August 2018



# Newsletter

**School District of West Salem** 

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# Letter from Superintendent

# **Troy Gunderson**

#### Welcome Back!

As another memorable summer for our school district comes to a close, we find ourselves more excited than ever for the return of our students and staff. The renovations to our middle school remain on schedule. The dramatic reconfiguration and total update of this facility has created an attractive, modern, and impressive building. Opening day for students and staff will be one for the history books.

Speaking of our new middle school, district residents will be invited in for tours as part of a dedication and open house scheduled for Saturday, September 22. Please plan to attend!

From an operational standpoint, the summer hiring process is nearly complete, our auditors are scheduled to arrive in late July, and budget planning continues daily. Oddly, summer is the busiest time of the year in the district office - we are especially excited about the return of students and staff.

Finally, while on a recent tour of our many construction projects, a group of school board members and I noticed just how spectacular our new campus will be when the various projects are complete. We are so fortunate to live in such a wonderful community. Thank you for your generous support of your public schools!

#### **Bus Driver Wanted**

The School District is West Salem looking for individuals who are interested in becoming a bus driver. Applicants must have good communication skills, good interpersonal skills, and the ability to work with people of all ages. This is not just a part time job, rather, it is a meaningful way to contribute to our school system and support our children. Qualified applicants will receive all the necessary training and support to obtain the proper license. Please visit the school website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and click "Employment Opportunities" or stop at the district office for an application.

# Calendar of Events August

#### **Athletic Events**

#### Friday, August 10, 2018

12:00pm Football: C-Team, JV and Varsity

Scrimmage vs. Baldwin-Woodville Area

School District, Central & Mauston

@ West Salem High School

#### Saturday, August 11, 2018

9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Aquinas,

Black River Falls & Luther

@ UW-La Crosse

#### Monday, August 13, 2018

10:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational vs.

Aquinas, Central, Logan, Middleton,

& Verona @ Central High School

#### Thursday, August 16, 2018

10:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational

vs. Altoona, Baldwin-Woodville Area School District, East Troy, Mondovi,

New Richmond & Whitewater

@ Altoona High School

#### Friday, August 17, 2018

10:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational

vs. Altoona, Baldwin-Woodville Area School District, East Troy, Mondovi,

New Richmond & Whitewater

@ Altoona High School

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Arcadia

@ Arcadia High School

#### Saturday, August 18, 2018

10:00am Volleyball: JV & Varsity Scrimmage vs.

Logan @ La Crosse Logan High School

#### Monday, August 20, 2018

5:00pm Football: JV Game vs. Bangor

@ Bangor High School

5:30pm Football: C-Team Game vs. Adams/

Friendship @ West Salem Elementary

School

#### Tuesday, August 21, 2018

9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Game vs. Westosha

Central & Whitewater

@ Whitewater High School

#### Thursday, August 23, 2018

9:00am Volleyball: JV & Varsity Invitational

vs. Augusta, Blair-Taylor, Boscobel, Cadott, Clear Lake, Cochrane Fountain

City, Cuba City, Cumberland, G-E-T,

9:00am Ladysmith, Middleton, Mineral Point, Northwestern, Onalaska,

Richland Center, Sparta, & Stratford

Webster, Westby Area MS

@ Omni Center

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Tomah

@ West Salem High School

5:00pm, Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Tomah

@ West Salem Elementary School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Tomah

@ West Salem Elementary School

#### Friday, August 24, 2018

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. G-E-T

@ G-E-T High School

#### Saturday, August 25, 2018

10:00am Cross Country: JV/Varsity Invitational

vs. Aquinas, Boscobel, Central, G-E-T, Luther, Onalaska, Providence Academy

Sparta @ Maple Grove Country Club

10:00am Soccer: Boys Varsity Game vs. Prairie du Chien @ Bluff View Middle School

Monday, August 27, 2018

1:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Holmen

@ Holmen

5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. G-E-T

@ West Salem High School

#### Tuesday, August 28, 2018

4:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Holmen

@ Holmen High School

5:30pm Volleyball: C-Team Match vs. Viroqua

@ Viroqua High School

5:45pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Holmen

@ Holmen High School

6:00pm Volleyball: JV Match vs. Viroqua

@ Viroqua High School

7:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Viroqua

@ Viroqua High School

#### Thursday, August 30, 2018

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Luther

@ Gullickson Courts

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Aquinas

@ West Salem Elementary School

5:30pm Football: C-Team Game vs. Arcadia

@ West Salem High School

6:00pm Volleyball: C-Team & JV Match vs.

Luther @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Aquinas

@ West Salem Elementary School

7:30pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Luther

@ West Salem High School

#### Friday, August 31, 2018

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Tomah

@ West Salem High School

## 2018-2019 Registration Informationand Reminders

#### **Elementary School**

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Elementary 4K through 4th grade students will start August 1st. If you are unable to register online, an in-house registration will be held on Tuesday, **August 14th**, from noon to 7:00 p.m. Computers will be available to complete your online registration.

On August 14th during in-house registration, Lifetouch will be here to take student pictures. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

\*2018-2019 School Supply Lists are posted on the District website\*

#### 4K

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1st, 2018, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so. There is a morning and an afternoon session of 4K offered Monday through Thursday each week.

#### Kindergarten

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 1st, 2018, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so.

#### **Middle School**

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Middle 5th-8th grade students will start August 1st. If you are unable to register online, in-house registration will be held on Monday, **August 13th** and Tuesday, **August 14th**, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Lifetouch will also be available to take student photos at this time. Please plan on attending! Computers will be available to complete your online registration. Students will be able to pick up their locker info, and 6th-8th grade students will receive their schedules at this time as well.

#### **Band Camp**

All band and color guard students in 7th & 8th grade will have required marching band camp **August 22** from 1:00-5:00 p.m., and **August 23-24** from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the new middle school band room. Please dress comfortably for outside marching. Students must also wear socks and athletic shoes. Come prepared with a water bottle.

#### **Middle School Orientation**

**6th Grade** - August 20, 2018, 8:15-12:15 **5th Grade** - August 21, 2018, 8:15-12:15 In the Middle School Gym

Wear comfy clothes (no skirts) and don't bring all your stuff...travel light!

The purpose of this orientation day is to make the transition from elementary school to middle school a positive one. Eighth graders will be serving as leaders and mentors to the sixth graders. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner.

We can't wait to meet your child!

The WEB Coordinators,

Heather Jehn, Alyssa Jarosh, & Ben Tashner

# 2018-2019 Registration Informationand Reminders

#### **High School**

High school registration and laptop distribution will be held Tuesday, **August 14th** from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the high school commons. Lifetouch will also be here to take school photos during registration. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending!

Freshman orientation will take place on Wednesday, **August 22nd** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will be followed by their day at the school forest on Thursday, **August 30th** from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Link Leader training will take place **August 20-21st** from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and **August 29th** during evening hours to be determined.

# Instructions for Making a Payment

Log in to Skyward Family Access

Select "Food Service" or "Fee Management" from "General Information menu on the left

- For **Food Service**, view balance and select "*Make Online Payment*"
- For **Fee Management**, select "*Make Online Payment*" and select which fee(s) to apply the payment to by clicking on the corresponding "*Pay Charge*" box

Click on the Update payment amount button

Enter the amount you want to pay, Click on update cart

**Enter payment amount** and select "**Pay with Vendor**" and follow the steps to finish your transaction

#### **Online Fees & Payments**

The West Salem School District provides parents an easy way to add money to your student's food service account and to pay for school-related fees. These payments can be made through Skyward Family Access. We are contracted with RevTrak, a national credit card payment processor, to provide a secure site for making payments.

Parents can make payments online while on their home or work computer, anytime of the day. Avoid waiting in long lines at registration and pay your fees online! As a bonus, throughout the month of August, all transaction fees are waived when using RevTrak.

Parents can make payments online anytime of the day. If your student's food service balance is low, it only takes a few minutes to add money to it by using your VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card. Payments are made through the student's Skyward Family Access account. A link to Family Access can be found on the school district's website at http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

To make online payments the parent will need:

- 1. MasterCard, Discover or VISA (Debit or Credit card) card number and expiration date
- 2. Skyward Family Access Login and Password

Payments made through Family Access will immediately be posted to the student's food service account. All credit card statements will show the payment has been made to the West Salem School District.

# 2018-2019 Health Information and Reminders

#### **Medication at School**

Pink medication forms, which are available at all clinics and will be available at registration, are required for the following:

- All prescription medications that need to be given during school, including inhalers carried by students (must be signed by the parent and the physician).
- All over the counter medications that my need to be given during school (must be signed by the parent)

State statue and school district policy do not permit any prescription medications to be given at school without a written statement signed by the physician and the parent or guardian. This includes the use of inhalers for students with asthma. (Students may not use or carry an inhaler without written permission from their physician.) Medication needs to be in its original container and properly labeled. Please do not send medication in a baggie or an unlabeled bottle, as it cannot be given.

A new medication form is needed each time the medication is changed, and a new one is needed for each school year. A separate medication form is needed for each medication and for each child. If you feel your child may need any over the counter medication during the school year, it must be supplied by the parent/guardian. Substances that are not FDA approved (i.e. natural products, food supplements) will require the written instruction of a medical practitioner and written consent from the student's parent or guardian.

# Student Immunization Law Age & Grade Requirements 2018-2019 School Year

#### 2 Years through 4 years:

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 3 polio, 1MMR, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella\*

#### Grades K and 1:

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella\*

Grades 2 through 5 and 7 through 12: 4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR, 3 Hep B

#### **Grade 6:**

DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR

\*Varicella is the chickenpox vaccine. Chickenpox disease history is also acceptable.

Any student not up to date by the 30th day of school may be excluded from school by state statute. What you need to do to avoid exclusion is:

- Provide school with month, day and year of the required immunizations
- Have your child immunized
- Sign a waiver (available from School Nurse office)

# 2018-2019 School Nutrition Information

#### 2018-2019 School Nutrition Prices

Breakfast	<b>Full Pay</b>	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$1.65	FREE
Middle	\$1.85	FREE
High	\$2.00	FREE
Adult	\$2.25	N/A

\*Extra Entrees are offered at the Middle and High Schools only - \$1.55. Extra Entrees are not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and require funds in the account in order to purchase.

Lunch	<b>Full Pay</b>	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$2.65	\$0.40
Middle	\$2.85	\$0.40
High	\$3.00	\$0.40
Adult	\$4.25	N/A

\*Extra Entrees are offered at the Middle and High Schools only - \$2.55. Extra Entrees are not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and requires funds in the account in order to purchase.

Milk Break	<b>Full Pay</b>	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$0.35	\$0.35

\*Milk Break is not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and requires funds in the account in order to purchase.

Ala Carte	<b>Full Pay</b>	Free/Reduced
Milk or Juice	\$0.50	\$0.50

\*ala carte milk or juice is not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and requires funds in the family food service account in order to purchase.

# 2018-2019 Free & Reduced Application Information

Free and Reduced Meal Applications for the 2018-2019 school year are now being accepted. Applications can be downloaded from the District website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us, by going to "Our District" > District Information > School Nutrition. They may also be picked up at any building main office, or mailed/emailed to your home by contacting the Director of Nutrition Services, Kerri Feyen at the District Office at 608-786-3078 or feyen.kerri@wsalem.k12.wi.us.

Applications are also available online by accessing Skyward Family Access - Food Service tab. Income guidelines do apply. Those on FoodShare with valid case numbers and those receiving Badgercare may qualify automatically. Letters for qualifying families are mailed to the Parent/Guardian(s)s on file.



#### TRANSPORTATION

Just a friendly reminder to all motorists per Wisconsin State Statue 346.48 "The operator of a vehicle which approaches from the front or rear of any school bus which has stopped on a street or highway when the bus is equipped according to s.347.25 (2) and when it is displaying flashing red warning lights, shall stop the vehicle not less than 20 feet from the bus and shall remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the operator extinguishes the red warning lights. This subsection does not apply to operators of a vehicle proceeding in the opposite direction on a divided highway."

## **Emergency Radio Stations for school delay or closing information**

WIZM - 1410 A.M.	WLFN - 1490 A.M.
Z-93 - 93.3 F.M.	WKBH - 100.1 F.M.
WRQT - 95.7 F.M.	WFBZ - 105.5 F.M.
WKTY - 580 A.M.	WCOW - 97.1 F.M.
KCLH - 94.7 F.M.	WKLJ - 1290 A.M.
KQEG - 102.7 F.M.	WXOW - TV-19
WLXR - 104.9 F.M.	WKBT - TV-8
WQCC - 106.3 F.M.	

## DRIVERS AND ASSIGNED VEHICLES

A. Tauscher	#1
S. Tauscher	#2
K. Morgan	#7
C. Freit	
R. Erickson	
E Manke	
C. Norman	
K. Bina	
C. Kotek	
J. Hentges	
B. Vick	
J. Antony	
V. McVey	
B. Hanson	
B. Kortbein	
C. Berg	
T. Lord	
C. Bockenfeld	
J. Every	Para

All students catching buses at VILLAGE stops should be at those stops by 7:20. Drop-off in the evening will be carried out by the same bus and will range from 3:20-3:40. For the first few weeks, many changes are possible due to child distribution and other factors. Please be patient!

#### Warnings!

Please! Parents, talk to your child about bus safety and frequently reinforce these cautions.

- Always go 10-12 feet out in front of the gate of the bus to cross the road!!
- Never cross in front of that bus unless the driver has given permission, and then only upon the driver's directions.
- Tell your children NEVER to crawl under a bus or to duck under gate in front of the bus. If an item is dropped, talk to the driver. Get his or her attention! Wait for his or her instructions! Please, parents, help us protect your children.

#### **School Policy For Students**

Food and beverage shall not be consumed on the regular school bus route. This includes ice cream. On special trips and field trips, eating and drinking shall be left to the discretion of the supervising adult.

\*\*NOTE: If you live in a coulee or on a road where the bus makes a turn-around at the end and again passes by your home, we will pick-up or drop-off in almost all instances on the side of the road your home is on. The only time this may not occur is for a safety reason. Those types of situations will be looked at and evaluated as they come up.

#### **Co-curricular Transportation Policy**

We again would like to call attention to a portion of the school policy. When students are on trips of any nature, parents may pick up only their child for the return trip home. State statutes dictate that transporting vehicles must pass a state inspection periodically in order to be licensed to transport students. We allow parents to take their own child, but due to this statute, we cannot release any other student. Also, we emphasize that only parents or legal guardians may transport students, not friends!

#### STUDENTS RIDING BUSES #1 - #10 - #21

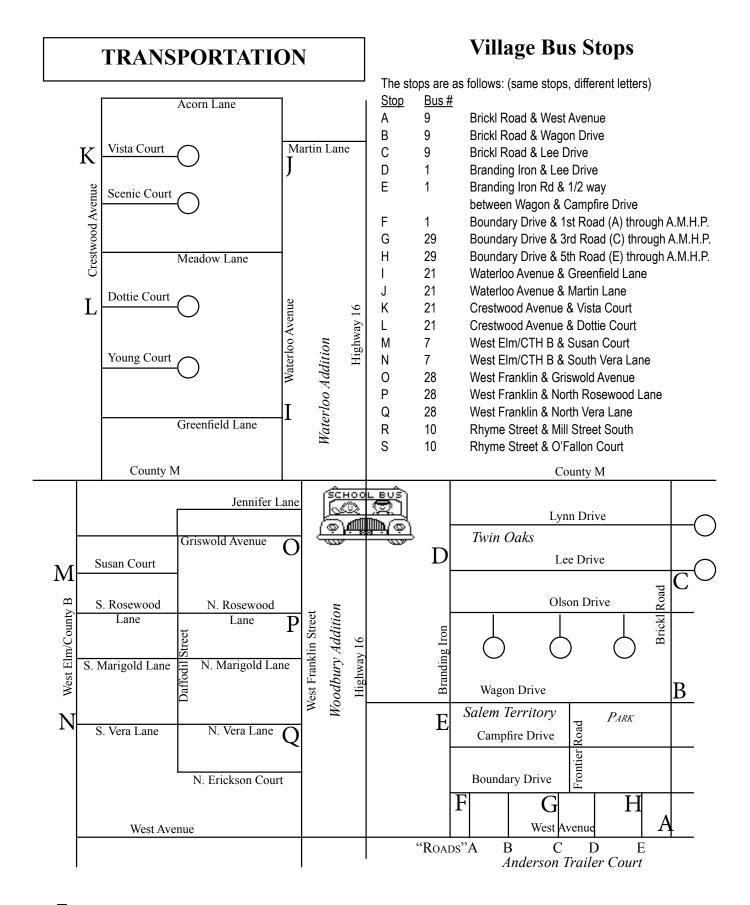
These buses will be running 2 routes in the A.M. and 2 routes in the P.M., same as last school year.

A.M. "Route 1" will be picking up out-oftown students and dropping at school at 7:20 a.m.

A.M. "Route 2" will be picking up intown students between 7:25-7:35 a.m.

P.M. "Route 1" will be dropping off intown students between 3:25-3:35 p.m. and then return to school to pick up route 2 students.

P.M. "Route 2" will be dropping off outof-town students.



This plan will be on trial for the first few weeks and changes may have to be made.

All K-12 students that plan on riding a bus different from their own MUST have a Rider Permission Form, shown below, signed by their parent or guardian to give to the bus driver. This ensures the safety of all of our students. Students that do not have the form will not be allowed to ride a different bus.

If you need additional forms, they are available at each school, as well as on the website at the following link: http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/our-district/district-information/transportation/forms-resources Thank you for your cooperation!

Bus Rider Permission Form	<b>Bus Rider Permission Form</b>
On I give permission to my child,  (Date)	On I give permission to my child
(Student's Full Name) (Grade)	(Student's Full Name) (Grade)
To ride bus # with (Student they are riding with)	To ride bus # with (Student they are riding with)
Reason:	Reason:
(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)	(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)
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Reason:	Reason:
(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)	(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

#### West Salem Students <u>Honor Their Tea</u>cher

On Saturday, July 21, twenty students from WSMS and WSHS, along with Mrs. Olson and their coach Lori Hammes, competed in the annual Big Blue Dragon Boat Races to honor their teacher Krista Beron, who passed away in December after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Team Beron took 1st place in the youth division, and they were also able to be a part of a very moving survivor's ceremony in which pink carnations were placed onto the water to honor those who have both beat and lost their battle with breast cancer. We are very proud of these girls for the way they represent West Salem and "serve with passion!"







### **District Announcements**



### **WSHS Trap Team Competes at Nationals**

In just their first year of existence, the WSHS Trapshooting Team has achieved some impressive accomplishments. The team placed 3rd in the state tournament in June and 49th in the nation out of over 400 teams at the national tournament in Mason, MI in July. The team at nationals consisted of Evan Rowe, Ryan Nickles, Jesse Loging, Trent Perrett and Dylan Liethen, with Hunter Komay and Sam Klein as alternates. Rowe placed 84th, and Nickles and Loging placed in the top 300 out of over 2000 athletes. Coach Paul Liethen said, "I'm so proud of these student athletes! They helped each other when they were down, and lifted themselves to achieve something that was very unlikely for a first year team." They would like to thank the School District of West Salem, the West Salem Rod & Gun Club, the Community of West Salem, and the athletes' parents for all of their support this season. Congrats!

#### Transcript Information

\*Are you transferring to a different college or do you need a copy of your high school transcript?\*

WSHS graduates that need a transcript can request one online, or print out an official transcript request form by going to the Student Services page on the district website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

# 2018-2019 New Student Enrollment

Enrollment for new students can be completed at the District Office, 405 E. Hamlin St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit our website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us or call the District Office at (608)-786-0700.

The West Salem School District prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the Pupil Services Director at (608) 786-0700. To file a complaint of discrimination write to: Eric Jensen, Pupil Services Director at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669 or call 608-786-0700. The West Salem School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

#### **School Board Members**

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield~~~~~799-5313
Syl Clements~~~~~~~~~~ 786-1491
Jane Halverson ~~~~~~~~~ 786-1067
Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~~~~~ 786-4382
Catherine Griffin ~~~~~~~~~ 769-1714
Tom Grosskopf ~~~~~~~~~ 386-0168
Robin Fitzgerald~~~~~~~~~792-4130

## **District Announcements**

## Heider Center



#### **Individual Show Tickets**

Tickets for all Heider Center shows for the 2018-2019 season will go on sale Monday, August 27th at noon. Also, new this year, you will be able to purchase show tickets online 24/7 at our website, www.heidercenter.org

#### **Art Gallery**

Narrative of My Life in Art by Margaret Ewert Runs September 4-30, 2018

#### **Display Cases**

Woodcrafts by Les Display runs September 4-30, 2018

#### **Art Reception**

Thursday, September 20, 2018 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Box Office (608) 786-2550 Monday: Noon to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday: Noon to 4:00 p.m. Friday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.

www.heidercenter.org

### Family Archery Shoot

Looking for a fun new activity to try this summer? Join us for a Family Archery Shoot at the OEC!

When: Saturday, August 25th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Who: The shoot is open to children ages 8-16, but a parent or guardian must be present.

Cost: The event is free and open to the public, however, donations to help maintain the OEC are encouraged.

Equipment Needed: There are a small amount of bows available for public use, but if you have your own, we strongly encourage you to bring it. We hope to see you there!



## **Nearing the Finish Line!**

Construction on campus continues, with the middle school renovations almost completed, and the new sports complex, multi-purpose events

center and auto lab renovations underway. After a little over a year of construction, the new middle school will be open and ready for students on the first day of classes of the 2018-2019 school year. Our sports facilities on both ends of campus are also taking shape. The football field and track are ready to go after last year's renovations and Panther football will return to their home field beginning Friday, August 31 at 7 p.m. The new tennis center on the north side of campus is almost complete and the pit of our new gymnastics center and

plumbing for the multi-purpose events center are currently being installed. Shaping of the new softball fields is also being completed. Crews also broke ground on the auto lab addition just a few weeks ago. We can't wait for our students and staff to be able to use these wonderful facilities!





## Free Summer Lunches

Free summer lunches for kids 18 and under will continue to be served Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. until August 16th at Village Park and Anderson Mobile Home Park #218. Meals are served by Feed Our Children from Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



## **Community Events**



# Stuff The Bus with school supplies

Saturday August 18th, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Hansen's IGA West Salem

Drop off your donations and purchase a Pork Chop/Brat Sandwich



Thank you for your support.
All supplies and books
collected will benefit

- \*West Salem School District,
- \*Christ Lutheran School
- \*Coulee Christian School

Check out NEW School Supply List www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

WEST SALEM & BARRIE CO-ED LIONS CLUBS www.wisconsinlions.org

#### West Salem High School Blood Drive

Library 405 E Hamlin West Salem, WI 54669

Tuesday, August 14 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM

To make an appointment please call 608-609-0385 or register online at redcrossblood.org

Walk-Ins Welcome!

Sponsored by: West Salem High School National Honor Society

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App







# Community Blood Drive

Thursday, August 16, 2018 West Salem Presbyterian Church 625 W. Franklin St. 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Contact Connie Blunck at 786-0684 for more information or to make an appointment







#### School District of West Salem

#### School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 25, 2018 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

#### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's 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 June 21, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag Ken Schlimgen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ben Wopat recited the District Mission Statement.

#### Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Robin Fitzgerald, Eric Jensen, Ryan Rieber, Lisa Gerke.

#### Approval of Agenda

Ken Schlimgen moved, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton reported on:

1. The high school summer musical "Bye Bye Birdie" was performed this past weekend.

Dagan Hemker reported on:

1. The high school legion baseball held a tournament his past weekend.

Correspondence - None.

Public comments - None.

#### Written and Oral Reports

District performance reports by David McPheeters, Shawn Handland, Rick Kline, Kerri Feyen, Barb Buswell, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: The resignation of district office/ accounts payable/school nutrition administrative assistant Ashley Johnson; the hiring of George Villarreal as a part-time custodian.

#### Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2018; the invoices to be paid; hiring Krista Mead as a .625 FTE elementary teacher, Nicole Finch as a .35 FTE elementary art teacher, and Lisa Andresen as a 1.0 FTE special education teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve hiring Deanna Wiatt as the Director of Instruction, pending release from her current contract. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to remove from the table, review bids and select contractor for auto lab project. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Grosskopf arrived at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the

original bid #1 from Market & Johnson and include Alternates #1, #2 and #3 for a final total of \$819,839. Motion carried unanimously.

Charging students to participate in co-curricular activities. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to rescind the previous motion to schedule a Special District Meeting on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the middle school co-curricular alterations for the 18-19 school year as resented. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the high school requests for co-curricular alterations for the 18-19 school year.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the request for additional school nutrition staff as presented.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the request to sell 3 buses and 1 van as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the 17-18 budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson 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 the mid-year evaluation of the superintendent; and (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 possible sale of district land, possible purchase of additional land, and financial negotiations with the West Salem Hockey Association.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:16 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk

#### **School District of West Salem**

#### **School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 9. 2018 Marie Heider Meeting Room** 5:30 p.m.

#### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's 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 July 5.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag Eric Jensen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Catherine Griffin recited the District Mission Statement.

#### Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance - Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Justin Jehn, Michael Johnson, Lisa Gerke, Rachel Newton, and Dagan Hemker.

#### Approval of Agenda

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

#### Meal break and social

The Board and administrators took a short meal and social break because of the early start to the meeting.

Connection with the Community Correspondence - None.

Public comments - None.

Written and Oral Reports - None.

#### Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2018; the invoices to be paid; and hire Lindsay Becker as a 1.0 FTE Elementary School Counselor. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to adopt academic standards for the 2018-19 school year: Wisconsin Academic Standards. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Retreat:

The purpose of this meeting is to build consensus among the board members and the

administration. An open discussion took place on a number of topics including reviewing the primary responsibilities of the School Board, Board agenda development, hiring of leadership, Strategic Planning, and referendum to exceed the revenue limit.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk

#### Hiking the Ice Age Trail

As part of a new backpacking class offered by Mr. Jones and Mr. Baker during summer school, 18 students from WSMS had the opportunity to hike 40 miles of the Ice Age Trail in Northern Wisconsin from July 31st-August 3rd. Before taking off for their hike, they prepared by practicing lots of skills they would need out on the trail. They hiked down to Lake Neshonoc numerous times to practice filtering water, setting up tents, and starting fires. In addition, they spent time learning how to work together as a

group and utilize various survival skills. Once they were out on the trail, far away from many of the modern conveniences they are used to, students were expected to carry their own gear for up to 15 miles a day, and then help with camp life in the evenings. It was a great opportunity for them to learn about Wisconsin's glacial history, build their leadership skills and test their mental toughness. Due to large interest from students, Jones and Baker plan to offer this class every year during summer school.







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