

West Salem School District

June 2011



Newsletter

The Gift of Tradition

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

In difficult and unsettling times, the strength that comes from membership in a community and the peace of mind offered by the cycle of the seasons are never more appreciated. As we struggle to understand and cope with the complexities of our times, we search for foundations and constants to bind us together and provide us with hope. The fast approaching conclusion to another school year is one such foundation – a tradition that provides our community with a welcome opportunity for gratitude, reflection and fellowship.

The most prominent end of the year activity is the commencement ceremony at our high school. This year marked the 131st such ceremony held in West Salem. On Sunday, May 29th, our community offered 125 young adults as newly minted graduates of West Salem High School. A vast majority of these graduates and their families have spent the past 13 years as the beneficiaries of the finest educational programming our school district community has ever provided. During their time as students in the West Salem School District, the graduates enjoyed talented professionals, small class sizes, wonderful facilities, diverse programming, personalized instruction, co-curricular activities, travel, adventure, and most importantly, the love and support offered by our wonderful community. From a financial standpoint, the thirteen years of education cost approximately \$105,000 per student or \$13,125,000 for the entire Class of 2011. From a personal standpoint, the gift of membership into our community and the security of always being from “West Salem” are priceless. As a community we can be proud of the sacrifices made in offering the wonderful gift of education to these fortunate graduates. From service through volunteerism and employment, to financial support through donations and taxes, our community has gone “the extra mile” by investing in our children.

Much like the annual process of officially deeming our high school seniors to be “graduates,” the final weeks of school also provide us with the yearly opportunity to officially deem some of our most senior employees to be “retirees.” At the writing of this newsletter, we have a total of 13 such retirees. These wonderful employees represent nearly 400 years of local experience working with our children. Including teachers, bus drivers, and paraprofessionals, these dedicated people have literally served thousands of our children. We are eternally grateful for their lifelong commitment to education. We wish them the best in their new adventures.

The end of another school year also provides the annual opportunity to reflect upon our work. The business of education is changing right before our eyes. From political battles to a technological explosion, the only certainty appears to be uncertainty. In response to our new frontier, we have examined our work structure, our scheduling, our assessments, and our curriculum. Our organization is developing a more collaborative and professional approach to providing instruction for our students. The concluding school year also affords an opportune time to look into our future. The school board continues this work by using the results of the district survey along with input from a planning committee to rewrite our school district mission and to formulate a strategic plan.

I challenge each of us to remain resolute in our commitment to serving our children. The end of another school year provides an opportunity to bask in the hope and promise of our new graduates, give thanks to our selfless retirees, take pride in our accomplishments, and participate in charting our future. Finally, like the blooming of the lilacs and the June Dairy Days parade, the end of another school year brings a bit of certainty in a time of change.

West Salem Community Fitness Center

Annie Labus, Fitness Director

Happy Father's Day! This article is for you Dads. From teaching your kids to ride their first bike, helping build those amazing science projects and being a lean mean grilling machine, you help keep your family grounded and running in the right direction.

Don't forget about yourself dads. Men aren't as likely to get important health screenings. Sure you golf, hunt, fish, and trim the hedges (all great ways to stay active) but getting your blood pressure, cholesterol, eyes and teeth checked are all important ways to stay healthy too! Dads often make sure the kids have sun block, seat belts and a glass of water to keep their children hydrated but how often do they make sure they are doing these things for themselves. Being strong starts from the inside out so please take the time to show your family you love them by being healthy and in their lives for a very long time.

Summer fitness center hours begin Monday, June 13th
5:30-9:00 a.m. Monday-Friday
2:00-8:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday
Friday 3:00-7:00 p.m.
Sunday 4:00-7:00 p.m.

College students pay only \$10 for a monthly membership.
Thank you Dads for all you do!

Current fitness center hours are 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.

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.wsaalem.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.

WSMS Celebrates National Library Week

This years theme was "Egg-straw-dinary Communities Thrive @ our library". Students created egg characters - "Cel-Egg-Brities" - from plastic eggs and created a "New York City" scape.



The West Salem Area Aquatic Center Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested, they meet the first and third Thursdays at the Hazel-Brown Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Becky Auna at 608-786-0097.

Mark Your Calendar...

West Salem High School Summer Musical
presents

PETER PAN

Thursday-Saturday, June 23-25 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 26 - 2:00 p.m.

Are you Transferring to a Different College or Do You Need a Copy of Your High School Transcript?

If you are a WSHS graduate and need a copy of your high school transcript please follow one of the following steps:

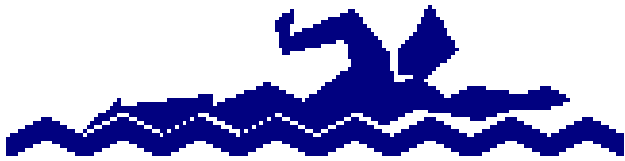
- 1) Send a letter/note to the high school student services office that includes:
 - a) full name as it appears on high school transcript
 - b) birth date
 - c) graduation year
 - d) address of where to send the transcript
 - e) graduate's signature (required)
 - f) \$2.00 fee per copy
- 2) Stop in during office hours to complete and sign a transcript request form and pay fee. Requests via phone or e-mail will not be honored. The graduate's signature is required on all requests for transcript.

Current year graduates do not pay to have their transcripts sent to their college of choice.

FYI - The high school does not keep a copy of your high school diploma.

Mark Your Calendar!

The PTO will be hosting an electronic recycling event at the elementary school on Saturday, September 17, from 9:00 a.m.-noon. The collection will be a free drop off for electronic items. Items include: computers, monitors, TVs, DVD players, cell phones, computer keyboards, scanners.



2011 Swimming Pool Information

The pool will open with regular hours on Saturday, June 11.

Pre-summer hours of 3:30-6:30 p.m. begin May 31.

Early Risers will begin Tuesday, May 31.

Monday-Friday	1:30-5:00 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday	1:30-5:45 p.m.
Sunday	2:00-5:45 p.m.
Family Swim	Sun. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30-9:30 p.m.
Adult Lap Swim	Mon. - Sat. 12:45-1:30 p.m.
Adult Early Risers	Mon. - Fri. 6:00-8:00 a.m.
Swim Team	Monday-Friday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Times may vary due to weather, number of swimmers, mechanical problems, and emergency situations. Private parties by reservation only, Saturday and Sundays 6:00-8:00 p.m. E-mail Sam Ruud (ruud.sam@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or call Sam Ruud at the pool to reserve a date and receive paperwork. Proof of insurance will be required. **Cost is dependent on the number of swimmers. Base cost is \$85.**

Swimming Lessons

Students must pre-register with the middle school office for lessons. Students must have completed kindergarten in order to be part of the summer school swim sessions.

Session I	June 13 - June 24
Session II	June 27 - July 8
Session III	July 11- July 22

POOL PASSES WILL BE SOLD AT THE POOL STARTING MAY 31ST.

Membership	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	65.00	95.00
Single High School/Adult	40.00	50.00
Through 8th Grade	35.00	50.00

Daily Admission Fees

Through 8th Grade	1.00
High School (9-12)	1.50
Adult	1.50
Waders (Accompanied by Parent)	.50

**Refunds cannot be given due to changes in weather or equipment problems.

*Skippers (Preschool age 3-5) July 25-29
Classes offered at 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:15, and 11:00 a.m.

*This is a preschool class that works at two different levels, water adjustment skills and beginner swim skills.

This class is not part of summer school program and costs \$25. Registration for Skippers begins Tuesday, June 14th at the pool. Payment is due at time of registration. Please come to the pool to register your swimmer.

West Salem Sharks Swim Team

There will be an informational meeting for swimmers and their parents for the summer season on Monday, June 13th, at the West Salem Pool at 5:00 p.m. We will not swim this day. The first practice will be Tuesday, June 14th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for the 11-18 year olds. The registration cost for the swim team is \$30, which includes swim meet fees, coaching, and a t-shirt. Please bring the registration fee to the meeting, along with your child's t-shirt size. Practices for 8 and unders and 9-10 year olds are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00-6:30 p.m., and 11-12 year olds and 13 and ups practice Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, weather permitting. Swimmers ages 8-18 are welcome. We hope to give the swimmers six opportunities to swim in meets this summer, including both home and away meets. This is a fun way to meet friends, learn and improve swimming skills, and have a good time. Contact Coach Sarah Niebuhr with any questions at niebuhr.sara@uwlax.edu.



WSHS

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Presentations



SUMMER SCHOOL 2011

Please note: If your child is missing a class in either term it is because the options that were chosen were either full or cut due to lack of enrollment. Please call Janel the summer school coordinator at 786-2090 to find out what classes are available.

If siblings were noted on the registration form, the scheduler tries to coordinate the siblings' schedules. If there was an oversight, please let us know. Janel will be available for phone calls (786-2090) during school days after 9:00 a.m. or you can e-mail her at Lochen.Janel@wsalem.k12.wi.us. Please do not call the elementary school regarding any summer school questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

SUMMER SCHOOL TIMETABLE:

Term 1 is June 13 – June 24; Term 2 is June 27 – July 8; Term 3 is July 11 – July 22. In term 3 the only class that is offered is swimming lessons and there are no busses for term 3. If riding a bus, students that swim at 9:00 or 9:45 should get off the bus at the pool. All other students should report to the elementary school's gym the first two days of Term 1 and Term 2 at 9:00 and again at 10:30. If riding a bus, students that swim at 10:30 or 11:15 should get on the bus at the pool.

Attention 5th Grade Band Students:

Beginner Band Lessons are just around the corner. Your schedules were mailed out in mid-May. If you did not receive a schedule, would like to switch your class time, or have any general questions please contact Mr. Waldhart at waldhart.ryan@wsalem.k12.wi.us or 786-2090 x4138.

Summer School Bus Schedule: The bus schedule for summer school is as follows. Buses run between 8:00-8:50 A.M. and 12:05-1:00 P.M. on main roads only.

Route one – Bob Vick (bus 28) 8:00 A.M. Barre Lane, St. John's Church (Barre Patch), south on "M" to "I" -- East on "I" to Hwy 33, east on Hwy 33 to Hwy 162 turnaround -- West on Hwy 33 to "OA", Birchwood Subdivision will be picked up on Hwy 33 -- North on "OA" to "O", east on "O" to "M" -- North on "M" to Bostwick Trailer Park continuing North on "M" Hwy 16 and in to school .

Route two – Lorna Wehrs (bus 8) 8:00 A.M. – South on "M" to "O" (Hayfield corner)—West on "O" to CTH "B", west on "B" to Wolf Ridge Court turn-around -- East on "O" to "M", North on "M" to Hwy 16, west on Hwy 16 to Lusk Addition (go into addition and turn around), Nathan Hill/Moos Road -- North on Moos Road to Gills Coulee Road, east on Gills Coulee Road to "M" -- North on "M" to top of Holmen hill (to top if riders), South on "M" and in to school.

Route three – Kathy Ganyo (bus 29) 8:00 A.M. –, "M" to CTH "C" east on "C" to Buol Road - go under the interstate -- West on "B" past Coulee Region RV Center, through town to Hwy 16 -- East on Hwy 16 to Old 16, west on Old 16 to "C", North on "C" to Olson Rd-turn around, South on "C" to Walker Road -- West on Walker Road to 108 -- North on 108 to Scotch Coulee, South on 108 to Hwy 16 to Brickl and E. Boundry Dr; E. Boundry Dr. and Frontier; Branding Iron and Lee; and Brickl and Lee; to Waterloo Addition- pick up students on corner of Waterloo Avenue and Greenfield Lane to Jefferson and Rhyme and into school.

If you have any questions, please contact Monica Quinn at 786-0700. *Summer school bussing travels on main roads only, unless turning around. It is your responsibility to transport your child to the designated stops.

Open Enrollment

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

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

June 10, 2011 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2011-12 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.

ATTENTION: Class of 2012

A yearbook deadline to begin thinking about...
Each senior needs photos for the following publications: *The 2012 Neshonoc Yearbook*, *the Coulee News*, *the Times of Our Lives*, and *the Senior Slideshow*.

TAKE THESE SPECIFICATIONS TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER—You are responsible for making sure you have a photo that meets the yearbook staff's requirements!

4 Photos Needed:

1. Yearbook/Coulee News (formal headshot)
2. Times of Our Lives (headshot—less formal)
3. Senior Picture for the Senior Slideshow
4. Baby Picture for the Senior Slideshow

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SPECIFICS:

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SIZE- Wallet

- *Head shot (head and top of shoulders only)
 - *Standard wallet size
 - *MUST be in color
 - *No full length
- *Must be formal, semi-formal
 - *No background scenery
 - *No "mistys"
 - *No hats, props, etc.

*NOTE: Some studios may send a headshot for the yearbook; consult your studio to be sure the yearbook staff will receive your photos.

Photographers may also send your portrait on a cd or via email. Specify 300 dpi jpeg format.

PLEASE LABEL ALL PHOTOS for the publication it will be used and *PUT IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT.* (This will ensure that your photos will be returned promptly and together.)
SUBMIT ALL PHOTOS TOGETHER. They will not be accepted if you don't have all 4 photos. Put your photos in the silver box in Room 242 (yearbook advisor's room).

**ALL PHOTOS DUE BY NO LATER THAN:
Friday, November 9, 2011**

6th Grade Choir & Band Concert



Happy Retirement

John Goodwin, Cindy Patza, Carol Hanson, Peggy Green, Judy Wimer, Chuck Ihle, Kathy Thompson, Colleen Miller, Barb Jessen, Annette Apfel, Ann Amann, and Bill Jensen. Thank you for a total of 362.5 years of dedication to the School District of West Salem.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the West Salem PTO and Gundersen Lutheran Health System for providing funding to get a "Breakfast Club" up and running at the elementary school. The Breakfast Club allows high school students to come to the elementary school every morning to eat breakfast with elementary students. The high school students served as positive role models for the elementary students and helped get their day started on a good note. This has been a great program for all students involved and we hope to continue it next year! Thanks again!

Jennifer Grimsled
Elementary School Counselor/ATOD Coordinator

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

2011-2012 Mainstage Season

Street Corner Symphony
Sunday, October 23, 2011
7:30 p.m.



Guys & Does
Wednesday, November 9, 2011
7:30 p.m.



White Ghost Shivers
Friday, February 3, 2012
7:30 p.m.



The Water Coolers
Thursday, February 16, 2012
7:30 p.m.



Ricky Nelson Remembered
Monday, April 30, 2012
7:30 p.m.



****Discounted Season Tickets on sale through July 15, 2011.**

****Individual show tickets go on sale August 29, 2011.**

****Box Office - (608)786-2550**

****Summer Hours:**

Mon, Wed, Fri: Noon - 4:00 p.m.

www.heidercenter.org

FORENSICS COMPETITORS MEDAL AT STATE

By: Jenna Thompson and Zack Winters, student journalists

A few, hard working, students from West Salem High School boarded two vans, just after first lunch, heading to Madison on April 15th for State Forensics.

These students have worked hard all year. Fourteen students competed in the state competition. They spent hours on end trying to get their pieces perfect for the event.

"Even if you don't make it to state, it's still a rewarding experience," said senior Madline Thorn.

"When I practice as much as I do, the piece just became part of me," said senior Kimberly Neuman. "Then in a blink of an eye the competitions, the practices are done. When you achieve the goal it's the ultimate reward for all the time you put into practicing, especially if you're a senior. You want to be a role model for the younger kids and courage them to go after their dreams. It's also fun to play characters, especially the abnormal ones."

State forensics lasted most of the night. Students who participated found it very rewarding, meeting new friends throughout every meet.

"There is a rush of adrenaline you get that you can't get from playing sports," junior Kate Kaiser said.

A few came out victorious. Senior Kimberly Neuman won gold in solo acting. The group interpretation composed of Rachael Jahnke, Justin Sagler, and Tanner Zimmerman won silver in group interpretation. Junior Katie Kaiser won silver in farrago. Senior Kolton Christenson won a bronze in farrago. Junior Alec Otto won bronze in prose. Then freshmen Kelly Kerrigan and Kayla Brown won a bronze in group interpretation.

"We had a bigger team than usual, which was amazing!" said forensic advisor Kimberly Volden. "It's great to see new teammates challenging themselves and great to see returning teammates continuing to succeed and garnering support for the program. We love to see something we love so dearly getting more student support."

Volleyball Camp

June 20-21

Grades 4-6 (fall 2011) 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Grades 7-8 (fall 2011) 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Camps will be at the West Salem Elementary School.

Contact Darcy Sawyer at 786-2090 ext. 4125
or sawyer.darcy@wsalem.k12.wi.us

West Salem High School Volleyball Camp

August 2-4 at the West Salem High School

Juniors and Seniors - 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sophomores and Freshmen - 1:00-4:00 p.m.

*Brochures can be picked up at the

West Salem Park and Rec. Office
or the West Salem High School Office.

Boys and Girls Basketball Camps - July 25-28

Grades K-3 (fall 2011) 10:30 a.m. - noon

Grades 4-6 (fall 2011) 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Camps will be at WSHS

Contact Scott Koepnick: 786-1220 ext 2014, or
783-1136, or koepnick.scott@wsalem.k12.wi.us

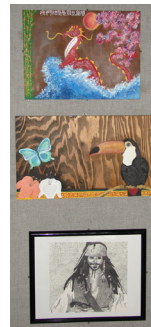
The West Salem High School Art Department is proud to present the 2011 Senior Art Show.



Jamie Betsinger
Garrett Carlson
Kolton Christenson



Amy Cline
Kari Czajka
Mariah Falck
Katey Ferris
Matt Grenier
Audra Groth
Ben Hanchette



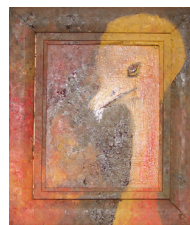
Johnnyray Hansen
Jordan Hemker
Elliot Hesselberg
Chris Hudzinski



Molly Klos
Allecia Kruser
Kyrstin Lichtie
Jenny Meyer
Ryan Peterson



Katie Seeger
Ellen Stankey
Annika Steele
Madline Thorn



Addie Tourville
Shelby Williams
Jesse Zander



WSHS State Solo/Ensemble Results

The following students participated in the State Solo/Ensemble Festival held on Saturday, May 7th. The students were scored on a standard performance rubric and received the following scores.

SCORE	PARTICIPANTS	EVENT
1	Derek Betz, Athen Viner, Zach Lang, Michael Uebele, Dominick Sweeney, Michelle Meinking	Brass Ensemble
1	Spencer Lewison, Mandy Uebele, Hannah Piper, Stephen Helstad, Meagan Koepnick, Isaac Craig, Alyssa Noll, Alex Koenen, Adam Jandt	Saxophone Choir
2	Carlson, Garrett	Trombone Solo
1	Neumann, Kimberly	Music Theater-Female Role
1	Piper, Hannah	Eb Alto Saxophone Solo
1	Brown, Kianna	Soprano Solo
1	Thurston, Moriah	Alto Solo
1	Jazz Ensemble-see attached list	Jazz Ensemble
2	Laura Helstad, Clara Haldeman, Hailey Hudzinski, Ellie Schwartz	Flute Quartet
2	Angela Gray, Kaitlin Brueggen	Flute Duet
1	Bradley, Claire	Music Theater-Female Role
1	Fellom, Kaylee	Flute Solo
2	Uebele, Mandy	Eb Alto Saxophone Solo
1	Craig, Isaac	Piano Solo
2	Garrett Carlson, Zach Rigotti, Alex Koenen	Misc. Brass Duet, Trio, Quartet
1	Kyle Moorhead, Abe Church, Jordon Englerth	Drum Trio
1	Bradley, Claire	Soprano Solo
1	Langreck, Alexa	Soprano Solo
1	Lewison, Spencer	Eb Alto Saxophone Solo
1	Craig, Isaac	Bb Tenor Saxophone Solo
1	Julia Schomberg, Vince Bahr, Cooper Addington, Andrew Buchanan, Alexa Langreck, Abby Bahr, Jordan Kendhammer, Ethan Kiesling, Abby Miller, Lauren Gaikowski	Saxophone Choir
2	Brueggen, Kaitlin	Flute Solo
2	Haldeman, Clara	Flute Solo
2	Zimmerman, Tanner	Baritone or Bass Solo
1	Sundberg, Brynn	Bb Clarinet Solo
1	Moorhead, Kyle	Concert Snare Drum Solo
1	Rabbitt, Jessica	Soprano Solo

May 2-6 was Teacher Appreciation Week. The staff at the West Salem Elementary School had their own staff appreciation week, and would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their donations to the celebration.

*Hansen's IGA
Linda's Bakery
Linda's Café
Famous Dave's
Perkins
Cold Stone Creamery
Le Coulee Cheese Castle
Grizzly's
Heather Odenbach of
Breidenbach Chiropractic
Westview Inn
Brenengen Auto
Best Buy
Carlos O'Kelley's
Uptown Bistro
Becker Machine and Tool
Vicki Brenstein of
Tastefully Simple*

Thank You!

	Jazz Ensemble I		
Alto Sax	Trumpet	Keyboard Bass	
Mandy Uebele	Derek Betz	Hannah Piper	
Stephen Helstad	Whitney Lambert		
	Matt Berghofer	Bass	
Tenor Sax	Dominick Sweeney	Kieran Young	
Scott Horton			
Ethan Kiesling	Trombone	Guitar	
	Garrett Carlson	Alecia Kruser	
Bari Sax	Nick Becker		
Lauren Gaikowski	Zach Rigotti	Drumset	
	Dan Stoehr	Kyle Moorhead	
Piano		Abe Church	
Isaac Craig			

School Board Members	
Tom Ward ~~~~~	397-9873
Ken Spraetz ~~~~~	786-0017
Linda Brown ~~~~~	786-3027
Scott Scafe ~~~~~	786-0969
Errol Kindschy ~~~~~	786-1675
Thomas Helgeson ~~~~~	612-0018
Jason Falck ~~~~~	786-0935
Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month.	

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Computers for Learning

by: Ethan Phelps, Ryan Huebsch, student journalists

It starts with eight straight hours of wiping and cleaning the software just to get one computer ready. That's just the beginning of it; imagine doing that 30 more times.

On April 29, 2011 a non-profit military organization called Computers for Learning, based out of Fort McCoy, donated 30 computers to West Salem High School. This isn't the first time they've donated to West Salem. The organization made a similar donation two years ago.

Computers for Learning began five years ago with the twofold goal of increasing technology in classrooms and finding ways to reuse technology.



Major Mike Rel of the 181st Infantry Brigade, along with the others in the organization, are doing this because, he said, they are passionate about giving back to the community.



The military runs on a two-year life cycle replacement program, which involves getting new computers every two years to stay up to date on the latest technology. Old computers then are donated to schools, churches, and community centers across the region.

The organization has donated to a number of schools statewide and even some schools in Chicago.

"The real man behind all of this is Sergeant 1st Class Mike Buterbaugh," said Major Larry Sharp of the 181st Infantry Brigade.

Buterbaugh is the leading resource for this program and what it does for schools all over the three-state area it serves.

"On behalf of the school I can say thank you, we will benefit from the computers," said West Salem Superintendent Troy Gunderson.

The recipients don't have to worry about paying the price of delivery either. Soldiers hand-deliver the computers.

The Wisconsin Art Education Association's annual Youth Art Awards have been announced.

These awards coincide with the Youth Art Month celebration, which culminates with an exhibition of selected artworks from the entire state of Wisconsin.

Student artists range in grade from kindergarten through seniors in high school. This Youth Art Month exhibit was held in the Capitol Rotunda in Madison, Wisconsin from May 14th through May 24th. This event was attended by dignitaries, art teachers, student artists and parents from all over the state. Youth Art Month is sponsored by W.T. Graham, Nasco Arts and Crafts, Sax Arts and Crafts, and the Department of Public Instruction.

Locally, Junior Mandy Uebele has been one of six students in the state to receive



the Nasco Award. The six art works (one from each region) are chosen by a Madison artist for the student's creative use of the materials and grounds in their presentation of their work. For her black and white oil portrait of a little girl, Mandy receives a Youth Art Month certificate, a NASCO certificate and letter of accomplishment. In addition, Mandy will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate and a catalog from NASCO. NASCO is a nationwide arts and crafts supplier.

Please CONGRATULATE Mandy on her artistic accomplishment. This is a photo of her award winning painting.

Quenten Brown
WSHS Art Teacher

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 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 April 7, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Kolton Christenson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Christina Locante recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck (7:02), Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan (7:05), Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke (7:05); Student representatives: Christina Locante and Kolton Christenson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Christina reported on:

1. On Saturday, the high school student council held a MS benefit at the elementary school. The benefit included a pancake breakfast, 5K run/walk, silent auction, and a children's area. The benefit was for four community members with the disease.
2. Also on Saturday, the high school was a testing center for the ACT.
3. Seniors began their SEP speeches in their social studies classes.
4. The freshmen started reading *Romeo & Juliet*, their first major Shakespeare piece of high school.
5. The production of the senior slide show for senior sing out is underway by members of the journalism staff.

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. Last week, on Thursday and Friday, the sophomores headed out to the OEC to learn about measuring trees, using a GPS, and types of birds.

2. On Friday, the high school hosted the annual triangular track meet.
3. The VAC (Visual Arts Classic) team competed at state this past Friday after placing first at the regional competition. The team was awarded third place in the overall portion and first place in the Art History Quiz Bowl portion. This is the team's first time ever placing at state.
4. This Friday, the forensics team will be competing at state in individual genres.
5. Also this Friday, members of the choir and band will be heading out to New York City during spring break.

Correspondence – None

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Bearing Wall Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met and selected Ken Spraetz as the recipient of the Bearing Wall Award for 2011. Mr. Spraetz will be honored during the graduation ceremony.

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that there was discussion on the events in Madison; the recent Board Outreach activity and the next Board Outreach activity which is on April 28.

Student representatives' recognition – Mr. Ward presented Kolton Christenson and Christina Locante with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools.

Administrator reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported that an insurance consultant will be here on April 12 to discuss health insurance; a strategic planning meeting is set for May 2; letters to potential long range facilities committee members; and the March 31st Board Outreach presentation by Attorney Mike Julka.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the minutes of March 28, 2011, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the donations from Bill and Lisa Hehli and Marlin and Margaret Foellmi for the elementary school PBIS/IMPACT program; the West Salem Lions' Club for vision screening equipment; and from Bob Arceo for the elementary LMC. Motion carried unanimously.

Art teachers Quentin Brown, Krista Beron, Danielle Tsukano, and Angie Hemker were present to introduce each student to the board member, administrator or district staff who selected their piece of art work to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room. The Board acknowledged the art department staff, students and parents for their hard work and dedication.

Ernie Tourville and Tim Ruppert presented plans and answered questions for the remodeling of the middle school office and special education project, the entry to the elementary school and a vestibule to the elementary school multi-purpose room. The multi-purpose vestibule was referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The administration will review the other two projects plans and budget, and bring back to the next meeting.

Mr. Scafe left at 8:03 p.m.

Curriculum Director Michael St. Pierre reviewed the proposed Human Growth and Development Curriculum and answered questions.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the plans provided by U.S. Cellular to replace a current light pole with a taller pole that will also be used as a cell tower. Also included in the plan was the construction of a small building and access road. Mr. Gunderson will continue to investigate and bring back more information at a future meeting.

A draft of the superintendent/school district performance goals was reviewed.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #131 School Board Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the direction of staffing plans for the 2011-2012 school year.

Discussion was held on the possibility of renaming the middle school marching band.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the retirement, with regret, of elementary teacher Ann Amann. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the retirement, with regret, of middle school teacher Bill Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to have Errol Kindschy as the CESA Convention/Board of Control representative. Motion carried unanimously.

All seven board members plan to be present at graduation on May 29, 2011. Mr. Kindschy will present Mr. Spraez as the 2011 Bearing Wall recipient.

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convenc

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by 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 April 21, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mr. Ward led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Errol Kindschy recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraez, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Linda Brown (7:25), and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Megan Tabbert and Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe, Eric Jensen and Barb Buswell.

Approval of Agenda

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

Organization of the 2011-2012 School Board

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to nominate Tom Ward for the office of President. Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to close the nominations and case a unanimous ballot for Tom Ward as the President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to nominate Errol Kindschy for the office of Vice President. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to close the nominations

and cast a unanimous ballot for Errol Kindschy as Vice President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded a resolution to authorize the board officers to borrow money pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3) for the 2010-11 and 2011-2012 school years. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to select the Union State Bank as the bank depository. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Falck seconded to authorize facsimile signatures pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to authorize the board officers to invest surplus funds pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to select the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for regular school board meetings, and one meeting in December. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward asked the board members to review the committee assignments and contact him if interested in specific committees.

Connection with the Community

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. Over break members of the high school band and choir went to New York City for their spring break field trip. While there, they attended two Broadway plays, toured Ellis Island and the Empire State Building.
2. On Wednesday, members of the junior prom committee started work on the prom decorations. This year's theme for prom will be Grecian Gardens.

Megan Tabbert reported on:

1. During spring break, sports competitions and practices continued, even though due to weather some competitions were cancelled.
2. Prom will be on May 7, with voting for king and queen to take place that evening.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Kathy Stachowski was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Transportation Committee – The committee was unable to meet. A meeting will be rescheduled.

Meeting with Senator Kapanke – On April 18, Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Ward attended a meeting with Senator Kapanke in Viroqua. Some of the topics included: revenue limit authority, exemptions, voucher program, charter schools, open enrollment, virtual schools, third grade reading test, health care, and maintenance of effort in special education.

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson shared information on the upcoming Strategic Planning Session and a news article regarding a school district in northern Wisconsin.

Mrs. Brown arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the minutes of April 11, 2011, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Arthur Corallo and DuWayne Olson, representatives from RMM Solutions, and Ferhan Zaki and Derrick Himes, representatives from Cisco Systems, were present to do a presentation on a proposed technology infrastructure upgrade for the district. District Technology Coordinator Bill Solsrud was also present to explain the cost for the upgrade.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the donation from TCI Architects for the high school technology education program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to implement spring baseball in 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman for the Friends of West Salem Baseball Rick Schultz gave a baseball facilities update for 2011 which includes a flag pole and PA system.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the Human Growth and Development Curriculum. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Molling left at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Gunderson updated the board in regards to having a cell tower on a light pole.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the superintendent/school district performance goals for 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the second reading of policy #131 School Board Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to defer the middle school marching band decision on the naming, the uniform and other related aspects to the middle school band director and the administration with no further reporting to the board. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spraetz Nay, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the resignation of Custodial Supervisor Kent Porter. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to have Errol Kindschy as the CESA Convention/Board of Control Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk
Errol Kindschy, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2011
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 April 21, 2011. This meeting was at the request of a board member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jason Falck.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy 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. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 6:03 p.m.—A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

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Tuesday, June 7, 2011

12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

625 West Franklin Street, West Salem, WI

Blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of ID required at check-in.

American Red Cross



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Last Day of the 2010-2011 School Year

Friday, June 10, 2011

12:30 Dismissal

12:40 Buses Leave

From the Superintendent
Senior Art Exhibit
Student Articles
Summer Musical - PETER PAN



Summer School Bus Routes
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High School Transcripts
Summer Camps
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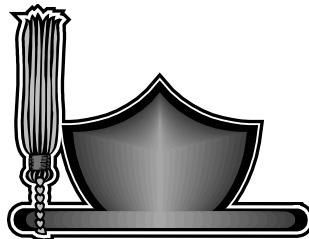
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