

June 2013



Newsletter

Long Range Facilities Plan - One Year Later

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

In March of 2012, the school district Long Range Facilities Committee, consisting of 30 community members, authored a report including a series of recommendations. The committee presented their findings to the school board in May of 2012 and the board endorsed the plan in June of 2012.

As expected, the report generated much public discussion about the future of district facilities and district growth. The recent selection of an architecture firm, our planning for next school year and the arrival of "pool season" rekindled the discussion. Therefore, I thought it best to offer a summary of progress regarding the Long Range Facilities Committee recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION #1: Maintain, expand and improve the campus concept

The district is working with officials from La Crosse County and the Village of West Salem in hopes of charting a course to preserve the district campus concept well into the future. Current discussions center around the district's desire to obtain more land for future growth, the county's plan to construct a new health care facility just east of the current Lakeview Heath Center and the village's responsibility for master street planning. With the county soon prepared to begin construction, the future of our campus concept will garner much attention in the coming months.

RECOMMENDATION #2: Maintain and improve existing facilities

A critical component under this recommendation is the desire to complete energy efficiency upgrades. Following last summer's district-wide lighting upgrade and new boilers in the original section of the high school, we are experiencing a significant reduction in energy consumption. The separate issues of building security and updates to our transportation facility will be considered as part of any future building projects.

RECOMMENDATION #3: Construct additional school facilities

The district responded to the recommendation of constructing an additional school facility by contracting with StruXture Architects from Waterloo, Iowa. The mission for StruXture is to evaluate district facility issues, review the specific recommendation of constructing a new middle school and assist in developing the best possible plan for moving forward. StruXture will begin working with the district this summer in hopes of offering conclusions and direction this fall.

RECOMMENDATION #4: Maintain the current swimming pool with an understanding the district will not replace the pool when it is no longer serviceable

Much community discussion took place last summer regarding the aging condition of the district swimming pool. As part of the discussion, the school board asserted they do not intend to replace the pool when the pool reaches the end of its life. That said, the district fully intends to maintain the current pool until such time as it is no longer prudent to do so.

In a strange bit of irony, the pool heater and diving board failed during last summer's public discussion about pool maintenance and failing components. The school board responded by replacing the pool heater and repairing the diving board. Our maintenance staff completed annual preparations and the pool is set to go for another season. The water is perfect - dive in!

Our school district vision statement indicates our goal of maintaining "clean, safe, efficient and welcoming learning facilities, well-equipped for current and future demands." We remain committed to achieving this vision through the values of stewardship, community involvement and responsibility.

Thank you for supporting our public schools.



Medication Drop Off



Open Enrollment

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

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

Important open enrollment dates

- 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.



School District West Salem

2013-2014 School Calendar

http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/District/web calendar.pdf

For information on Summer School, please go to the website <u>www.wsalem.k12.wi.us</u>

Board Policy Update Animals on School Grounds

In January, the school board updated Board Policy #384 regarding pets on school property. As the weather finally warms, it seems a good idea to offer an update of the changes. The updated policy no longer allows pets on school property for any reason, at any time, without prior approval. This change means it will no longer be acceptable to bring your pets to an outdoor athletic event or to "run" your dogs on the school district green spaces. Why make this change? Two primary reasons: students encountering dog waste as they participate in athletics or recess and continuing issues regarding liability and safety. Please note, this policy does not restrict the walking of dogs on the public sidewalks surrounding our campus. Please be sure to remove all waste.

School Board Members

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

WSHS graduates needing a transcript can print out an official transcript request form by going to the Student Services page on the district website www.wsalem.k12. wi.us. Cost is \$3 per copy.

Boys Basketball Camps

August 5-8, 2013 Grades 2-4 (fall 2013) 4:00-5:30 p.m. Grades 5-8 (fall 2013) 5:30-8:00 p.m. Contact Chad Hayes for a flyer: 920-539-1850 or <u>hayes.chad@wsalem.k12.wi.us</u>

West Salem High School Volleyball Camp

(for girls entering grades 9-12) August 13-15, 2013 See brochure for times and cost

*Brochures can be picked up at the West Salem Park and Rec. Office or the West Salem Middle School Office.

Volleyball Camp

June 18-20, 2013 (for girls entering grades 4-6) 1:00-3:00 p.m. West Salem High School Gym *Brochures can be picked up at the West Salem Park and Rec. Office or the West Salem Middle School Office.

West Salem Middle School Volleyball Camp

(for girls entering grades 7-8) June 27-28, 2013 See brochure for times and cost

*Brochures can be picked up at the West Salem Park and Rec. Office or the West Salem Middle School Office.

American Red Cross Babysitter Training

June 13-14, 2013 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day West Salem Elementary School

Information and Registration forms can be found at the district office, the elementary school office, and the middle school office. Must be 10 years old or older to participate.

2013 Swimming Pool Information

The pool will open with regular hours on Saturday, June 8, 2013. Pre-summer hours of 3:30-6:30 p.m. begin June 3. Early Risers will begin Monday, June 3.

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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 Brenna McGuire (mcguire.brenna@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or call the pool at 786-0323 with questions. School use forms are available in the district office. 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 elementary school office for lessons. Students must have completed kindergarten in order to be part of the summer school swim sessions.

Session I	June 10 - June 21
Session II	June 24 - July 5 (No lessons on July 4)
Session III	July 22 - August 9

Pool passes will be sold at the pool starting June 3.			
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 8-12 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 the summer school program and costs \$25. Registration for Skippers begins Monday, June 3, 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 10th, at the West Salem Pool at 5:00 p.m. We will not swim this day. The first practice will be Tuesday, June 11th 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.



Calendar of Events

JUNE

Soccer Sectional Final 8

- 11-13 Baseball State
- 13-15 Soccer State at Uihlein Park
- 20-22 WSHS Summer Musical "The Music Man" 7:00
- WSHS Summer Musical "The Music Man" 2:00 23

JULY

Independence Day 4

22 Summer School Begins

AUGUST

- Last Day of Summer School 9
- 17 Medication Drop Off

SEPTEMBER

3 2013-2014 School Year Begins

Happy Retirement

Pat Allers, Bob Severson, Linda Levendoski, Chris Ruud, Deb Jensen, Mark Ledman, Polly Hilby, and OJ Romskog. Thanks for your years of dedication to the School District of West Salem.



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.

Check out the Summer Legion Baseball Schedule at http://www.friendsofwsbb.org/schedules.html

Great News!

Two students at WSES recently received 1st place certificates for the artwork they submitted to the **Smokey** the Bear and Woodsie the Owl Poster Contest. The contest is offered through by the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation. The elementary students won 1st place in the 2nd grade division and in the 3rd grade division, both will represent the state of Wisconsin. West Salem Elementary School entries were initially sponsored by the local West Salem Garden Club. Angie Hemker

West Salem Art Department



Thank you to the West Salem PTO and to the local businesses listed below for your support during Teacher Appreciation Week: Linda's Bakery **High Springs Farm** Clinic Pharmacy Gifts & More Starbucks Coffee

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts



Please call 608-786-2550 for box office hours and ticket information or check out their website

www.heidercenter.org

2013 Neshonoc Yearbook Dedicatee Mr. Quenten Brown

by Erin Faella, Student Journalist

Last Friday, May 17th, the Neshonoc yearbook and Panther Prowler staff held the annual yearbook dedication ceremony to honor a community member that has impacted their lives. This year the honor went to art teacher Quenten Brown.

"I am truly humbled by this honor, and I want to thank the Committee and Miss Armstrong for their hard work and dedication to this event. I truly appreciated the night, and will cherish it for years to come," Brown says.

Because the dedication ceremony is such a memorable event, many former dedicatees came back to attend this year's ceremony.

In addition, many admirers of Brown showed up to speak including former teachers John Goodwin and Thomas O'Brien, Brown's band members, and Brown's daughters. Brown described sitting in the crowd "surprised and humbled" while listening to the speeches.

"My dad is cool, he is good at art," was the base of the speech Brown's youngest daughter made, a speech that almost brought Brown to tears. "My favorite part of the event was watching my youngest daughter get up to be the first to speak about me," Brown says. "I almost lost it at that point, but then I listened to her words, and it cracked me up!"

Each year the staff chooses the dedicatee after thoughtful consideration from the nominations sent in by staff members. "This year's selection was different in that he's a younger staff member, but his help with the yearbook staff, his personal impact on many, and his incredible talents as a teacher and role model

students made the selection fitting," says yearbook advisor Andrea Armstrong. Although the event lasted only an hour, the ceremony has been in the planning since the beginning of the school year. Senior

in the planning since the beginning of the school year. Senior yearbook editor Georgie Gensch has worked long hours to plan, between choosing the dedicatee, contacting the family, designing the page, publicizing the event, and much more. "You have to be willing to give up your class time and personal time to get it completed," Gensch says.

After the dedication ceremony, students were able to take an early sneak peak at the yearbook. "It is also very satisfying to see students stick around and look through the book with smiles and 'remember that's?" says Armstrong.

Brown would like to thank the selection committee, Miss Armstrong, his family, bandmates, colleagues, former students, fellow educators, and past dedicatees for planning the event.

Brown ends with: "Teaching art is a unique profession, one that is filled with helping others successes and struggles not only in their art, but also in their lives. I am proud to be an art teacher-this job has given me moments that I will always remember."

The West Salem High School Art Department is proud to present the 2013 Senior Art Show.

This show ran the month of May in the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts Gallery. The following seniors exhibited work:

> Amanda Albert Jessica Alumbaugh Rachel Auna Saphra Bina Kathryn Block Mackensie Bruring Katie Carlson Jennifer Fortun Georgann Gensch Krista Gorniak Ian Gray Hayden Gullickson Adelyn Hanchette Tori Hansen Rachel Jahnke Kendall Kranz Alyssa Leonard Alexandra Lewis Lindsey Lechler Kendall Olson Tanner Oldenburg Samantha Strom Cameron Steihm **Devin VanCleave** Lucas Volenec **Dominic Wachter** Seth Walker





West Salem School District 2013-2014 School Supply List

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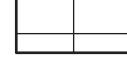
**All backpacks should be no larger than 11"x 13" due to locker size.

**All gym shoes should be tie or velcro and should have white, nonmarking soles for Physical Education class. No zippers, wheels or slip-ons.

**Please sharpen pencils at home.

**Please purchase folders with the pockets on the bottom. No side

(vertical) pockets.



Please bring all completed medical forms with you at the time of registration.

4-Year-Old Kindergarten

No name needed on the following items:

- 1 box of Kleenex
- 2 boxes of non-sugary snacks (fish crackers, pretzels) enough for 20 students
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- Students at Childfirst & Little Learners
- 1 pkg paper plates (small or large)

Optional Donations

Ziploc bags (any size), unscented shaving cream, stickers

Kindergarten

No name needed on the following items:

- 3 packs of skinny Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 2 Boxes Crayola Broad Line Classic Markers
- 1 Box Crayola Thin Line Classic Markers
- 6 Elmer's glue sticks (jumbo)
- 2 Bottles of Elmer's glue
- 1 large box of Kleenex (boys)
- 1 box Ziploc gallon size bags (boys)
- 1 small paper plates (girls)
- 1 box Ziploc quart size bags (girls)
- 1 box of crackers AND cookies, monthly
- 2 containers of disinfectant wipes
- 1 pkg of 24 Ticonderoga brand #2 pencils

Please mark your child's name on the following items:

- 3 plastic pocket folders (Please write your child's first and last name on the front cover.) Pockets should be on the bottom. No vertical pockets. - SEE NOTE
- Very large, sturdy backpack (<u>No wheels allowed</u>) Needs to be able to hold folders, library books, snow pants from home, etc. When purchasing the backpack, make sure your child can open (zip, snap, etc.) the backpack.-SEE NOTE
- 1 pair of inexpensive tennis shoes to be left at school. Purchase with growing feet in mind.- SEE NOTE
- 1 Beach towel (no substitutes) for rest time. (Towel to remain at school). No plastic mats.

Optional donations

Craft items such as google eyes, pom-pons, foam stickers, unscented shaving cream, Play-doh, cotton balls, Q-tips

Kindergarten does <u>not</u> need: scissors, pencil boxes, art apron, pencil erasers, or spiral notebooks.

Grade 1

- 2 sturdy PLASTIC pocket folders
- 8 large glue sticks
- 1 pair of Fiskar scissors (sharp ended)
- 1 box of crayons (24 or 36 count)
- 1 8-count box of Crayola markers
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 2 containers of disinfectant wipes
- 1 school bag or backpack (no wheels)
- 1 box of crackers or cookies
- 1 college ruled notebook
- 1 medium size eraser
- 1 pair inexpensive tennis shoes- SEE NOTE **Elementary-School box for desk
- supplies and pencils will be provided. **Last Names
 - A-H 1 box quart size Ziploc bags;
 - *I-P 1 box gallon size Ziploc bags;*
- Q-Z 1 box jumbo freezer size Ziploc

bags

Grade 2

- 2 spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 2 pkg. of #2 sharpened Ticonderoga brand pencils (preferred)
- 1 sturdy pocket folders with bottom pockets
- 2 sturdy PLASTIC pocket folders With Prongs and bottom pockets
- 4 large glue sticks or 8 small glue sticks
- 1 pencil box or pouch
- 2 big erasers
- 1 box of crayons (24 count or 48 count)
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 1 box of crackers or snack
- 1 pair of good quality scissors (sharp ended)
- 1 pkg. water-based colored markers (Crayola 8 pack)
- 1 set of long colored pencils
- 1 pair inexpensive tennis shoes- SEE NOTE
- 1 school bag or backpack SEE NOTE **Last Names
- A-M 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags; N-Z 1 box snack size Ziploc bags;

Grade 3

- 4 spiral notebooks (wide rule, non-perforated)
- 1 pkg. loose leaf notebook paper (wide rule)
- 36 Ticonderoga brand #2 pencils-sharpened, if possible
- 1 bottle of Elmer's School Glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 good pair (sharp-ended) scissors
- 1 box of crayons (24 or 36 count)
- 1 pkg. cap erasers
- 2 sturdy plastic folders
- 4 pocket folders
- 2 extra-fine tip black Sharpie markers
- 1 highlighter
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 box long colored pencils
- 1 large zippered pencil pouch, NOT school box
- 1 box of crackers for snack, monthly
- 1 school bag or backpack-SEE NOTE
- 1 pair inexpensive tennis shoes-SEE NOTE **Girls: 1 box Gallon size freezer
 - Ziploc bags;
 - **Boys: 1 box Quart size freezer Ziploc bags





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Grade 4

- pencil pouch or school box 1
- 2 sturdy plastic folder
- 4 pocket folders
- 2 loose leaf packs of paper-wide rule
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 8 pk markers 1
- 1 large eraser
- 2 3-subject notebooks
- box of 48 #2 pencils (Ticonderoga brand 1 recommended)
- 2 boxes of facial tissue
- 2 large glue sticks
- 2 red pens
- 2 blue
- pair of good quality scissors 1
- school bag or backpack-SEE NOTE 1
- pair inexpensive tennis shoes-SEE NOTE 1
- 2 black Sharpie markers
- pair of ear buds 1

Grades 4 & 5: FIRST ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK WILL BE PROVIDED. \$5.00 TO REPLACE IF LOST.

Grade 5

- 6 sturdy pocket folders
- spiral notebooks (wide rule, non-perforated) 6
- 2 highlighters, each a different color
- 1 pkg. loose leaf paper, wide-ruled
- 2 set colored pencils, 12 or 24 count (second for mid-year)
- pair quality scissors 1
- 1 large eraser
- ruler, inch to 16th & centimeter markings 1
- 1 large box Kleenex
- pencil pouch or school box 1
- box of 24 #2 or mechanical pencils 1
- 1 school bag or backpack
- 1 3-ring binder, 1-inch size
- 2 jumbo glue sticks
- 3 red pens
- 2 black pens
- 1 set of thin markers
- 1 pair inexpensive tennis shoes-SEE NOTE
- box of gallon size Ziploc bags (boys) 1
- box of snack size Ziploc bags (girls) 1
- 1 Zip drive (optional)
- Ear buds (optional) 1

NOTE: Grades 6-8 reminder-book bags will not be taken from class to class; they are only to be used for carrying materials to and from school. Tissues should be given to your advisor at open house. Please label all supplies with name.

Grade 6

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- 2 1/2" view binder with pockets inside front and back covers
- 1 durable accordian file tote (at least 6 tabs)
- 10 Spiral notebooks
- 6 durable plastic folders any color
- 3 Glue sticks
- 1 Scissors
- 1 set colored pencils
- 1 Loose leaf paper
- 6 pens for correcting (not black or blue, at least 1 red)
- Pencils #2 (regular or mechanical) 48
- Ruler with centimeter & inches 1
- 1 Pencil pouch
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 roll of transparent tape
- 4 highlighters
- 2 fine tip black markers (Sharpie)
- 3 packs sticky notes 3"x3"
- 1 pack post-it flag size
- 3 paper grocery bags (no stretchy cloth covers)

NO backpacks on wheels (they don't fit in lockers)

Please bring all completed medical forms with you at the time of registration.

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- 1 USB Drive "jump drive"
- 1 Ear buds/headphones
- plain yellow pocket folder (choir) 1
- 1 1" binder (band)
- 1 iPad/tablet stylus (optional)



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- large zippered 3-ring binder
- 1 3-ring 1" binder (for reading class)
- 3-ring 1" soft cover binder (for science) 1
- 1 pencil pouch
- 9 spiral notebooks
- 1 ruler with centimeters & inches
- 1 box of colored pencils or markers
- 1 compass 3
 - plain blue pocket folders
 - plain green pocket folder-choir
 - plain different color pocket folder
- 1 protractor
- 2 black pens
- 1 pair scissors
- 2 blue pens
- 1 eraser
- 2 fine point black markers
- 2 glue sticks
- box of regular pencils (for math homework) 1
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 2 highlighters - different colors
- 2 roll 3/4" Scotch tape in a box (math/Eng.)
- Post-it notes 3"x3" 1
- paper grocery bags (to cover textbooks) 3
- 1 Ear buds or smaller headphones
- stylus for iPad 1
- **Purchase English notebook from teacher.

plain red pocket folders (homework)

boxes of regular Ticonderoga pencils

3-ring 1" binder for reading and science

roll clear/transparent tape for dispenser

paper grocery bags (to cover textbooks)

Grade 8

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2 fine tip black markers pencil pouch

spiral notebooks

box of colored pencils

highlighters-different colors

large boxes of Kleenex

pad of 100 Post-it notes 3"x3"

plain blue pocket folder-choir

Ear buds or smaller headphones

**Purchase English notebook from

black or blue pens

eraser

glue stick

(math)

teacher.

box of markers

scientific calculator

stylus for iPad (optional)

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

School District of West Salem Special Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2013 Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 May 9, 2013. 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 recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Ken Schlimgen (6:02), and Scott Scafe (6:39). Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson (6:17), Mike Malott (6:17), and Michael St. Pierre. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jason Falck.

Approval of Agenda

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

Discussion/Action Items:

Ms. Gwen Treu's middle school students Katie Krien, Jessica Solberg, Courtney Koepp, Erick Sells, and Ted Tiber gave a presentation on what the students did with the board grant that they received to remodel the library. The students also brought in samples of the items that were created and will be used in the middle school library.

Members of StruXture Architects, an Iowa firm, gave a presentation and answered board members' questions.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jason Falck, Clerk Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk

> School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2013 Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 May 9, 2013.

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Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. On May 4, high school students competed at the state solo and ensemble contest. Twenty of 32 entries received the highest possible score.

- 2. The senior SEP presentations were on May 8.
- 3. On May 10, the high school held Star Search.
- 4. On May 11, the high school boys and girls competed in the conference track meet. The boys placed first and the girls placed third.

Correspondence -None.

Public comments - None.

Written and Oral Reports

Architect Selection Committee – Mr. Ward reported that board members and administration reviewed Request for Qualifications from various firms.

At 7:11 p.m. the facility was evacuated due to the fire alarm. At 7:21 p.m., the meeting resumed.

CESA Board of Control Report – Mr. Ward reported on the recent committee meeting: finalized the convention agenda, the district's term of service, educator effectiveness, and the superintendent's report which included declining attendance at workshops.

Reports from Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried. (5 Aye, 1 Abstain)

Discussion/Action Items:

High School Business Education Teacher and DECA Club Advisor Jason Holter and students Erin Faella, Allison Rigotti and Adam Peterson shared their state and national competition experiences with the board.

Members of Bray Architects, a firm from Milwaukee/ Sheboygan, gave a presentation and answered board members' questions.

Members of HSR Associates, a firm from La Crosse, gave a presentation and answered board members questions'.

Members of TCI Architects, a firm from La Crosse, gave a presentation and answered board members' questions.

Mrs. Gerke left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept donations from Benjamin and Mahlivahn Fleckenstein for the elementary school; from La Crosse Archery to the high school PE department; from Jane Bangsberg to the elementary school library; from the Zielke Grant fund for the high school baseball team; from Pat and Judith Moran to the Horace and Gladys Moran Scholarship Fund; and from the La Crosse Tribune Jean's Day Fund for the Food Service Department. Motion carried.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the appointment of the board committees, memberships and delegates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee meeting dates need to be set for the Finance Committee, the Staff Relations Committee and the Policy Committee. The district office will contact members for possible dates.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the retirement of bus driver Vern "OJ" Romskog. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the retirement of custodian Linda Levendoski. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the retirement of food service employee Paula Hilby. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the retirement of Family and Consumer Education Teacher Christine Ruud. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of High School Social Studies Teacher Anthony (AJ) Braun. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding retirement and post-employment benefits for retiring bus driver, custodian, food service staff member and a teacher; and

Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, regarding the selection of an architect firm and the potential purchase of public property.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 10:02 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jason Falck, Clerk Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk

> School District of West Salem Special Board Meeting Minutes May 15, 2013 Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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 May 9, 2013. This meeting was at the request of a board member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Troy Gunderson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mike Malott recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jason Falck and Ken Schlimgen.

Approval of Agenda

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

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. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 6:05 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, and Mrs. Halverson Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jason Falck, Clerk Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk **Centralized Registration**. All students NEW to the West Salem School District will need to register at the District Office prior to attending the elementary, middle or the high school. The District Office is located at 405 Hamlin Street East. Additional information is posted on our website. <u>www.wsalem.k12.wi.us</u> and click on New Student Registration

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On May 3, 2013, Smokey The Bear and members of the West Salem Fire Department lead the Walking School Bus.

Walking School Bus -Rain or Shine!





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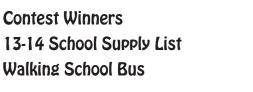


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West Salem Blood Drive Monday, June 17, 2013 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. Presbyterian Church 625 West Franklin Street, West Salem, WI

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

American Red Cross

Appointments call 786-0684. Walk-ins are Welcome.