

West Salem School District

March 2010



Newsletter

Top Notch Teacher

"Mommy, I have a Top Notch Teacher," the first grade student exclaimed after watching a segment on Channel 8 featuring a local teacher. Her mother then began calling the teacher "Top Notch." Luckily for one West Salem first grade teacher, Jane Macdonald, this month, the mother took out an application and nominated the teacher for this prestigious award.

Jane's interview was on the Channel 8 evening news on February 1st. What an honor for Jane and our district! The parent wrote the following in her nomination: "Mrs. Macdonald has made a big impact on my daughter. My daughter has had Mrs. Macdonald for 2 years now and she has taught her so much. She loves spending extra time with her students. She invites them over for a pool party, comes to their birthday party, that is a wonderful, caring person/teacher. Also, my daughter comes home everyday from school with a smile on her face, and always has something good to say about school. That makes it so much easier to be at work while she's at school, because I know she is going to have a wonderful day. Its going to be a sad but happy day when my daughter goes on to second grade. The sad part because Mrs. Macdonald will be greatly missed, but we will always remember all the great and loving things she taught my daughter, and all the other students in her class!"

Maybe you recall my article on thanking a teacher who made a difference in your life. This is a great example of doing just that. Last year, I received many lovely letters from citizens who read that article that I passed on to teachers. I know they made a positive difference in those teachers' lives. Staff members also wrote notes of thanks to co-workers for their efforts with students and their own children in many cases.

What makes a teacher "Top Notch"? The parent identified some of the traits: cares, makes each child feel special, goes above and beyond on his or her own time for the good of the student, great teacher, and role model. This creates a smiling, happy and "Top Notch" student who is better able to learn.

I have had staff members think about their favorite teachers and write characteristics about them. This provides motivation for teachers to focus on some of the things that they know about outstanding educators. I would like you to do the same. Remember your favorite teachers and/or coaches.

Now, I want you to think about how you can also be "Top Notch". Maybe you are a "teacher" of you own children, grandchildren, neighbors, or Sunday School class. Maybe you teach your co-workers or customers in your business. Everyone is a teacher. Being "Top Notch" means something unique to each of us, and when we interact with a "Top Notch" person, we know it and seek to do business and/or work with such individuals.

However, I believe in the West Salem School District we have over 250 such individuals. From teachers to paraprofessionals, administrative assistants, bus drivers, food service workers, custodians to administrators and supervisors, and district office personnel, the West Salem School District is blessed. They are each unique and so are you. I know-I have been your student and you have taught me well "Top Notch West Salem Citizens." I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will cherish your memory for years to come.

Your partner in education,

Nancy C. Burns
Superintendent

March Is
Music In Our
Schools
Month

March Is Youth Art Month

2010 Summer School Program

It's that time of year again to start thinking about summer school. The West Salem School District is conducting a summer school program for pre-kindergarten through eleventh grade students who reside within the school boundaries. A variety of enrichment activities are planned in math, language arts, science, art, music, physical education, swimming, computer education and drama. Summer school has terms and sessions. The majority of the classes will be held at the middle and elementary schools. Sessions are the times of classes. Session 1 is 9:00 – 10:20 and Session 2 is 10:40 – 12:00.

- Term 1 June 7 – June 18
- Term 2 June 21 – July 2
- Term 3 July 5 – July 16
(swimming only and no busses)
- Term 4 August 9–August 12 & August 16–August 19
(Academic Literacy, Developmental Reading and Jump Start to 1st Grade classes only and teacher referral is required)

Please mark the following important date on your calendar: Friday, March 18

Summer School registration sheets are due.

If you have any Summer School questions, call Janel at the West Salem Middle School at 786-2090 between 9:00-11:00 a.m or e-mail jlochen@wsalem.k12.wi.us.

This year we also have a summer school page on our website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us.

If you need an enrollment packet you can view and print out the registration form (remember it is 2 pages) and you can either mail, fax or e-mail it back to Janel at the Middle School 450 N. Mark St., West Salem, WI 54669. Our fax number is 608-786-1081.

The West Salem School District does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, religion, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disabilities or handicap in its education programs or activities. Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.

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

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the West Salem School District that on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, Spring Election of school board members will be held. Candidates for the school board are as follows:

- THOMAS HELGESON
- JASON FALCK
- RITA ZINDORF
- SCOTT A. SCAFE

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

8th Grade Spaghetti Supper

Tuesday, March 30 from 4-6:30 is the annual spaghetti supper and bake sale. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children kindergarten through fifth grade, children younger than kindergarten free. For every ticket an eighth grader sells, he or she will have a dollar deducted from the St. Louis trip. All students benefit from this fundraiser because the proceeds will help cover the costs of our Civil War Day.

Scholarship

The West Salem Area Community Foundation is offering the Jerome Klos Family Graduate Scholarship. The scholarship is offered to graduates of the West Salem School District who already have an undergraduate degree from a college or university and are entering a graduate school program in pursuit of an advanced degree. Applications are now available at http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/high/student_services/Jerome_Klos_Family_Scholarship_Application.pdf or request an application from the West Salem Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 30, West Salem, WI 54669. Deadline for applying is May 1.

Kindergarten Registration 2010-2011

Now that West Salem has a 4-Year-Old Kindergarten program, we will no longer be hosting a kindergarten registration. If you have a student who will be five years old by September 1, 2010 and the 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 kindergarten registration information.

5th Annual Mayfair Arts Festival Sunday, May 2, 2010

The 5th Annual Mayfair Arts Festival, one of the major West Salem Fine Arts Board fundraisers, will take place on Sunday, May 2nd at the West Salem High School. Activities will include: art fair, silent auction, chicken-que, entertainment, free children's art activities, and concessions. Chicken-que tickets will go on sale in March with a limited number available at the door.

For artists interested in participating in the the art fair, applications will be available online at the Heider Center Website <www.heidercenter.org> and the Heider Center box office. For more information, call Jane at 608-786-2388

FEBRUARY'S HEIDER GALLERY DISPLAY JEAN DONOHOE



Mark Your Calendar
 March 1-31 — *District K-12 Art Show*
 There will be a reception on
 Monday, March 22, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

School Board Members

- Errol Kindschy ~~~~~ 786-1675
- Tom Ward ~~~~~ 397-9873
- Ann Bina ~~~~~ 786-1050
- Scott Scafe ~~~~~ 786-0969
- Linda Brown ~~~~~ 786-3027
- Henry Althoff ~~~~~ 786-0207
- Ken Spraez ~~~~~ 786-0017

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

Local Celebrities to Read to Elementary Students and Families

By Presley Giese
 West Salem Journalism Student



Throughout the years technology has gotten in the way of kids' education when it comes to reading. In an effort to counteract, West Salem's PTO hosted a "celebrity reading night" at the elementary school on Friday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m., for all 4k-5th grade student families.

The PTO hoped the event will encourage children to make reading a life-long habit and reverse the disturbing trend away from reading and toward video games. In a recent study done by the Scholastics News foundation, the results revealed that only one in four kids read daily for pleasure, while a 2007 McArthur Foundation survey reports that 97 percent of young kids play video games regularly.

Among the local celebrity readers present were WKBT meteorologist Bill Graul, State Representative Mike Huebsch, and Coast Guard veteran Ray Ebert.



Beginner Band Parent Meeting

Calling all parents of WSES 5th Grade students! The annual Beginner Band Parent Night will take place on Tuesday, March 16 at 5:45 p.m. in the WSES Assembly Room. All parents of 5th grade students are asked to attend this informational meeting. From about 5:45-6:05, our middle school jazz band will perform, while you enjoy a scoop of ice cream. Ryan Waldhart, Middle School Band Director, will give a brief presentation and then SSE Music and Leithold Music will share information on how to obtain an instrument.

The students will all have an opportunity to try out the instruments on Monday, March 15, during the school day. Information about this day will be coming home in your child's take-home folder. If parents would like to be at school for this, you will have an opportunity to schedule a time. Parents are not required to attend the instrument trial.

Students interested in percussion will take part in a small try-out the week of March 8 through the 12th. We have a limited number of spots available for percussion. Students must have piano experience to be eligible. Please note that piano experience does not guarantee your child a percussion placement. Last year, 16 students with piano background did the tryout, and the strongest 7 students (the maximum) were selected. All students desiring to play percussion should begin preparing 1-2 of the most advanced piano lesson exercises they have learned. Students will also demonstrate their ability to keep a steady beat, and play some basic rhythms. Percussion candidates should have a second instrument in mind, in case a spot is not available. (Please note that percussionists now rent a 3/4 size xylophone - it has been a great success for our current beginner percussionists)

The WSMS band program includes around 200 students this year and has a wonderful tradition of excellence in music education. Students who take band will learn the discipline required to create a good sound and learn the fundamentals on their instrument. Our high school program is truly exceptional. The Wind Symphony received the pres-

tigious honor of recently performing at the National Band Association Convention in Wisconsin Rapids. We hope that you take advantage of this outstanding program provided by the West Salem Schools. It is important to note that students who wish to participate in the band program must get started this spring. It is very difficult to start an instrument later on in middle school and high school, and be at the same level as their classmates.

If you have an instrument that you would like your student to play, please bring it to the Monday trial day or Tuesday meeting so that one of our music stores can evaluate it. There is nothing more frustrating than learning an instrument if it is not working properly.

If you have cannot attend the meeting or have any questions, please contact Ryan Waldhart at 786-2090 or <rwaldhart@wsalem.k12.wi.us>. We hope to see you on March 16!

Ryan Waldhart and Mardeana Glasel
WSMS Band Teachers

Relay For Life **John Goodwin Honorary Chairperson**

The Relay for Life of West Salem will be held at the WS High School on April 9th & 10th. The relay teams also provide a food court at the event, so you may come for both food & fun! Last year the Relay for Life of West Salem raised over \$70,000 and we hope to reach that goal and beyond this year. Our honorary chairperson will be our own high school teacher John Goodwin. Several high school students have joined the committee and are excited about making the biggest event possible! We are still looking for teams to join this important cause. If you are interested, please contact Jane Macdonald at the elementary school (786-1662). Also, we would appreciate your support of the relay as we sell raffle tickets and hold other fundraisers throughout the community!

West Salem Community Fitness Center

Annie Labus, Fitness Center Director

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. Yogalates is held on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Spring is in the air and spring sports will soon be starting. The fitness center and walking track will be busy after school with students preparing for sports. If you normally visit the fitness center and walking track during the hours of 3:00–5:00pm please be aware that the track and equipment will be busy with students. We want to give our students in spring sports every opportunity to succeed and make our community proud!

This month is normally when people's new year's resolution to stay healthy and get in shape tends to falter. Just remember it's a life long commitment and it's not always easy. The good news is you can always get back on track. If you're losing that motivation, try to think of new ways to re-energize your routine. Ask a friend to join you on your quest for success, get outside and start a walking routine, get your yard ready for spring, join a fitness class, or dust that bike off and start riding your bike on those warm days. Like always if you need some extra motivation come to the fitness center and ask our friendly staff for some help. You will find our facility is not only affordable but has all the equipment you need to get healthy and stay on track!

Looking For Used Cell Phones

The Knights of Columbus is collecting used cell phones. There is a box located in the District office to drop off any used cell phones. Proceeds from the collection of the phones will be used for Special Olympics. Thank You.

Celebrate

West Salem Business EXPO

Sunday, March 21, 2010

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

West Salem High School



- Free Admission
- Musical Entertainment
- Food

Over 70 Booths
--Businesses
--Civic Organizations
--Churches

Door Prizes
&
West Salem
Gift Certificates

For more information go to westsalemwi.org
or contact Eric Bauer at 786-0890.

Community Technology Workshops

Cooperative Education Service Agency # 4 (CESA #4)
923 East Garland Street, West Salem, WI 54669 • 608-786-4800

PERSONAL COMPUTER 101

Date: March 9, 2010 6:00–8:30 p.m.

This class is for those who wish to learn basics about how to use the PC for simple tasks without becoming embroiled in a whole lot of technical detail. It is also aimed at showing some elementary operations of Windows for those who are new to personal computers.

SOCIAL NETWORKING 101

Date: April 27, 2010 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Facebook? Twitter? YouTube? My Space? What is all this stuff? Social Networking - perhaps you've heard of it before, but are not quite sure what it means. Social networking is the grouping of individuals into specific groups. The Internet is filled with millions of individuals who are looking to meet other people to gather and share first-hand information and experiences on any number of topics. This class will explore the basic concepts of social networking, including photo sharing.

Audience: Open to the public. Must be 18 years or older to attend.

Presenter: Jim Welander, CESA #4 Educational Technology Director

Registration and Fee Information: Mary Freybler,
(608) 786-4849, mfreybler@cesa4.k12.wi.us

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by 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 January 7, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Ann Bina, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Henry Althoff (7:19), and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Nancy Burns, Dean Buchanan (7:30), Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson (7:30), Barb Buswell, and John Smalley; Student representatives: Riley Schock and Warren Frank. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Michael St. Pierre and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

Policy #830.3 District Fitness Center and the Closed Session grievance were requested to be removed from the agenda and a Policy Committee report was added under Connection with the Community. Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Riley Schock reported on:

1. The seniors received their SEP papers back on Friday.
2. The dance team traveled to the Mall of America and placed 6th in a competition.
3. Seniors are starting to apply for scholarships.

Warren Frank reported on:

1. The high school wrestling team is 5-0 after a recent tournament.
2. Warren is working on restructuring the student council, modeling it after a school board meeting.
3. The high school football banquet was this past Saturday.
4. There are only two weeks left until the end of the semester.

Correspondence

A thank you note was read from the family of JoAnn Quinn, mother-in-law of Monica Quinn.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

President's and CESA #4 report – Mr. Kindschy reminded the board of their meetings on Thursday and Saturday. The carpeting at CESA #4 will be replaced. They are willing to pay students to assist in moving furniture. Mrs. Buswell will work to find workers with Mr. Kindschy. The "Race to the Top" Memorandum of Understanding was discussed and seven schools have already passed. CESA #4 approved the 2009 WASB Resolutions.

Finance Committee – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met last week and reviewed budget projections, budget timeline, and enrollment projections.

Policy Committee – Mr. Spraetz reported that the committee met earlier tonight and reviewed many policies. Some of the policies will be coming for first reading at the next board meeting. The committee is asking the administrators to review policy #484 Scheduling Student Activities.

Administrator Reports were reviewed. Mr. Smalley noted that in the packet was a letter from the DPI regarding 4K funding.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the open and closed Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 14, 2009, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the following donations:

1. Books to the middle school After School Reading Club from Leanne Hedberg Carlson.
2. Books to the elementary school LMC from Kristin Tschumper.
3. Benches for the tennis court and a ice machine at the elementary school from the WSHS Booster Club.
4. A donation to the Horace Moran Memorial Fund from Stephen & Deborah Kraus.
5. Various supplies devices for the OEC from Mary Crane, Robert Olson, Connie Miller, Peg Kothari, Sara Jeranek, and Diane Block.

A presentation from Mike Brendl, an auditor with Vig and Associates, regarding the outcome of the 2008-09 audit. Mr. Brendl reviewed the districts status and the possible future finances.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve and sign the Race To The Top Memorandum of Understanding. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Nay, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve the first reading of policy #904 Middle School Principal; #905 Elementary School Principal; #943 Administrative Assistant to the Pupil Services Director; #523.4 AED, CPR, First Aid Staff Training; #671.1 Payday Schedules; #523.2 Bloodborne Pathogens; #720 Safety Program; and #850 Public Solicitations/Advertising in the Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

A straw poll was taken on whether animals should be allowed on school grounds. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the first reading of policy #384 Animals on School Grounds as amended. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Nay, Mrs. Bina Nay, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

No action was taken on policy #151.1 Policy Review and Evaluation.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve the second reading of policy #349 Senior Exit Project and #151.2 Policy Dissemination. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mrs. Bina seconded to delete policy #671.3 WASB Convention, #936 Para Professional II, #924 Social Worker/ATOD Coordinator, #720-Rule Safety Program Guidelines, #721 Building and Grounds Inspections, #722 Safety Education and Accident Prevention, #722.1 Accident Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to accept the resignation of Lance Matthews as the JV girls' soccer coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve all of the 2009 Delegate Assembly Proposals as listed and to vote aye at the convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to modify the current mission statement to option #1. Motion withdrawn. Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Bina seconded to investigate and to bring in someone to assist in creating a District Mission Statement. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to convene in closed session at 8:43 p.m. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez

Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding the 2010 non-union district employee contract and administrative contracts and administrative assignments for 2010-12 under 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."

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1) (g) "conferring with the legal counsel of the District who is rendering oral or written advice", regarding administrator and non-union contracts, and extension/non-extension of administrator contracts under Wis. Stats. §118.24.

Closed Session

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to reconvene into open session at 10:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

Open Session

Adjournment

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Bina, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 5:45 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by 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 January 12, 2010. This meeting was at the request of a board member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Ann Bina, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe (6:20), Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrator Nancy Burns and Recording secretary Patrick Bahr.

Approval of Agenda

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

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Ward seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 5:48 p.m. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding administrative contracts and administrative assignments for 2010-12 under 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.”

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with the legal counsel for the District who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy or decisions to be made by the Board with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved related to administrator and non-union contracts, and extension/non-extension of administrator contracts under Wis. Stats. §118.24.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session to review applicants for Superintendent vacancy 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.”

Closed Session

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Ward seconded to reconvene into open session at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

Open Session

Adjournment

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Bina, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2010

Marie Heider Meeting Room – 9:00 a.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by 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 January 7, 2010. This meeting was at the request of a board member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Ann Bina, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance –Recording secretary Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe.

Approval of Agenda

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

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:01 a.m. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session to review applicants for Superintendent vacancy and to select candidates to interview 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.”

Closed Session

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Ward seconded to reconvene into open session at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried unanimously

Open Session

Discussion was held on setting up interview committees. Mr. Kindschy will contact Dennis Richards, WASB

Consultant, on how best to set up interviews.

Adjournment

Mrs. Bina moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Bina, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by 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 January 21, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ann Bina, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Nancy Burns, Mark Carlson (7:18), Barb Buswell, John Smalley, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Riley Schock. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ken Spraetz, Michael St. Pierre, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, and Warren Frank.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Riley Schock reported on:

1. The first semester ended last Friday and the second semester began today, most students having new classes
2. The high school student council will be having a penny war fundraiser for Haiti. On the 29th, they will present the money to the elementary and combine with the three schools.
3. The dance team will have their state competition on Saturday.

4. English 110 students have completed projects related to a unit on Early English literature and their study of the folk epic Beowulf.

Correspondence—None

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Technology Committee – Bill Solsrud, Director of Technology, reviewed the committee's recent meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Althoff reported that at their last meeting the school facility audit was discussed and are waiting for the final report. The middle school locker bids were also discussed.

WASB Convention – Mr. Kindschy, Mr. Ward and Mrs. Burns reported on the sessions, speakers, and vendors that were at the convention in Milwaukee last week.

Mrs. Brown left at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:32 p.m.

Supervisor reports were reviewed and Mr. Solsrud passed around to the board a couple of Netbooks that are being used in the district.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Bina requested that the minutes be pulled from the consent agenda. Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2010, as amended; the closed session minutes of January 11, 2010; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2010; and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #361.4 Technology Concerns for Students with Special Needs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to table until more information is gathered, policy #361 Selection and Reconsideration of Instructional Materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #723 Crisis Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #734 Staff Personal Items Utilized in School. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to table and send back to administration for review, policy #731 Building and Grounds Security. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #735 Integrated Pest Management. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #911 Buildings and Grounds Security. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #912 Second Shift Maintenance/ Custodial Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #724 Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the renaming of policy #731-Rule Key Control Guidelines to #731.2 Key Control. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #904 Middle School Principal; #905 Elementary School Principal; #943 Administrative Assistant to the Pupil Services Director; #384 Animals on School Grounds; #523.4 AED, CPR, First Aid Staff Training; #671.1 Payday Schedules; #523.2 Bloodborne Pathogens; #720 Safety Program, #850 Public Solicitations/ Advertising In The Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the deleting of policy #482 West Salem High School Computer Use Policy, #71.1 Computer Software Copyright, #723.1 Fire Drills, #723.2 Bomb Threats, #723.3-Rule Emergency School Closing, #723.4 Tornado Emergencies, #723.5 Weapon Emergency, #723.6 Bus Safety Drills, #731.1 Key Distribution. Motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Gerke left at 8:11 p.m.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve Bryan Kinkel as the JV Girls' Soccer Coach for the 2010 season.

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to postpone setting the final superintendent interview schedule and special meetings to interview and select the finalist. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the donations from Alice Sprain for the OEC and from the West Salem Elementary PTO for the OEC. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:10 p.m. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding administrator compensation for 2010-2011 under 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 extension/non-extension of administrator contracts under Wis. Stats. §118.24.

Closed Session

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to reconvene into open session at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Ward seconded to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Bina, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 5:30 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by 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 January 21, 2010. This meeting was at the request of a board member.

Roll Call

Present: Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Excused: Ann Bina and Ken Spraeetz.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 5:32 p.m. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye.—Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session to interview candidates for Superintendent vacancy and to select final candidates for the vacancy 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.”

Adjournment

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Ward, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 5:50 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by 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 January 21, 2010. This meeting was at the request of a Board Member.

Roll Call

Present: Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Excused: Ken Spratz and Ann Bina.

Approval of Agenda

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

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Mr. Althoff seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 5:51 p.m. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session to interview candidates for Superintendent vacancy and to select final candidates for the vacancy 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.

Closed Session

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to reconvene into open session at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Ward seconded to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Errol Kindschy, Acting Clerk

The West Salem Middle School sold handmade scarves at Parent-Teacher Conferences in February and March on the following dates:

Elementary School-February 16 and 25
Middle School-February 25 and March 1
High School-March 1



All proceeds go to the Haiti Relief Fund. The cost is \$8.00 for 1 scarf or \$15.00 for 2 scarves.

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

2009-2010 CELEBRATING OUR 6th SEASON

MAINSTAGE SERIES:

tickets going fast...

Reserve your tickets by contacting the box office.

Randy Sabien and Friends in Concert

Friday, March 19, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. \$12/\$10

Home Free A Cappella

Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. \$12/\$10

FAMILY SERIES:

All Seats \$6.00 and are General Admission

Flanagan Irish Dancers

Sunday, March 7, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.



Missoula Children's Theatre presents:

King Arthur's Quest

A week long residency, culminating in two public performances starring local children. Call the box office for audition information.

Saturday, April 24, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Visual Arts Series

"Acrylic Florals & Landscapes/Watercolor Portraits" - Jean Donohoe - February 1-28, 2010

District K-12 Art Show - March 1-31, 2010

Community Art Exhibit - April 1-30, 2010

West Salem High School Senior Art Show

May 1-31, 2010

www.heidercenter.org

Wind Symphony Concert In Wisconsin Rapids

WOW WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

The Wind Symphony out-did themselves at the NBA performance. They put West Salem on the map for many Wisconsin band directors and received a standing ovation for their efforts.

Congratulations on representing your school and community with such pride and professionalism!

A cool way for people with warm hearts to support the *Special Olympics*.

Coulee Region Polar Plunge

Saturday

March 6, 2010



Online Registration



Plunge at the new location - Pettibone

Beach,

La Crosse, WI



For more information, call (608) 789-7596.

CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/plunge_a6-2.asp>

Special Olympics WI - South Central Area, Kerry Gloede - gloedek@cityoflacrosse.org, 400 La Crosse Street, 1st Floor City Hall, La Crosse, WI 54601

Annual Fun-Raiser!

Taco and Nacho Night!

Thursday, April 15, 2010

Serving 4pm to 7pm

at the
West Salem
High School



to benefit the



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
WEST SALEM AREA**

**Door Prizes
& Raffle**

Cost: \$5 per person

Kids 6 to 12: \$3

5 and under free

Sponsored by: The Village People

For more information call Errol at 786-1675

For a full-color version of this and past newsletters, check out the West Salem School District Website at <www.wsalem.k12.wi.us>

Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 2 Basketball-Boys Regionals
Grade 3 Spring Concert (Be-bop with Aesop) - 6:30, Heider Center
- 4 Basketball-Boys Regionals
Kindergarten Spring Concert (All That I Can Be) - 6:30, Heider Center
- 4-6 Hockey-State Tournament in Madison
- 5 Basketball-Girls FR/JV/V at Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
- 5-6 Gymnastics-State at WI Rapids
- 5-6 Wrestling-Team State
- 6 Basketball-Boys Regionals
- 8 Track-JV/V First Day Of Practice
- 9 Basketball-Girls Regional Quarter-Finals
Grade 1 Spring Concert (Bugz) - 6:15, Heider Center
Grade 2 Spring Concert (Star Search) - 7:15, Heider Center
21st Century Skills Advisory Board meeting
- 11 Basketball-Girls Regional Semi-Finals
- 12 Basketball-Sectionals
- 13 Regional Finals at Osseo-Fairchild
Basketball-Boys Sectionals
- 18 Basketball-Girls Sectional Semi-Final at Stevens Point
- 18-20 Basketball-Boys State at Madison
- 20 Basketball-Girls Sectional Finals at Chippewa Falls
Track-Varsity Northern Badger at UW-Stout - 4:00
- 21 5th grade choir performs for WS Business Association
- 22 Softball-JV/V First Day Of Practice
Soccer-JV/V First Day Of Practice
- 25 Foreign Exchange Students presenting to 5th graders
- 25-27 Basketball-Girls State at Madison
- 26 Track-Varsity at GET Indoor at St. Mary's University
- 27 Softball-JV/V at Bangor Scrimmage - 1:30/3:00
Soccer-JV/V (H) West Salem Scrimmage - 10:00
- 29 Golf-JV/V First Day Of Practice
- 30 5th grade choir performs at Mulders
Softball-V vs Waterloo, WI at Disney World - 8:00 p.m.
Soccer-V-JV at Sparta - 4:00/5:45

APRIL

- 1 Softball-V vs. Lakes Community, IL at Disney World - 8:00 a.m.
Softball-V vx. Ewing, NJ at Disney World - 10:00 a.m.
Softball-V vs. West Geauga, OH at Disney World - Noon
Soccer-V at Mauston- 4:30
- 21 **Late Start - School Begins at 10:00 (no 4K)**



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PHOTO Friday



Mrs. Weber's third grade class and Mrs. Antony's kindergarten class delivered some "heart attacks" to a few special people in our school. The two classrooms are "Buddy Classrooms" and do several projects together throughout the school year. The children love to work together.



Youth Art Month Regional Show In Tomah

2010 REGIONAL MATHCOUNTS NEWS!

The regional Mathcounts competition was held on Saturday, February 6th in La Crosse. There were 31 competitors representing six different schools.

The team results were as follows: 3rd place – Lincoln Middle School (La Crosse), 2nd place – Holmen Middle School, and 1st place – West Salem Middle School. West Salem’s team consisted of Kaitlin Brueggen, Christian Schran, Michael Uebele and Mikaela Hunter. Other schools competing were GET Middle School, Arcadia Middle School, and Viroqua Middle School.



The individual results were as follows: 10th place – Mikaela Hunter (West Salem), 9th place – Zach Lang (West Salem), 8th place – Connor Givens (West Salem), 7th place – Michael Anderson (West Salem), 6th place – Daniel Morrison (Lincoln), 5th place – Kaitlin Brueggen (West Salem), 4th place – Andrew Yusten (Holmen), 3rd place – Kyle Lang (West Salem), 2nd place – Christian Schran (West Salem), and 1st place – Michael Uebele (West Salem).

Mathcounts is a national program designed to promote excellence in math and science in grades 6-8. Mathcounts allows students to improve their problem solving skills as individuals, as well as, in teams of four. West Salem’s coaches are Tammy Bentzen and Bryan Kinkel.

West Salem’s Schran, Uebele, Hunter, Brueggen, K. Lang and Anderson now advance to the State competition in Madison on Saturday, March 6th.

“Relay Olympics - We’re In It to Win It!”

The West Salem Relay for Life of 2010 will be held April 9 & 10 at the WS High School beginning at 6:00 p.m. This year’s theme is centered on the Olympics with the idea that we are “in it to win” this battle against Cancer! Exciting entertainment and a fantastic food court will be provided so that not only teams can attend but everyone from the community and surrounding areas. Theme Laps which involve teams dressing up in the proper attire include: Parade of Nations, Toga, Favorite Olympic Game or Sport, Favorite Board or Video Game character and the Olympic Viewer Lap. Don’t miss this opportunity to be involved in this powerful event which involves making a difference in the fight against Cancer. The opening ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m. and the Luminaria ceremony that honors those we have lost to the battle and survivors begins at 9:00 p.m. For more information about forming a team or volunteering to help at the event, please contact Jane Macdonald at the W.S. Elementary School. 608-786-1662

Open Enrollment

Important open enrollment dates

April 9, 2010 – School district notices of approval or denial must be mailed. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

May 14, 2010 – School districts must notify parents of accepted applicants of the specific school or program to which the student is assigned.

June 11, 2010 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2010-11 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.

For more information on Open Enrollment, go to:

[<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>](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
maryjo.cleaver@dpi.wi.gov
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Did you know...

Emily Verehenkamp and Carlie Burkhardt were among the top 50 finalists for the 2010 Youth Art Month Flag design. Both received certificates from the Wisconsin Art Education Association. There were over 800 entries statewide K-12.



A found object portrait recorded with digital photography-grade K



**2010
Relay For Life
of West Salem**



April 9-10, 2010
Opening Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
West Salem High School

We have many exciting things happening at the 2010 Relay For Life of West Salem!

To view the latest information about this event, visit the website.
< www.relayforlife.org/westsalemwi >



WS Student Artwork on Display at Regional Art Exhibit

A big “CONGRATULATIONS!” to the West Salem students who had artwork chosen to be on display for the Wisconsin Art Education Association’s Regional Exhibit. This annual art show displays outstanding student artwork from eleven west central Wisconsin counties.

The following students’ artwork represented West Salem at the exhibit:

Nolan Heger--kindergarten
Natalie Jeranek-1st grade
Abby Solberg --2nd grade
Ashlyn Arneson--3rd grade
Sabine Kalas-3rd grade
Nick Oldenburg-5th grade

Nora Meyer--6th grade
Mariah Arneson--7th grade
Brianna Kruser--8th grade
Taylor Gile--10th grade
Johnny Ray Hansen--11th grade
Christian Koepnick--12th grade

Interested in finding out what the Destination Imagination program is all about?

It is a creative problem solving team competition and much much more.

To see first hand, join us for **DI Parent Night**
Monday, March 1, 2010
6:30 p.m.
Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

All five of our district’s teams will be performing their challenge-live! This is great practice for participants for the “real thing” at the end of the month! The “show” starts at 6:30. Teams will also be performing a live “instant challenge”.

The Regional Exhibit was on display at the Area Community Theatre (ACT), 907 Kilbourn Avenue, in Tomah, WI. The show will be up from February 5th through March 2nd. The reception was on Friday, February 5.



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From the Superintendent
 Open Enrollment
 Beginner Band Parent Meeting
 Relay For Life
 Celebrate West Salem
 4K & Kindergarten Registration
 Scholarship
 Taco & Nacho Night!
 8th Grade Spaghetti Supper
 Student Article
 Mayfair - 5/2/10 - Looking for Artists
 Heider Center Events & Gallery Display
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Thank you so much to so many for making the Wind Symphony performance at the National Band Association conference in WI Rapids on January 22nd possible.

- To the music staff of West Salem School District both current and past: without your early influence and teaching, the level of performance at the high school would not be possible.
- To administration and school boards: without your backing and support the music program could not thrive as it does.
- To the coaches and teams who suffered without some members on Friday night for your practices and competitions: without your flexibility we would not have been able to represent this community to our fullest potential.
- To Amy Hanson for letting us use the choir gowns.
- To Charlottes Bridal for giving us an awesome discount on the tuxes.
- To the parents of our music students: your support at this concert and the last many years makes this program possible.
- And here comes the cliché'....last but not least to the students: this honor is not owned by the 50 who went and represented WSHS but belongs to all in the music program currently and all of the members past. The bar gets set a little higher every year and somehow you continually jump over it. You amaze us and we are truly blessed and honored to be a part of your great organization!

Dave Kies and Kelli Martin

Current Resident
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There will be school on Friday, March 19, 2010,
 since school was cancelled on December 9, 2009.

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