

December 2016



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

Thanks, Praise, and Progress

On November 8th, school district voters approved of two school district referenda questions requesting permission to borrow money in order to finance a series of repairs and improvements to our campus. On behalf of the entire school district community, I offer our appreciation to the more than 5,470 residents who voted in the election on November 8th. We offer our promise to work tirelessly to create the very best facilities for our kids and to ensure the very best value for our community. Thanks!

Speaking of value, the recently released state report card revealed the School District of West Salem to be the top performing school district in CESA#4. We were the only school district in CESA #4 to achieve the lofty status of “Significantly Exceeds Expectations.” Further examination of the data reveals our district to be in the top 54 out of 431 school districts in Wisconsin with respect to academic performance. When combined with the Wisconsin Tax Payers Alliance report indicating our school district is the third lowest spending district in CESA #4 and in the bottom 45 out of 431 school districts in Wisconsin in per pupil expenditures, it appears our school district offers a great

value. More succinctly, top 12% in performance combined with bottom 10% in cost equals great value for students, parents, and taxpayers. Praise!

Your 2016 property tax bill will arrive from your municipality in December. Please look closely at the comparison between the 2015 net school tax and the 2016 net school tax. You should notice an approximate decrease of 7.5%. As noted in the recent referendum-related communication, the tax levy decrease is primarily the result of state-imposed revenue limits and our expanding tax base. Praise!

In other news, the project at our transportation facility is nearly finished. With final touches to be wrapped up by December 1st, this facility is set to serve our drivers and their buses just in time for another Wisconsin winter. Work continues on the swimming pool facility with general construction of the pool house currently underway. Grand opening is set for early June. Progress!

November of 2016 will be remembered as a milestone month for the School District of West Salem.

We reached consensus regarding our facility issues with two successful referenda questions, outperformed all other school districts in CESA #4 on the recently released state report card, sent out lower property tax bills than were issued the previous year, completed renovations to our transportation facility, and started work on the new pool house. Progress!

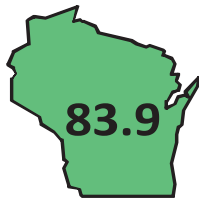
On behalf of the entire school district, I offer our appreciation and congratulations to the many wonderful employees who “Serve with Passion...” everyday in our school district. They are the heroes who get the job done. I also offer our gratitude to the residents of our school district for your generous support of public education. You are the supporters who make it happen. Thanks and Praise!

FINAL - PUBLIC REPORT - FOR PUBLIC RELEASE



West Salem District Report Card | 2015-16 | Summary

Overall Score



Significantly Exceeds Expectations

Overall Accountability Ratings	Score
Significantly Exceeds Expectations	83-100 ★★★★★
Exceeds Expectations	73-82.9 ★★★★☆
Meets Expectations	63-72.9 ★★★☆☆
Meets Few Expectations	53-62.9 ★★☆☆☆
Fails to Meet Expectations	0-52.9 ★☆☆☆☆

Priority Areas

	District Score	Max Score	State Score	Max Score
Student Achievement	76.5/100	100	67.5/100	100
English Language Arts (ELA) Achievement	38.4/50	50	33.6/50	50
Mathematics Achievement	38.2/50	50	33.9/50	50
Student Growth	99.2/100	100	66.0/100	100
English Language Arts (ELA) Growth	49.2/50	50	33.0/50	50
Mathematics Growth	50.0/50	50	33.0/50	50
Closing Gaps	75.9/100	100	60.8/100	100
English Language Arts (ELA) Achievement Gaps	37.0/50	50	16.7/25	25
Mathematics Achievement Gaps	38.9/50	50	16.2/25	25
Graduation Rate Gaps	NA/NA	NA	27.9/50	50
On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness	91.4/100	100	86.6/100	100
Graduation Rate	37.8/40	40	36.4/40	40
Attendance Rate	38.4/40	40	37.0/40	40
3rd Grade English Language Arts (ELA) Achievement	8.0/10	10	6.8/10	10
8th Grade Mathematics Achievement	7.2/10	10	6.4/10	10

Student Engagement Indicators

Test Participation Lowest Group Rate (goal ≥95%)	NA
Absenteeism Rate (goal <13%)	Goal met: no deduction
Dropout Rate (goal <6%)	Goal met: no deduction

Total Deductions: 0

NA
Goal met: no deduction
Goal met: no deduction

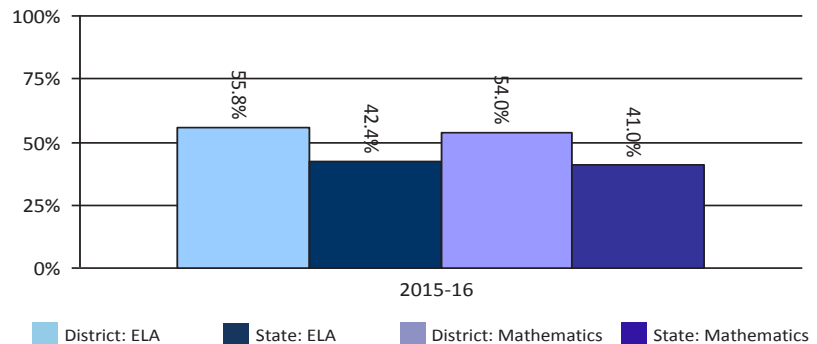
District Information

Grades	K4-12
Enrollment	1,783
Within District Mobility	0.0%
Between District Mobility	1.2%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.7%
Asian	1.2%
Black or African American	1.0%
Hispanic/Latino	2.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
White	92.5%
Two or More Races	1.9%
<i>Student Groups</i>	
Students with Disabilities	10.8%
Economically Disadvantaged	22.6%
Limited English Proficient	0.4%

Wisconsin Student Assessment System Percent Proficient and Advanced

Includes Forward Exam (grades 3-8), ACT (grade 11) and Dynamic Learning Maps (grades 3-8 and 11).

State proficiency rate is for all tested grades: 3-8 and 11



Notes: Overall Accountability Score is an average of Priority Area Scores, minus Student Engagement Indicator deductions. The average is weighted differently for districts that cannot be measured with all Priority Area Scores, to ensure that the Overall Accountability Score can be compared fairly for all districts. Accountability Ratings do not apply to Priority Area Scores. Details can be found at <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

District Announcements

Heider Center



Art Gallery:
West Salem Community Art Show, December 1-29, 2016
Reception: Thursday, December 8th 6pm - 7:30pm

Next Performance:
Lawn and Disorder - Comedy
“Life is mess. Laughed about it.” is your house a disaster? Is your yard a disgrace? Is your family crazy? Great! Join comedians Karen Morgan and Jim Colliton for a hilarious show about life as we know it. This show is full of clean comedy for adults.



Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:30pm
Tickets: \$24/\$22

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



West Salem Community Care and Share Food Pantry

Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to noon
Location: Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Serving: Communities of West Salem, Bangor, Rockland, and Mindoro



High School Art Student of the Month: Sabrina MacRogers

The West Salem Art Department is proud to announce that Sabrina MacRogers is the Art Student of the Month for November. Sabrina is a talented artist who explores with many different types of media, creating art that is fresh, new and unique. Her work will be in the Heider Center throughout the month of December, along with the West Salem Community Art Show. There will be a public reception for all artwork on Thursday, December 8th from 6-7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by the West Salem Fine Arts Board.



Harvest of the Month

December Carrots

Fun Fact: Carrots were originally grown as medicine and not food.

Donations for Veterans

West Salem High School Senior Janna Seeger has organized a Senior Exit Project that benefits the Tomah VA Hospital. Along with volunteering her time at the VA Hospital, Janna has organized a donation drive. The drive started November 1st and will continue through December 7th. Items that are needed are: shampoo, body wash (no bar soap), shaving cream (alcohol free), coffee, and hot chocolate mix. These items can be dropped off at the West Salem High School in the commons area, West Salem American Legion Post 51, and West Salem's Hansen's IGA.

Kindergarten Registration/ Screening

4K registration will take place on Tuesday, February 2nd (for last names that start with A-L) and Thursday, February 7th (for last names that start with M-Z) from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

If you have a student who will be four-years-old by September 1, 2017, please join us.

Contact the elementary office at 786-1662 to pre-register.

Thank You

A special thank you goes out to WSHS Drum Major Nate Krien, Le Coulee Cheese Castle owner Nick Miller, and firefighter Francis Hollicky for ready to our students at the PTO/ Title 1 Celebrity Story Night!

Elementary School Announcements

PTO Math Night December 1st
6-7 p.m.

PTO Meeting December 8th in the library from 7-8 p.m.

District Announcements

Spanish II Dinner

The Spanish II Students will be hosting their annual Spanish dinner for their parent(s) or guardian(s) on Monday December 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school commons.

Students are required to bring a parent or guardian to the dinner to demonstrate what they have been learning about the foods, table settings, and dining etiquette in countries where Spanish is spoken.

Expect the dinner to last about two hours (set-up, meal, and clean-up). Our guests (parents and guardians) will be able to enjoy their meal while the students set-up, serve their prepared dishes, and clean-up. If you drive separately from your student, you may leave after eating your meal, but please understand that students are required to stay until their area is clean. Please note that this event is not open to the general public. It is for Spanish II students and invited guests only.

Ad for Grads/Friendship Ads

The Neshonoc Yearbook Ads for Grads program is a wonderful way to congratulate seniors on their accomplishments. The size options include anything from a full-page to an 1/8th page ad. The larger options provide more room for multiple photos and longer messages.

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

If interested please fill out the following form and turn it into the yearbook staff by Monday, January 9, 2017.

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

armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Graduate's Name: _____

Ad Size:

___ 1/8 (\$40) ___ 1/4 (\$65) ___ 1/2 (\$100) ___ Full page (\$185)

Message: _____

High School Music Programs Perform at Disney

179 students, 3 directors, 20 chaperones and 88 community members, for a total of 290 people, traveled to Disney to perform over Thanksgiving Break.

Different schools performed at various times throughout the day. Both the band and choir participated in several performances. On Friday, November 25, the choir participated in a candlelight processional with multiple shows. The band marched at Magic Kingdom on Wednesday, November 23.



Photo of Music Department

West Salem's music department went to Orlando, taking in Cocoa Beach/Ron Jon surf shop, Disney Springs, Universal Studios and Disneyworld. The bus ride itself was 26 hours!



Photo of Trip Chaperones

District Announcements

Want to become a sub? Now is your chance!



Subs are needed in the following areas:

- Teachers
- Custodians
- Paraprofessionals
- Secretarial
- Kitchen
- Bus Drivers (Will Train)

Interested? Stop by the District Office at 405 E. Hamlin St, West Salem, or call 608-786-0700, or apply online at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us.

Bus Drivers Needed!

We are looking for individuals with strong interpersonal skills who can transport students safely. We offer a fulfilling career in the transportation of our most precious cargo: students.

Individuals who are interested in becoming a member of the West Salem School District should be able to pass a required background check, DOT physical, and be able to obtain a CDL with a School Bus endorsement. Training and testing will be provided to qualified applicants.

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.

West Salem Community Fitness Center Hours

- Mon-Fri: 5:00 – 7:30 AM
- Mon-Thurs: 3:00 – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 3:00 – 7:00 PM
- Saturday: 8:00 – 11:00 AM
- Sunday: 4:00 – 7:00 PM

For more fitness center information, visit www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/community/fitness-center

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School Board Members

- Greg Brickl ~~~~~ 616-9921
- Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield~~~~~799-5313
- Syl Clements~~~~~ 786-1491
- Jane Halverson ~~~~~ 786-1067
- Ken Schlinggen ~~~~~ 786-4382
- Catherine Griffin ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf ~~~~~ 386-0168

Calendar of Events DECEMBER



Friday, Dec 16, 2016

- 6:00pm Basketball:Girls JV Game-Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 6:00pm Gymnastics:Girls JV/VARSITY Meet Onalaska @ Onalaska High School
- 7:30pm Basketball:Girls Varsity Game Westby Area HS @ Westby High School

Saturday, Dec 17, 2016

- 9:00am Wrestling:Boys Varsity Tournament Stoughton @ Alliant Energy Center
- 5:00pm Hockey:Boys JV Game vs. Baraboo @ West Salem Community Ice Arena
- 7:00pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game vs. Baraboo @ West Salem Community Ice Arena

Tuesday, Dec 20, 2016

- 6:00pm Basketball:Girls JV Game vs. @ WSHS
- 7:30pm Basketball:Girls Varsity Game vs. Adams/Friendship @ WSHS

Thursday, Dec 22, 2016

- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game vs. Bangor @ WSES
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game vs. Bangor @ WSHS
- 6:30pm Wrestling:Boys Varsity Match-West Salem-Bangor vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua HS
- 7:30pm Basketball:Boys Varsity Game vs. Bangor @ WSHS
- 7:30pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game-Aquinas @ Omni Center

Tuesday, Dec 27, 2016

- TBD Basketball:Boys JV Tournament vs. Hope Christian, , Sparta @ WSES
- TBD Basketball:Girls JV Tournament vs. Melrose-Mindoro,Tomah,Wrightstown@ WSES
- TBD Basketball:Boys Varsity Game vs. Hope Christian, Sparta @ WSHS
- TBD Basketball:Girls Varsity Game vs. Melrose-Mindoro, Tomah, Wrightstown @ WSHS

Wednesday, Dec 28, 2016

- TBD Basketball:Boys JV Tournament vs. Hope Christian, , Sparta @ WSES
- TBD Basketball:Girls JV Tournament vs. Melrose-Mindoro, Tomah, Wrightstown @WSES
- TBD Basketball:Boys Varsity Game vs. Hope Christian, Sparta @ WSHS
- TBD Basketball:Girls Varsity Game vs. Melrose-Mindoro, Tomah, Wrightstown @ WSHS
- 11:30am Hockey:Boys JV Game-Somerset @ Menomonie School
- 2:00pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game-Somerset @ Menomonie School

Thursday, Dec 29, 2016

- 9:00am Wrestling:Boys Varsity Tournament Holmen @ La Crosse
- 4:30pm Hockey:Boys JV Game Menomonie @ Menomonie School
- 7:00pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game-Menomonie @ Menomonie School

Friday, Dec 30, 2016

- 9:00am Wrestling:Boys Varsity Tournament Holmen @ La Crosse

For WSHS athletic events, visit our website:

**click Calendars and then*

**click Coulee Conference*

You can also set yourself up to receive automatic text or e-mail notifications for any of the activities listed OR subscribe to RSS.

Tuesday, Dec 6, 2016

- 5:30pm Hockey:Boys JV Game -La Crescent @ La Crescent
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game vs. Viroqua @ WSES
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game vs. Viroqua @ WSHS
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game vs. Viroqua @ WSHS
- 7:30pm Basketball:Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ WSHS
- 7:30pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game-La Crescent @ La Crescent High School

Thursday, Dec 8, 2016

- 5:00pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game-Onalaska @ Omni Center
- 6:00pm Basketball:Girls JV Game vs. Arcadia @ WSHS
- 6:00pm Wrestling:Boys Varsity Match @ La Crosse Aquinas High School
- 6:30pm Gymnastics:Girls JV/VARSITY Meet vs. Holmen, Viroqua @ WSES
- 7:30pm Basketball:Girls Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ WSHS
- 7:30pm Hockey:Boys JV Game-Aquinas @ Omni Center

Friday, Dec 9, 2016

- 5:30pm Hockey:Boys JV Game vs. Aquinas @ West Salem Community Ice Arena
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game vs. Tomah @ WSES
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game vs. Tomah @ WSHS
- 7:30pm Basketball:Boys Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ WSHS

Saturday, Dec 10, 2016

- 9:30am Wrestling:Boys Varsity Tournament Tomah @ Tomah HS
- 10:00am Gymnastics:Girls JV/VARSITY Meet Baraboo @ Baraboo High School

Tuesday, Dec 13, 2016

- 5:30pm Hockey:Boys JV Game vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem Community Ice Arena
- 6:00pm Basketball:Girls JV Game- Luther @ Luther High School
- 7:30pm Basketball:Girls Varsity Game Luther @ Luther High School
- 7:30pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ WSHS

Thursday, Dec 15, 2016

- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game-Arcadia @ Arcadia High School
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game Arcadia @ Arcadia High School
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game Arcadia @ Arcadia High School
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game-Arcadia @ Arcadia HS Main Gym
- 7:00pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game-La Crosse Central @ Green Island Ice Arena
- 7:30pm Basketball:Boys Varsity Game Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

School District of West Salem

Annual Budget Hearing

October 17, 2016

Marie Heider Meeting Room

6:30 p.m.

Convene
 President Syl Clements called the annual budget hearing of the School District of West Salem to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News on September 30 and October 14, 2016 and posted in the district office on October 12, 2016.

There were 11 district resident/voting members present at the meeting.

Board members present:
 Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Ken Schlingen, Greg Brickl, Jane Halverson, Tom Grosskopf, and Syl Clements.

Presentation and Explanation of the Budget
 Mr. Clements called on Superintendent Troy Gunderson who presented a report on the Funds and their balances, proposed 2016-17 budget, tax levy by municipality, annual levy/revenue limit/mill rate, revenues and expenses, long-term debt, Community Service Fund 80, and Post Retirement Trust account, Fund 73.

Expenditures	Actual 2015-16	Proposed 2016-17
General Fund (10)	18,221,317.02	18,657,749.00
Special Revenue Trust (21)	48,427.57	4,334.00
Special Education (27)	2,888,755.18	2,878,927.00
Non Referendum Debt Service (38)	345,685.96	485,221.06
Debt Service (39)	1,793,514.34	3,027,748.00
Long Term Capital Improvement Trust (46)	0.00	0.00
Capital Projects (49)	0.00	0.00
Food Service (50)	1,020,713.80	971,440.00
Private Benefit Trust (72)	17,698.18	11,000.00
Post Employment Trust Fund (73)	603,253.92	516,934.00

	Actual 2015-16	Proposed 2016-17
Community Service (80)	103,019.44	212,521.32
Property Tax Levy General Fund	5,603,336	5,719,914
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	577,073	80,990
Debt Service	1,812,200	1,900,000
Community Service Fund	109,500	109,500
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	8,102,109	7,810,404

Call for Adjournment
 There being no further business to come before the meeting, Ken Schlingen moved, Greg Brickl seconded to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jane Halverson, Clerk

School District of West Salem

School Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2016

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

Convene
 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Syl Clements. 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'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 October 20, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
 Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlingen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call
 Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlingen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat (7:10), Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, Davita Molling, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Paige Dunnun and Simon Buchanan. Re-

ording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Josh Mallicoat and Ryan Rieber.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. On Wednesday, October 19, the whole school district wore the color orange to support Unity Day. October is Bullying Prevention Month and Unity Day is a day for the community and schools to come together to unite against bullying and to teach students about the importance of compassion.
2. Last Thursday, the drama department put on a play entitled "The Night of the Living Dead". The performance was based off of the 1968 film in which seven people are trapped in an isolated farmhouse as a mysterious radiation transforms the undead into flesh eating zombies.
3. Also on Thursday, a debate took place in the Heider Center between Julian Bradley and Steve Doyle, candidates for the 94th Assembly District seat. Senior, Nick Schultz organized this event for his senior exit project.

Simon Buchanan reported on:

1. This past Friday the football team won their first playoff game over Nekoosa. The next playoff game will be this Friday, and they will play G-E-T.
2. The volleyball team is regional champions winning 3 games over Neillsville. Their sectional game will be at Merrill on Thursday.
3. The soccer lost their first playoff game last week at Dodgeville.

Mr. Clements presented Catherine Griffin her WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) Level I Certificate for demonstrating a high level of commitment to Wisconsin public school students by participating in WASB professional development opportunities.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Einor Olson family was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Board Grant Review Committee – Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield reported that the committee met and reviewed ten applications and is recommending awarding seven for a total of \$9,146.15.

Reports by Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Rick Kline, Kerri Feyen, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2016. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 0-Nay, 1-Abstain) Mrs. Griffin Abstained.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Open Enrollment requests for the 16-17 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the second semester Youth Options requests. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 0-Nay, 1-Abstain) Mrs. Griffin Abstained.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept multiple donations for the DECA Club in memory of Frances Koukol. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adopt the following:

Resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$2,000,000 for the operation of the schools of the district: \$1,000,000 on October 27, 2016, with an additional \$1,000,000 on November 28, 2016, with a payment of \$1,000,000 to be made on December 7, 2016, and the final payment of \$1,000,000 on January 23, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the 2016-17 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to set the 2016-17 school tax levy at \$7,837,479 with a mill rate of \$9.42. Motion carried unanimously.

Little Learners Day Care has officially informed the School District of West Salem that they do not want to renew the agreement to provide four-year-old kindergarten beyond the 16-17 school year. No action was taken.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to set the December board meeting date as Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the Board Grant Review Committee's recommendation to approve the Board Grants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to hire Eric Trautman as the part-time Fitness Center Director. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the administration's recommendation as follows: Elementary advisors – 5th Grade Choir, Lisa Jones; After School Art, Angie Hemker and Johnnyray Wildt; Council for Kids, Mary Czajka and Martha Burdick; Yearbook, Jamie Steinhoff; Odyssey of the Mind Leader, Angie Hemker. Middle school coaches – 7th grade boys' basketball head coach, Heather Jehn; 7th grade boys' basketball assistant coach, Janel Lochen; 8th grade boys' basketball co-coaches, Brett Thompson and Larissa Jacobsen; 8th grade girls' basketball head coach, Heather Jehn, 8th grade girls' basketball assistant coach, Janel Lochen; wrestling head coach, Tyler Shrake. High school advisors – DECA, Jason Holter; Drama Club-Rhonda Andres & Amy Hanson; Forensics, Kim Volden; Forensics Assistant, Andrea Armstrong; Freshman Class, Eric Borre; Play Director (1st & 2nd), Rhonda Andres; Play Assistant (1st & 2nd), Amy Hanson; Play Stage Manager, Dan Heerts; Play Tech Supervisor, Dan Heerts; Homecoming, Rhonda Andres, Quenten Brown, Laura Deal, Amy Hanson, and Eric Borre; Junior Class, Jason Holter & Kim Volden; Link Crew, Andrea Armstrong, Justin Jehn, Jamie Olson, and Missy Haas; Math Club, Chris Milne; Mock Trial, Kim Volden; Neshonoc, Andrea Armstrong; NHS, Jennifer Stenberg; Pep Club; Quiz Bowl, James Klos; Robotics, Erik Mathison; Robotics Assistant, Dave Halverson; Senior Class, Julie Arentz, Rhonda Andres, Laura Deal, and Rhonda Andres; Chorus, Amy Hanson; Colorguard, Kelli Martin; Jazz Band, Dave Kies; Marching Band, Dave Kies; Pep Band, Dave Kies; Show Choir Assistant, Kelli Martin; Show Choir, Amy Hanson; Skills USA, Paul Liethen; Sophomore Class, Jenna Umberger; Student Council, Maddie Vinzant & Jenna Umberger; Summer Musical Director, Amy Hanson; Summer Musical Instrumental, Dave Kies; Summer Musical Stage, Dan Heerts; Summer Musical Vocal, Rhonda Andres; Visual Arts Classic, Quenten Brown.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

School District of West Salem School Board Meeting Minutes October 24, 2016 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convener

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Syl Clements. 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'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 November 10, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Mallott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Davita Molling, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Paige Dunnum and Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. On November 5th, West Salem High School DECA and Interact club, along with many other West Salem students and community members, participated in iFeed - a one day event where dried meals are packed and shipped to countries with children in need. It also serves as a food drive to fill local food pantries.
2. As his Senior Exit Project, Wyatt Molling held a mock election at the high school, allowing students to receive a true voting experience. First graders were also able to participate in a simplified mock election, which included everything from ID checks to clerks registering voters.
3. Two weeks ago, the West Salem High School Youth Frontiers began a penny war to help the DeSoto schools recover from flooding. This competition between grades raised over \$2,800 and on December 2, the Youth Frontiers leaders will travel to De Soto High School and present students, staff, and community members with a check for flood relief.

Simon Buchanan reported on:

Fall 1st Team, 2nd Team, Honorable Mention and other awards.

Football: 1st Team: Adam Butzler - OL, Layne Anderson - OL, Layne Anderson - DL, Brendan Holt - LB; 2nd Team: Matt Bigley - LB, Alex Jeranek - LB, Brent Heilman - LB, Ryan Beirne - QB, Ryan Beirne - K; Honorable Mention: Gabe Lamon - RB, Nick Miller - DL; MVC Lineman of the Year - Layne Anderson; MVC Sportsmanship Award - Tyler LeDoux. Soccer: First year in the MVC, and we took 4th place. Nathan Belling and Simon Buchanan - 1st team, Joey Oldendorf - 2nd

team, Isaac Trocinski and Tony Weilandt - honorable mention. Isaac also received the MVC Sportsmanship award.

Volleyball (Coulee Conference): Kendra Clements - honorable mention, Carlie Burkhard, Abbie Niemeier, and Aunna Carlson - second team, Tianna Sackett and Maggie Lattos - first team, Maggie Lattos - Coulee Conference player of the year.

Cross Country: Kate Schroeder was an individual state qualifier and finished 25th out of 152 Division II runners. This was Kate's third appearance at state. She improved her time by almost a minute from last year's race and improved by 54 places.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the committee met and discussed the co-curricular schedule, survey, compensation and benefits, recruiting & training, and wellness.

Teaching and Learning Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported that the committee met and discussed the use of the new state report card, college readiness, kindness and compassion, and creativity and innovation.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met and discussed long-term finance strategy.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the meeting.

District Performance Initiatives updates by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

District Art Educators Quenten Brown and Angie Hemker shared a collaborative drawing project. The project included students in first grade and high school.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2016; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Three-In-One Construction for the Middle School Tech Ed Department, from Kmpfuhl, Inc and First Supply for the High School Robotics Team, and from the Knights of Columbus for the Special Education Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the STEP: Senior Tax Exchange Program, a program the district is thinking of starting which benefits retirees and the school district.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the 2017-18 school calendar as presented. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 2-Nay [Schlimgen/Brickl])

Mrs. Gerke left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the resignations of paraprofessional Leann Stuart and administrative assistant Abby Ferrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the request for a part-time special education paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the 2016-17 Miscellaneous Wage Rate revisions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Justin Running, middle school girls' basketball coach; Kelly Schams, high school gymnastics volunteer coach; Nathan Clements, assistant wrestling coach; and Scott Pirnstill, assistant boys' soccer coach. Motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent evaluation document will be e-mailed to the Board. The survey should be completed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25, 2016. The evaluation will be reviewed in closed session on November 28, 2016.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed long-term debt, financing strategy. The financial consultant will be at the November 28, 2016, Board Meeting.

Simon Buchanan left the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Jerry Schomberg & Brian Guthrie of Vantage Architects and Jeff Moorhouse of Paragon Associates were present to offer an overview of the district campus site and building projects schedule, plan/process, and development phase.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

April 4, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of West Salem on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members will begin on Monday, April 24, 2017.

Office	Incumbent	Term
School Board Member	Sylvester Clements	3 years-Expire April 26, 2020
School Board Member	Catherine Griffin	3 years-Expire April 26, 2020

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on January 3, 2017. These forms must be filed in the District Office, 405 East Hamlin Street, between the hours 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

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

Dated this 24th day of October 2016.
Jane Halverson, Clerk

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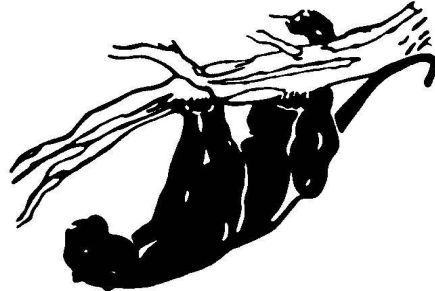
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