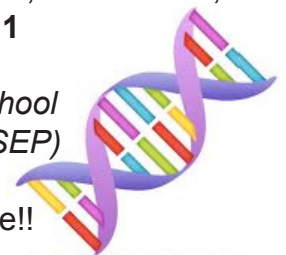


Erika Olson, Josh Brewer and Justin Running
WSMS Health/Physical Education Teachers



GENETIC EXPLORATION NIGHT

- What: Listen to **Peter Levonian** and **Kevin Josephson**
Genetic Counselors from Gundersen Lutheran, discuss the importance of genetics in the future and their careers
- Where: **Heider Center**
405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI
- When: **Monday, February 11**
- Time: **7:00-7:45 p.m.**
- Why: *West Salem High School Senior Exit Project (SEP) for Courtney Rausch*
- Chance to win an iPod Shuffle!!



Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts



Auditions for Missoula Children's Theatre "The Secret Garden" will be held on Monday, February 4, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the Heider Center. Children K-12 may audition. Parents MUST sign a permission slip if their child plans on auditioning.

For more info contact the box office: (608)786-2550

Missoula Children's Theatre Show Times

Saturday, February 9 - 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

General Admission Tickets: \$6.00

Steve Marking - "River Rhythms"

Steve Marking, a classically trained singer and photographer, *PRESENTS A MULTI-MEDIA CONCERT*, displaying images of the river as he performs great American river songs.

Thursday, February 14, 2013

7:30 p.m.

All tickets are \$15.00 and are reserved seating.



ART GALLERY - "Brown Dog Studio"

Marianne Stanke, Marcia Thompson, Lynne Burgess, and Jeanne Arenz

February 1-28, 2013

Reception - Thursday, February 21, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



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

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CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/>

Special Olympics WI - South Central Area

Kerry Gloede - gloedek@cityoflacrosse.org,

400 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

West Salem Lions Club Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast & Raffle

Sunday, February 3, 2013

7:30 a.m.—noon

West Salem Elementary School

SERVING: PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, BLUEBERRIES, MILK, COFFEE, JUICE

Tickets at the door.

Cost: \$5.00 Adults & \$3.00 12 and under

Super Bowl Raffle drawing at Noon.



We Serve

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2012
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 December 12, 2012. This meeting was at the request of a board member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Ward led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Scott Scafe 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 – Administrator: Troy Gunderson (6:17). Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: None.

Approval of Agenda

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

Closed Session

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) (c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” regarding nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators under Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1)(c), the superintendent’s evaluation, Other Post Employment Benefit compensation for non-union district individually contracted employees.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 6:02 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.

Adjournment

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Falck, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2012
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 December 17, 2012.

Mr. Ward requested a moment of silence to acknowledge the school shooting in Connecticut.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mr. Helgeson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Kevin Martinson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck (8:30), Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott (7:32), John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Alyssa Noll and Kevin Martinson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: None.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as amended by delaying the Delegate Assembly Proposals until Mr. Falck joins the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward recognized the Students of the Season who were in the *Coulee News*.

Connection with the Community

Kevin Martinson reported on:

1. The high school hockey team is undefeated, with a record of 7-0.

2. The high school boys' basketball team will play rivals Bangor.
3. The high school Spanish II dinner is being held this evening.

Alyssa Noll reported on:

1. The high school recently held a blood drive.
2. The high school entrepreneur class will be operating the school store.
3. The high school jazz band performed Christmas Carols at Mulders and Lakeview Health Center today.

Correspondence

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was read, proclaiming Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week, January 14-18, 2013.

Public comments

Diane Rogala requested to speak regarding concerns about fundraising.

Mary Morgensen-Hardie requested to speak to express her thoughts on safety.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 – Mr. Ward reported that CESA #4 will be converting their payroll to Skyward, there was discussion on the La Crosse Promise, and Dave Anderson from the WIAA discussed issues.

Reports by Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, Michelle Kloser, Mark Ledman, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2012; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept donations from Kwik Trip for the middle school, from Marcia Thompson for the elementary school art department, and from Keaton Linse, Kerin Linse, Mariah, Malivanh Fleckenstein, Ben Fleckenstein to the elementary school to be put towards the Lisa Hugo memorial window. Motion carried unanimously.

Melanie Lendosky of Johnson Block and Company presented the 2011-2012 district audit report.

High School Choir Director Amy Hanson shared information and highlights of the recent Music Trip to Florida.

Mr. Carlson presented the 2013-14 new high school course proposals. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the courses as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the transportation parent contracts for the 2012-13 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to hire Amanda Lunde in the food service department. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to allow Jason Falck, WASB Delegate, to vote his conscience on the items based upon the comments he received from the board. Motion carried unanimously.

Middle School Band Director Ryan Waldhart shared with the board information on band lessons at the middle school and answered questions. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the hiring of a part-time teaching aide for the second semester with a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administrations co-curricular recommendations: Odyssey of the Mind-Angie Hemker, Krista Dunnum and Cole Andres; Forensics-Darcy Sawyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of Jonathan Jones as the freshman football coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for district non-union employees as presented with the stipulation the district's total distribution not to exceed the employees' annual salary.

Adjournment

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Falck, Clerk

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• check out the West Salem School District Website at •
• <www.wsalem.k12.wi.us> •
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School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2012
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 December 13, 2012. This meeting was at the request of a board member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Ward led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen 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, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: None.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: Closed session, under exemption provided for in WI Statutes 19.85(1)(a) Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body; and pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; and pursuant to Wis. Stat. S. 120.13(1)(c) to discuss, consider and take action, if appropriate, regarding recommendation for pupil expulsion and to review and discuss confidential pupil records under 118.125.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 6:04 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

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, *The following minutes have not
Jason Falck, Clerk been approved by the school
board.*

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room –7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice President Thomas Helgeson. 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 January 10, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Scott Scafe led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Alyssa Noll reported on:

1. Tech. Update – The Spanish IV class completed their project using only the MAC computer.

2. The Introduction to Theatre class put on a play last Thursday.
3. The Poms team placed 3rd in a recent competition.
4. The DECA club competed and will be competing at the state competition.
5. It is finals week at the high school.
6. There is a sixth grade band and choir concert this evening.

Correspondence

1. A thank you note from Jane Bangsberg was read.
2. A thank you note from the family of Mary Christopherson was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 – Mr. Ward was not present at CESA meeting and not present tonight to report.

Policy Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that there are a number of policies on tonight’s agenda for a first reading.

Finance Committee – Mr. Helgeson reported that the committee discussed the 2013-2014 budget cycle and to set goals and direction for the budget process.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee reviewed the job description of the buildings and grounds supervisor , building security, solar panels, and the possibility of lead custodian positions.

Reports by Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Lisa Gerke, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012; the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2013; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donation from Stephen and Deborah Kraus to the Horace Moran Memorial Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the high school softball team’s request to travel to Florida in 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the summer program for 2013 as a three-week session beginning in July. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken to reaffirm board policy #425 Public Open Enrollment.

No action was taken on the designation of open enrollment spaces.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #384 Animals on School Grounds. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #532 Instructional Staff Contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #911 Buildings and Grounds Supervisor as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #832 Weapons on School Premises. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #447.1 Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint in Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #840.1 Memorials. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #736 Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Management Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #514 Job Descriptions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration’s co-curricular recommendation for Casi Jones as the assistant seventh grade girls basketball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignation of special education paraprofessional Sheri Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

Check out the West Salem Art Department

<http://westsalemart.blogspot.com/>
<http://www.wix.com/westsalemart/visualarts>

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Brenna McGuire as the swimming pool director for 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

No board action was taken on the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) vendor selection. The Fund 73 Trust committee will meet to finalize the vendor selection.

No board action was taken on the language changes for the 2013-2015 administrator contracts.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Falck, Clerk
Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk

WSHS Spring Sports Meeting

The West Salem High School pre-season sports' meeting for all spring sports will be held on Monday, February 25, 2013 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the high school beginning at 7:00 P.M. This meeting is for those athletes interested in participating in boys' or girls' track, girls' soccer, softball, golf and baseball, and their parents/guardians. The 7:00–8:00 P.M. general session is only for those parents and athletes who did not fulfill this obligation at the fall or winter pre-season meetings. At 8:00 P.M. all athletes and parents are expected to attend the break-out session with the coach(es) of their respective sport. From 6:30–9:00 P.M., there will be a station set up in the cafeteria to check the necessary paperwork requirements of each athlete. All paperwork must be completed before beginning practice. If there are any questions, contact athletic director LeRoy Krall at 786-1220, Ext. 2353 or by e-mail at Krall.Leroy@wsalem.k12.wi.us.

The WSHS Drama Club presents a
"There's a Monster in My Closet"
Thursday, February 28
Friday, March 1
7:00 p.m.
HEIDER CENTER

\$5 tickets will be available at the door.

Entertainment for the whole family.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 1 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V @ Black River Falls 5:50/7:30
- 2 Wrestling- JV/V- @ Black River Falls (conference) 10:00
- 5 Hockey- JV/V- (H) Reedsburg 5:30/7:00
- 5 Girls Basketball- JV/V (H) Onalaska 6:00/7:30
- 7 Hockey-JV/V (H) Altoona 5:30/7:00
- 7 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V (H) Viroqua 5:50/7:00
- 8 Girls Basketball- JV/V @ Arcadia 5:50/7:00
- 9 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V @ Randolph 12:00/1:30/3:00
- 9 Girls Basketball- JV/V @ Richland Center 2:00/3:30
- 9 Wrestling-V @ Adams-Friendship (regionals) TBA
- 12 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V @ Onalaska 5:50/7:30
- 12 Girls Basketball- JV/V (H) Holmen 6:00/7:30
- 12 Wrestling- V @ Lodi (Sectionals) TBA
- 12-15 Hockey-V Regionals (TBA)
- 14 Girls Basketball-JV/V (H) Westby 5:50/7:00
- 15 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Arcadia 5:50/7:00
- 15 **No School**
- 16 Wrestling- V @ Richland Center (Sectionals) TBA
- 19 Boys Basketball-V Regional Quarter Finals TBA
- 19-23 Hockey-V Sectionals (TBA)
- 20 **Early Release - Students dismissed at 12:20, Buses leave at 12:30**
- 21 Girls Basketball JV/V (H) G-E-T 5:50/7:30
- 21-23 Wrestling-V @ Madison (State) TBA
- 22 Boys Basketball- V-Regional Semi-Finals TBA
- 23 Boys Basketball-V-Regional Finals TBA
- 23 7th & 8th Grade at Solo & Ensemble at Mel-Min
- 26 Girls Basketball-V-Regional Quarter Finals TBA
- 28 Boys Basketball-V-Sectional Semi-Finals TBA
- 28 Grade 1 PE Night, WSES Gym, 6:30
- 28 **There's a Monster in My Closet** - 7:00 Heider Center
- 28 Hockey-V State (TBA)

MARCH

- 1 WSHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 1-2 Hockey- V State Tournament TBA
- 1 Wrestling-V State Tournament TBA
- 1 Girls Basketball-V Regional Semi Finals TBA
- 2 Tri-State Honors Band Festival (selected WSMS students)
- 2 Wrestling-V- Team State TBA
- 2 Boys Basketball-V Sectional Finals TBA
- 2 Girls Basketball-V Regional Finals TBA
- 7-9 Boys Basketball-V State Tournament TBA
- 7 Girls Basketball-V Sectional Semi Finals TBA
- 9 Girls Basketball-V Sectional Finals TBA
- 13 Piano Solo/Ensemble
- 14-16 Girls Basketball-V State Tournament TBA
- 15 WSHS Spring Band & Choir Concert - 7:00

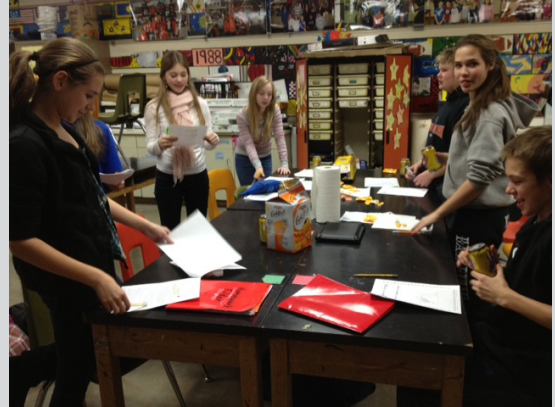
From the Superintendent
 Substitutes Needed
 Open Enrollment
 Child Development Evening
 3-year old Child Development Days
 4K Registration & Child Development Evening
 Kindergarten Registration
 February Art Gallery Display
 Mayfair - call for Artists
 WSMS Gets New Look
 WSHS Drama Club Presents...
 Health Living Dept. Looking For Items
 Senior Exit Project-Genetic Exploration Night
 Sports Parent Meeting
 Heider Center Events & Gallery Display
 Pancake Breakfast
 Polar Plunge
 School Board Election Notice
 Calendar of Events
 School Board Minutes
 Booster Club Fun Night

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