

West Salem School District

January 2012



Newsletter

Strategic Initiative: Technology – The New Frontier

Troy M. Gundersen, Superintendent

Each time I find myself in a discussion about the rapid pace of change in technology, I think of the cellular “flip” phone I carry with me every day and how much it resembles the communication devices carried by the crew of the Starship Enterprise in the old television series Star Trek. I can remember watching these television shows as a child – back in the days of rotary dial telephones and rabbit ear television antennas – and thinking there is no way we will ever have portable phones that fit in our pockets. I remember blurting out, “I’m sure! They can’t just call up to the ship from anywhere.” Mom and dad would politely remind me Star Trek was “science fiction.” I was supposed to use my imagination. Well, can you imagine the miniature “flip” phone I carry in my pocket every day not only works better than the ones on Star Trek, it is now considered “old fashioned” by today’s standards because it doesn’t connect to the internet? What’s next? Beam me up Scotty?

The rapidly changing world of technology is about to revolutionize the business of education. The technological “game changers” of mobility – the device being connected to the student, and open content – nearly unlimited access to information, are converging to radically change the practice of education. I offer two simple examples you can access on YouTube. First, search “Kahn Academy.” The academy offers free mathematics lessons/lectures on literally any math topic you request. This type of “open content” has spawned a new approach called “flip teaching.” The student watches the lesson on his/her internet device as a form of homework and works with the teacher to practice the applications in class. This “flip” has the potential to revolutionize how we deliver instruction: lesson at home: practice at school versus lesson at school: practice at home. Second, search “Al Gore Our Choice.” (Please, this is not about politics. It is about the format of the book.) The video provides a preview of the possibilities for textbooks. As you turn the virtual pages, you can watch videos, click on web sites, and listen to audio recordings. Think of how this will change student access to information. Will we ever buy another text book? Will there be any limits in the access of information? What role will the teacher play?

While attending a session at a recent conference for superintendents, the speaker suggested this most recent advance in technology is the revolutionary equivalent to the invention of the printing press. Prior to the invention of the press, it was unnecessary to teach the masses to read because there was nothing for them to read. Books were made by hand, very expensive, and the prized possessions of clergy and royalty. Once it became possible to mass produce text, books became plentiful and the ability to read became a necessary skill for everyone. In the words of Sir Francis Bacon in 1620, the printing press “changed the whole face and state of things throughout the world.” In the 400 years since, books have basically remained the same – sheets of printed paper bound in a cover and stored on a shelf. Today, digitized, open content, available anywhere and at anytime will potentially make the notion of a physical “book” obsolete. How much, and how fast, will this change the face and state of our world? Maybe “Beam me up Scotty” isn’t so farfetched.

Our new school district mission and vision includes a strategic initiative for Technology. In developing a set of specific goals in the area of technology, we assembled teams of employees to research current trends in curriculum and instructional technology. The group is charged with providing our school board with a vision and a plan for navigating this transformation. The initial steps taken last school year included an over-all assessment of our current practices, structures, and equipment. We responded to the first major deficiency by completing a substantial overhaul of our technology infrastructure. We are now capable of operating a seamless, wireless network across our district. The next phase will be an analysis of how changes in instructional practice will require access to the world of mobility and open content. One thing is for certain, it will look a great deal different than it does today.

One year ago we completed a district survey to enlist input for the development of our new mission and vision. Remaining current with the changes in educational technology engendered a great deal of support. Just like Captain Kirk and the Starship crew heading off into the “The Final Frontier,” we are heading off into a new frontier of our own. A successful journey will require vision, training, communication, and the wise use of resources. Unlike the doubting days of my youth when I offered a sarcastic “I’m sure” at every imaginative look into the future, today I offer a literal “I’m sure” in assurance of my confidence in our school district as we venture off into this exciting new frontier. I know we can do it. Full speed ahead Scotty!

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.lacrosserradiogroup.net
www.cc1063.com
www.1410wizm.com
www.mwfbroadcasting.com
www.classicrock1001.com
www.wkbt.com
www.wxow.com



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West Salem Community Fitness Center

Annie Wachter Labus, Fitness Center Director

CURRENT FITNESS CENTER HOURS:

Monday–Friday mornings 5:00–8:00 a.m., Monday–Thursday evenings 3:00–9:00 p.m., Fridays 3:00–7:00 p.m., Sunday 4:00–7:00 p.m. Yogalates is held on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. All West Salem students and fitness center guests with a year membership may attend classes FREE of charge. Some employers offer a full or partial reimbursement for fitness center memberships. Also check with your insurance provider to see if they offer a reimbursement for your fitness center membership.

Clean shoes are required to enter the fitness center and indoor track. Current fitness center hours and class schedules are specified on the school website www.wsalem.k12.wi.us. Click on the fitness center icon to get the latest information about your community fitness center. You may call 786-1220 extension 2275.

Substitute

Bus Drivers Needed—Will Train

If interested, please stop at the District Office at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem **OR** call 608-786-0700 **OR** go to www.wsalem.k12.wi.us for a substitute application.

For more information, please call Rick Kline at 786-4356

Upcoming Heider Center Event



Tom Pease and Stuart Stotts

Celebrate with Tom and Stuart as they lead us into a magical afternoon filled with song, laughter, energy and lots of audience participation – a show that's guaranteed to be fun for the whole family!

Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
\$6.00 general admission.

High School Registration for 2012 Freshmen

8th Grade Parents, do you wonder:

- How does my 8th grade student register for HS classes?
- How is high school different from middle school?
- What extra curricular activities can my child get involved in at the high school?
- What should I be doing now to prepare my 8th grader for 9th grade?

If you would like answers to these questions and more, plan to attend the registration meeting on January 9 at 6:45 p.m. in the Heider Center auditorium. The meeting will last approximately 45 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Lang at the Middle School or Lynne Brown at the High School.

School Board Members

Tom Ward ~~~~~	397-9873
Errol Kindschy ~~~~~	786-1675
Scott Scafe ~~~~~	786-0969
Ken Spraetz ~~~~~	786-0017
Thomas Helgeson ~~~~~	612-0018
Jason Falck ~~~~~	397-3972
To be announced ~~~~~	

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



The West Salem Art Department is proud to announce that the High School Painting I class displayed their work at Pizza Villa in Downtown West Salem.

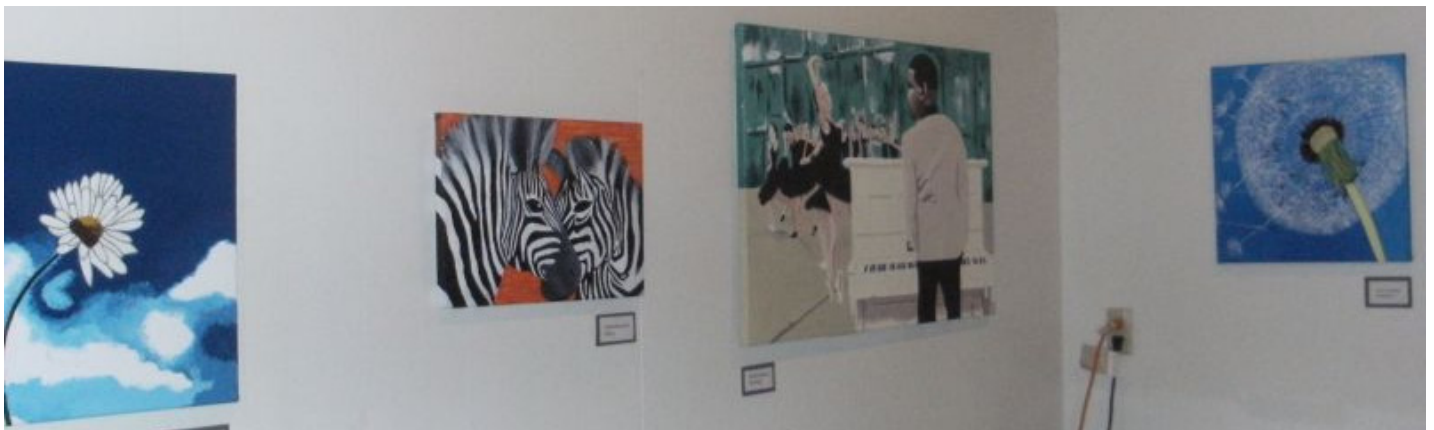
The class, comprised of Sophomores through Seniors, painted "in the style of" a particular art movement in history.

Bridget Olson, who works at Pizza Villa, approached the West Salem Art Department about the possibility of having a 'rotating exhibition' of student

work at the restaurant. The High School Art Department elected to go first, displaying the most recent paintings of the Painting I class.



A celebration for the artists and their families was held on December 14 at Pizza Villa. Students and families can come and enjoy the artwork, pizza, and camaraderie.



Open Enrollment

You may apply for open enrollment from
February 6-24, 2012, on-line at
<https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>

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

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 2012-13 school year is February 6-24, 2012. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on February 26, 2012. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply in one of two ways:

- On-line (recommended) at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>.
- Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction or any school district after January 2, 2012, and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district during the application period.

Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Toll-free: 888-245-2732

Email: DPIopenenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
Web site: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>

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

Open enrolled students have the same rights and responsibilities as resident students.

**The 2012-2013 School Year Student Calendar
is available on the District's website.
www.wsalem.k12.wi.us**

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 6-24, 2012 – Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

April 6, 2012 – School district notices of approval or denial must be mailed. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

May 18, 2012 – School districts must notify parents of accepted applicants of the specific school or program to which the student is assigned.

June 8, 2012 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2012-13 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION April 3, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of West Salem on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. 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 23, 2012.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Term</u>
School Board Member	Errol Kindschy	3 years-Expire April 27, 2015
School Board Member	Ken Spraetz	3 years-Expire April 27, 2015
School Board Member	VACANT	2 years-Expire April 28, 2014

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

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

Ads For Grads/Friendship Ads

The Neshonoc Yearbook Ads for Grads program is a wonderful way to congratulate seniors on their accomplishments. The size options include anything from a full-page to an 1/8th page ad. The larger options provide more room for multiple photos and longer messages. Remember: The longer your message, the less space available to showcase your grad's picture(s).

Friendship Ads are also an option for seniors. The ads provide an opportunity for seniors to celebrate their friendships with pictures and a message.

If interested please fill out the following form and turn it in to the yearbook staff by Monday, January 9, 2012.

ADS FOR GRADS AND FRIENDSHIP ADS

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Graduate's Name: _____

Ad size: 1/8 (\$40) 1/4 (\$65)
 1/2 (\$100) Full page (\$185)

Message: _____

If the ad includes photos, please label them clearly, and send them along with this form as well as payment to West Salem High School – Attn: Andrea Armstrong Room 242. Please make checks payable to West Salem High School. Photos will be returned. If you are emailing your photos, please send them to:

armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us

UW Madison's Wisconsin Singers Perform with West Salem Show Choirs

West Salem Middle School and the Wisconsin Singers are proud to present a concert on **FEBRUARY 4 AT 7:00 P.M AT THE HEIDER CENTER**. The show will open with a performance by the High School Show Choir, as well as the Middle School Show Choir who will work with the Singers in a workshop the afternoon of the performance.

Wisconsin Singers highlights UW-Madison's most talented singers, dancers and instrumentalists who perform across the nation throughout the year as UW's "Official Ambassadors of Goodwill," entertaining more than 50,000 annually. The troupe recently placed fourth in the nationally televised competition *America Sings!*

Wisconsin Singers' newest show **Starstruck!** features the best of American popular music from the past 40 years. From the Beatles to Bubl , Beyonc  to Stevie Wonder, **Starstruck!** has something for an audience of all generations. Badger fans will even get a chance to "jump around" in the tribute to UW's Fifth Quarter, and kids of all ages will enjoy songs from *The Lion King* and *Mulan*.

Stay tuned for more information on this great community event featuring some of West Salem's best musical talents. *Tickets go on sale in early January.*

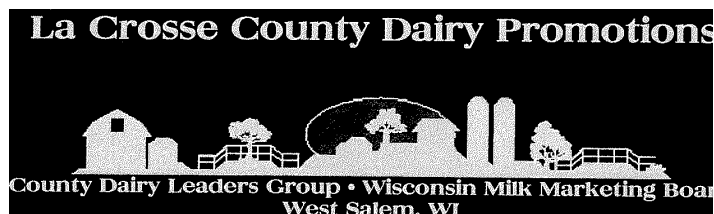
Don't miss your chance to see this Broadway-caliber performance, one night only at the Heider Center.



The High School Venture Crew 77 along with the Union State Bank, EZ Print & Copy, Le Coulee Cheese, and the West Salem Elementary School would like to thank all of the families who donated food items for the recent food drive to benefit the West Salem Care & Share Food Pantry located at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Together over 2000 items were donated to benefit the community. An extra thank you to the Elementary Council of Kids for helping to sort and load all of the food. Pictured is Mrs. Powell's kindergarten class.

THANK YOU

The middle school would like to thank the following for their contributions towards snack breaks during the WKCE state testing for 6th, 7th and 8th grade:



La Crosse County Dairy Promotions Committee and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board for their monetary donation used to purchase dairy products—specifically, Go-Gurt.



The local West Salem Kwik Trip store and the Kwik Trip Distribution Center for their donation of water provided to students each day of testing.

We would also like to recognize the following:

** All staff for their willingness and understanding in rearranging daily schedules to accommodate the testing schedule as well as for teaching our students every day,

** Parents for the continuous support you provide to your children and the middle school, and most of all,

** Students for attempting their best and making West Salem Middle School a great place to be!

These contributions are greatly appreciated. If I have missed anyone, please accept our apologies. Test results are scheduled to be shipped to school districts around mid-February.

Solo/Ensemble Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested and are available to help at this year's Solo/Ensemble Festival (Saturday, March 24, 2012), 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. Hope to hear from many high school parent volunteers!

Thank you,
Kelli Martin
Elementary & High School Music Teacher

Skills USA District 6 Competition

Winners - Contributors

73 students, 9 technology and engineering instructors, and 6 community members participated in the Skills USA competition on December 6th.

The competitions were in areas such as cabinetmaking, small engines, welding, team problem solving, automotive service technology and photography.

The key to the success of the competition was a tremendous effort by a number of individuals that volunteered their time to develop the contests and then to Judge the results in the various areas. Especially noteworthy were the efforts of Randy Dammon, Mike Larson, Matt Huenink, and Jon Jones. 3 community members, Bill Meyers from Meyers Sales and Service, Jeff Elliot from West Salem Planing and Molding, and Tom Marshall from Mid City Steel, provided outstanding technical support as judges. Additionally – there were 4 Technology teachers from Holmen High School that really put forth extra effort as contest chairs and set up outstanding contests in their respective areas (Jim Schmidt – Automotive, Dan Lilla, Welding, Abe Ragan Photography, and Steve Jennings Cabinetmaking.

Prize Contributors

West Salem Planing and Molding, Mississippi Welders Mid City Steel, Quiznos, Wisconsin Army National Guard, United Auto Supply, Coulee Region RV and NAPA, Vermeer Equipment, Frontier Ag and Turf, Degenhardt Tire, Ace Hardware, Pischke's Automotive Group, and Meyers Sales and Service

Contest Winners

Cabinetmaking - 1st: Harley Lange (WS), 2nd Tim Hougum (WS), 3rd Ted Evenson (GET)

Power Equip - 1st Taylor Vericek (WS), 2nd Jacob Leisgang (HOL), 3rd Jordan Bunken (GET)

Team Problem Solving - 1st: Sarah Achenback, Cierra Steiner, Shanna Batow (PDC), 2nd Matt Servais, Brandon Riehle, Brandon Traxler (GET), 3rd Joey Linder, Brianna Herried, Sam Neisius (PDC)

Photography - 1st Kelsie Smock (PDC), 2nd Kyle Anderson (HOL), 3rd Haaken Simonsin (HOL)

Welding - 1st Adam Nelson (HOL), Steve Christianson (WS), Jesse Schneeberger (PDC)

Automotive Technology - 1st Cody Bork (GET), 2nd Dylan Balk (GET), 3rd Kang Vang (HOL), 4th CJ Molling (WS)

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Errol Kindschy. 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 10, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Patrick Bahr led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Dean Buchanan recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Errol Kindschy, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Megan Tabbert and Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tom Ward, Linda Brown and Thomas Helgeson.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Megan Tabbert reported on:

1. The high school Chem 103 class and the English 110 class went to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse last week.
2. The sophomore class was testing last Wednesday and Thursday.

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. The senior class is working on their Senior Exit Project and will begin writing the paper.
2. The winter sports season has started.

Correspondence

A letter from Trane Wisconsin was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Falck reported that the next meeting will be on November 28, 2011.

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that at their last meeting the audit report was reviewed, they approved the project programs budget, and discussed the concealed weapons policy.

The administrator reports were reviewed and Mr. Gunderson reported on a coulee conference rule, the long range facilities planning meeting and the future budget presentations.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2011, Regular Board meeting and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Teachers Amy Hanson and David Kies presented their request for a music trips to Florida in November of 2012. Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe Seconded to wait for a decision at November 28 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrators Michael St. Pierre, John Smalley, Dean Buchanan, and Mark Carlson gave a presentation on the progress of the district's approach to RtI (Response to Intervention).

Eric Jensen presented the final document for the pupil nondiscrimination self-evaluation report. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to adopt the Pupil Non-discrimination Self-Evaluation Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Chuck Ihle as the seventh grade assistant boys' basketball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Falck seconded to set the December board meeting date as December 19, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the board grants for \$1500 for each of the two applicants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation, with regret, of boys' varsity soccer coach Jason Mahlum. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the calendar of the 2012-2013 school calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson gave the board an update on the status of the employee handbook.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mr. Falck seconded to develop a request for proposal and solicit bids for the purpose of offering access to driver education at the school. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to proceed with the energy upgrade plan and to create a request for proposals in preparation for the energy upgrades for 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson updated the board on the status of the cell tower on a light pole at the football field.

Mr. Kindschy welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding legal advice pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(g) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:26 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spraeztz seconded to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Scafe, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 15, 2011. 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 Errol Kindschy recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraeztz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Mark Carlson and Barb Buswell. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. School Attorney: David Rohrer. Excused: None.

Approval of Agenda

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

Closed Session

Mr. Ward welcomes 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(s) for pupil expulsion.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 6:07 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Errol Kindschy, Acting Clerk

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

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2011
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 23, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Taylor Gile led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Dean Buchanan recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, and Thomas Helgeson (7:13). Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representative: Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jason Falck, Eric Jensen, Megan Tabbert, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Taylor Gile reported on:

The senior class will be nominating graduation ideas tomorrow. They will be suggesting their opinions for a class motto, song, flower and speaker.

Correspondence

1. Linda Brown submitted her resignation from the school board dated November 13, 2011.
2. A proclamation from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers was read declaring January 9-13, 2012 as Adult School Crossing guard Recognition week in the State of Wisconsin.
3. An e-mail from high school Spanish Teacher Loretta Zwonitzer concerning the music trip in 2012 was read.
4. Mr. Ward personally thanked the board for the plant that was sent in honor of his mother's recent passing.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Transportation Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met last week and reviewed the bids for a purchase of two school buses.

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported that a School Board Grant recipient took advantage of Black Friday deals and was able to purchase more keyboards.

New Staff Introductions

Mr. Gunderson introduced the following new staff who were able to attend the meeting: Michelle Powell, Tami Jessesky, Alisha Neinfeldt, Justin Glodowski, Gary Miller, Eric Manke, Jackie Dawson, Josh Deml, Clara Murphy, Randy Groth, Sara Bradley, Jane Frank, Alyssa Jarosh, Megan Karow, and Shannon Kochie.

Mr. Helgeson arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 14, 2011 and the Special Board meeting of November 21, 2011; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Options were discussed in dealing with the school board vacancy created by Linda Brown's resignation. Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to have those that are interested in being appointed to the school board until the end of April, submit their names to Mr. Gunderson by the end of business on December 12, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved to nominate Jason Falck for the office of Clerk. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jason Falck as the Clerk of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

The idea of appointing a deputy clerk to the school board was discussed.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the following committee appointments: Mr. Kindschy will fill the vacancy on the Buildings and Grounds Committee; Jason Falck will be the chair person for the Transportation Committee; Mr. Helgeson will fill the vacancy on the Transportation Committee; Mr. Ward will fill the vacancy on the Policy Committee. Mr. Scafe will serve as an alternate on the Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the donations from Janel Pettis for the elementary school library. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson presented the elementary school job share request from Mindy Court and Jessica Macha. According to the contract the request must be submitted in a timely manner. The request will be discussed at a future board meeting.

LeRoy Krall, Amy Hanson and Dave Kies shared information requested at the previous board meeting regarding the proposed music trip. Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the November 2012 music trip to Florida. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson presented information on the hockey program for 2012-2013. Joe Belling, Randy Groth and Tom Grosskopf also shared information on the teams' status. The school will hold a parent meeting on December 8.

Mr. Gunderson and Mrs. Molling reviewed a summary of the district's location 800 budget.

Taylor Gile was excused from the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the parent contracts for 2011-2012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration and transportation committee's recommendation and accept the bus bid from Wisconsin Bus Sales for two 2013 71 passenger conventional buses at a cost of \$78,760.00 for each unit. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed their attempt to go paperless by piloting tablet computers.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the administration's recommendation and approve the following high school co-curricular recommendations: Rachel Sackett, (4% contract) freshman girls' basketball; Scott Koepnick, girls' basketball volunteer; Brian Babiash, varsity softball; Julie Kamla, JV softball; Eric Sorenson, varsity golf; Tony Berg, JV golf; Marc Anderson and Scott Pirstill, co-varsity girls' soccer; Charles Ihle, varsity baseball; Jamie Olson, JV baseball; LeRoy Krall, varsity girls' track; Bret Miller, varsity boys' track; and Stacy Mitchell, assistant track. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the lease for a cellular relay tower with USCOC of La Crosse (U.S. Cellular), 8410 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60631. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for 10.5 hours per week in the Early Childhood Program, a 4 hour paraprofessional in the middle school CDS program and an additional two hours to a current paraprofessional in the elementary school CDS program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the revised 2012-2013 school year student calendar as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding the superintendent's evaluation 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" and nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators under Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1)(c).

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:11 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Errol Kindschy, Acting Clerk

Heider Center Community Art Exhibit



4-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration & Child Development Evening

The West Salem Elementary School will be hosting a Child Development Evening on Tuesday, January 24th, 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.

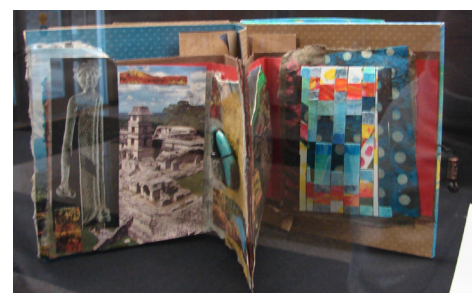
If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, 2012, please come with your child.

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.

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, 2012 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.

Heider Center Community Art Exhibit



6th Grade Band & Choir Concert

Monday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.
Heider Center

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

2011-2012 Heider Center Events

Tom Pease & Stuart Stotts

Saturday, January 14, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.

White Ghost Shivers

Friday, February 3, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.

Missoula Children's Theatre "The Jungle Book"

Saturday, February 11, 2012 – 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.

The Water Coolers

Thursday, February 16, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.

Ricky Nelson Remembered

Monday, April 30, 2012 – 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.

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The Audition for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of THE JUNGLE BOOK will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 4:00 pm at The Heider Center in West Salem. There are roles for students Kindergarten through 12th grade. Approximately 50-60 area students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Tour Actor/Director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15-30 minutes after the audition.

This is a group audition - no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time!

Rehearsals will be conducted every day from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Heider Center Auditorium. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week of February 6th – 11th

Visual Arts Series

"Looking Up" / "Pottery For Everyday Rituals"

Laura Sitari, Watercolors / Darrel Bowman

January 1-31, 2012

Reception: January 19, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

"Story Portraits: Time & Space" /

"Woven Expressions"

Patricia Hall / Jean Ledman

February 1-29, 2012

Reception: February 23, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

K-12 District Honors Show

March 1-31, 2012

Reception: March 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

"Art in Bloom"

Floral Artists - Local gardeners and floral artists will design arrangements inspired by artist's work

April 1-30, 2012

Reception: April 21, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

West Salem High School Senior Art Show

May 1-31, 2012

Reception: May 24, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the audition. Cast members scheduled for the full 4½ hours of rehearsal will be asked to bring a sack lunch, dinner or snack.

The 60-70 minute Performances will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm and will be presented at The Heider Center Auditorium. The students in the cast will be called for dress rehearsal before the performance that day. All those cast must be available for all scheduled performances.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. This coming year more than 65,000 cast members across the globe will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, community, neighbors and teachers! The residency in West Salem is made possible by The Heider Center Arts Board with help from Allen Dental and La Crosse Radio Group.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 9 Hockey-V Girls at BRF - 7:00
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Aquinas - 6:00/7:30
- 10 Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. Onalaska - 7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Baraboo - 5:00
Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Onalaska - 5:30
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Westby - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V at GET/Mel-Min - 6:30/7:00
- 12 2nd Grade PE Night - 6:30-7:30
Hockey-V Boys at BRF - 7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at Baraboo - 5:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at GET - 6:00/7:30
- 13 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at La Crescent - 5:45/7:30
- 14 Wrestling-V at Mauston Dual Invite - 10:00
- 16 6th grade band/choir concert - 7:00
Hockey-JV Boys at West Salem vs. La Crescent - 5:00
Basketball-Boys JV/V at Royall - 6:00/7:30
- 17 Hockey-V Girls vs. Hudson-Wisconsin at Omni Center - 7:00
Wrestling-JV/V (H) Viroqua at Bangor - 6:30/7:00
- 19 Hockey-V Girls vs. Baraboo at Omni Center - 7:00
Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. Altoona - 7:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) BRF - 6:00/7:30
Basketball-C/JV/V at Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
- 20 Hockey-V Boys at MARC-Smith Center, Merrill - 8:00
- 21 Hockey-V Girls (H) vs. WI Rapids
Hockey-V Boys at MARC-Smith Center, Merrill - TBA
- 24 Hockey-V Girls vs. Viroqua at Omni Center - 7:00
Hockey-V Boys at La Crescent - 7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at La Crescent - 5:30
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Westby - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V at Arcadia - 6:30/7:00
- 26 1st Grade PE Night - 6:30-7:30
Hockey-V Girls at Winona - 7:30
Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. Viroqua - 7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Viroqua - 5:30
- 27 Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. University School of Milwaukee - 7:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV (H) Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
Basketball-Girls C/JV (H) Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
- 28 **No School**
Hockey-V Girls vs. University School of Milwaukee at Omni Center - 1:00
Basketball-Boys V vs. Onalaska Luther at La Crosse Center - 12:00

Basketball-Girls V vs. Onalaska Luther at La Crosse Center - 1:30

Wrestling-V (H) WS Team Tourney- 9:30

30 WSHS District Jazz Concert - 7:00

31 **Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30**

Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. Aquinas - 7:00

Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Aquinas - 5:30

Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Viroqua - 6:00/7:30

Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at Onalaska - 5:50/7:30

Wrestling-JV/V (H) Westby - 6:30/7:00

FEBRUARY

- 2 Hockey-V Boys at Central/Logan - 7:30
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) GET - 6:00/7:30
- 3 Hockey-JV Boys at Baraboo - 4:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Adams-Friendship - 6:00/7:30
- 4 Hockey-V Boys at Chippewa Falls - 7:00
Hockey-JV Boys at Baraboo - 8:00 a.m.
Hockey-JV Boys at Chippewa Falls - 5:00
Wrestling-JV/V conference at Westby
- 7 Hockey-V Girls vs. River Falls at Omni Center - 7:00
Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. Tomah - 7:00
Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Tomah - 5:30
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at BRF - 6:00/7:30
- 9 Hockey-V Girls at New Richmond - 6:00
Hockey-V Boys at Onalaska - 7:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
- 10 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
- 11 Basketball-JV/V (H) Richland Center - 6:30/8:00
Wrestling-Regionals at West Salem
- 14 Hockey-Girls Regional
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Prairie du Chien - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-Team Sectionals at WI Dells
- 16 Hockey-Girls Regional
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
- 17 **No School**
WWSMA Honors Band Concert
Hockey-Girls Regional
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at Holmen - 5:50/7:30
- 18 Wrestling-Sectionals at Richland Center
- 21 Hockey-Girls Sectional
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Onalaska - 6:00/7:30
- 23 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
- 23-25 Wrestling-State at Madison
- 24 Hockey-Girls Sectional
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Westby - 6:00/7:30
- 25 Hockey-Girls Sectional
- 28 **Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30**
Basketball-Regional Quarter Finals

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