

January 2017



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

Happy New Year!

As the calendar pages turn to the start of another year, it is customary to both reflect on the events of the previous year and to forecast hopes and dreams for the year that lies ahead.

Looking back to 2016, the School District of West Salem enjoyed a number of significant achievements. Our students and staff earned the highest mark of any school district in our region on the district report cards released by the State of Wisconsin in November. District voters approved of four referenda questions – two in April and two in November - providing funding for repairs to our pool, bus garage, middle school, and outdoor facilities. And, the list of individual and group accomplishments by both students and staff is seemingly endless. We do great work!

Looking forward to 2017, we anticipate several months of planning and design work for the upcoming projects at our middle school and outdoor facilities. We hope to see actual construction work begin during the summer months. We eagerly anticipate the opening of our “new” swimming pool. The extensive renovations are scheduled for completion in May with a grand opening set for June. While the 2016 state report card offered cause for celebration, it also provided a road map for continued improvement as we strive for even better results moving forward. Speaking of results, we also anticipate completion of updates to our strategic plan offering a clearer set of additional markers and goals for monitoring our progress. Getting better every day!

The ushering in of a new year is also a time for gratitude and appreciation. We offer our appreciation to the many wonderful employees who serve the children, families and communities included in our school district. We have assembled a remarkable group of dedicated people who live our mission of "Serving with Passion" every single day – thank you! We offer our gratitude to our district residents who offer their support through kind words, volunteerism, donations, referendum participation, attendance at events, and school board service. Public

education requires a supportive public – well done West Salem!

Finally, the onset of a new year is also a time for excitement and hope. We are excited for another year's worth of opportunities to make a difference for our students, staff and community. We are hopeful of continuing to earn the trust, appreciation, and support of this wonderful community. Finally, we offer our hope that each member of our community enjoys a happy, healthy, safe, and productive new year!

Calendar of Events JANUARY

Tuesday, Jan 10, 2017

- 6:00pm Basketball:Girls JV Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 6:30pm Gymnastics:Girls JV/VARSITY Meet-Westby Area High School vs. West Salem-Aquinas @ WSES
- 7:30pm Basketball:Girls Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 7:30pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game vs. La Crescent @ WSHS

Thursday, Jan 12, 2017

- 5:30pm Hockey:Boys JV Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem Community Ice Arena
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game-G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick- Trempealeau High School
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game-G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau HS
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game-G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game-G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau HS
- 6:30pm Wrestling:Boys Varsity Match-West Salem-Bangor vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 7:30pm Basketball:Boys Varsity Game-G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau HS
- 7:30pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem Community Ice Arena

Friday, Jan 13, 2017

- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game-Houston Public Schools @ Houston HS
- 7:30pm Basketball:Boys Varsity Game-Houston Public Schools @ Houston High School

Saturday, Jan 14, 2017

- TBD Gymnastics:Girls JV/VARSITY Meet-Holmen @ Holmen High School
- 12:00pm Hockey:Boys JV Game vs. Baldwin-Woodville Area School District @ West Salem Community Ice Arena
- 2:00pm Hockey:Boys V Game vs. Baldwin-Woodville Area School District @West Salem Community Ice Arena

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District Announcements

Heider Center

Art Show:

Explorations by Ellen Roles
Cases: 6571 by Stephanie Sharp
January 1-31, 2017

Reception: Thursday, January 12th 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mainstage Show:

Lawn and Disorder
Life is messy. Laugh about it. Is your home 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, adult comedy.

Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:30 p.m. \$24/\$22

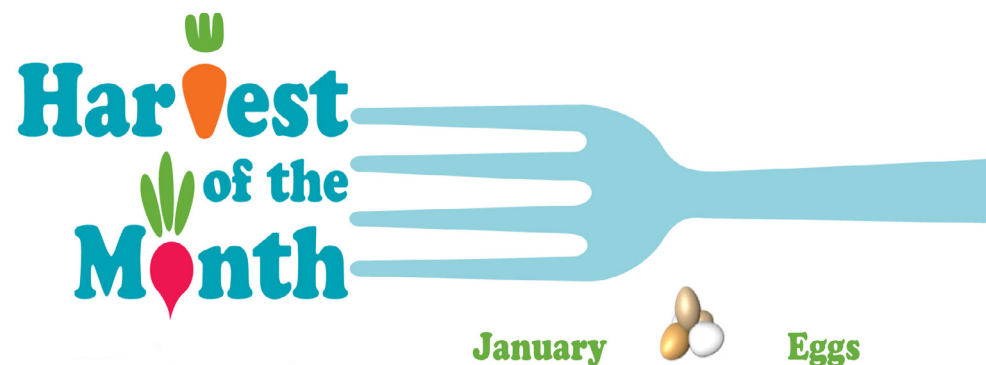


West Salem Community Care and Share Food Pantry

Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Serving: Communities of West Salem, Bangor, Rockland, and Mindoro



Fun Fact: One large egg has 75 calories and provides 6 grams of protein.

Help Needed: Solo/Ensemble Festival

Any high school band or choir parents who are interested in helping out with our Solo/Ensemble Festival this year, please email Mrs. Martin at martin.kelli@wsalem.k.12.wi.us.

This year's festival is Saturday, April 1, 2017.



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



High School Art Student of the Month: Abby Tower

Senior Abby Tower is the West Salem High School Art Student of the Month for January. In an interesting twist, Miss Tower is going to exhibit art and artifacts from her recent trip to Haiti. Abby worked with young students as part of her SEP. The work from Haitian students will be on display from January 1st through the 31st, along with the the artwork of Ellen Roles and Stephanie Sharp. There will be a public reception on Thursday, January 12th from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

Kindergarten Registration/ Screening

4K registration will take place on Thursday, February 2nd (for last names that start with A-L) and Tuesday, 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.

4K Family Event

On Friday, January 13th there will be a 4K Family Event. Breakfast and Bowling will take place at Features at 8:30 a.m. Come join us for a fun family event!

Twice Upon A Prom: Dress Sale

Find your prom dress! This event will take place in the West Salem High School Commons on January 28 & 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Have a dress to sell for \$: Contact Alivia Kistler at (608) 385-8693 via text or call, or email at aliviakistler@yahoo.com

All profits from dress sales will go to the seller.

No limit to the amount of dresses you can sell.

Cash/check payment only.

This is a Senior Exit Project for Alivia Kistler.

District Announcements

Soles4Souls Thank You

"I want to thank everyone for donating shoes for my Soles4Souls shoe drive. My original goal was 350 pairs of shoes and thanks to everyone being so generous, I went over my goal by a lot! At my shoe drive kick-off in September, a 4th and 5th grade dance, I received 120 pairs of shoes! This dance was also a fundraiser for shipping costs and I raised over \$400! Since then, I have collected a total of 765 pairs of shoes! Additional money collections from members of Our Saviors Lutheran Church will help me send the shoes to Soles4Souls. The people who need and will get the shoes will be very grateful!"

-Ellie Slotten
8th grader at West Salem Middle School

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

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| Your Name: _____ |
| Address: _____ |
| Phone: _____ |
| Graduate's Name: _____ |
| Ad Size: _____ 1/8 (\$40) _____ 1/4 (\$65) _____ 1/2 (\$100) _____ Full page (\$185) |
| Message: _____ |
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District Announcements

WSMS 6th Grade Choir & Band Concert

Tuesday, January 24
7 p.m. Heider Center

WSSD Jazz Concert-WSMS & WSHS Jazz Bands

Monday, January 30
7 p.m. Heider Center

Outdoor Education Center Family Event

Please join us Saturday, February 18th for a Winter Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe/Hike at the Outdoor Education Center (School Forest) from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Together, let's enjoy the winter outdoors! Please bring your skis, snowshoes, or "good ole" boots; a limited amount of skis and snowshoes will be available to borrow. Hotdogs grilled over an open fire and hot chocolate will be available for purchase.

"Schooling" session and loop will be available for beginners. All ages welcome. Children K - 12 must be accompanied/supervised by an adult. We do not have small sized equipment to fit children under the age of 8.

Directions:

Take Interstate I-94 towards Sparta. Take the 2nd Sparta exit, Hwy 16 (Fort McCoy) Turn left at stop sign Travel approximately 3/4 mile and take right at BP gas Follow road passing Best Western on right Turn right on gravel road Continue on paved road Park in designated area.

**Car Pooling encouraged

Contact Mary Callen with questions: callen.mary@wsalem.k12.wi.us

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 – 12:00 PM
Sunday: 4:00 – 7:00 PM

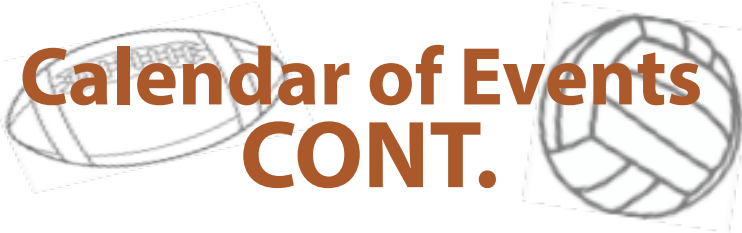
For more fitness center information, visit www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/community/fitness-center

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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 Schlimgen ~~~~~ 786-4382
- Catherine Griffin ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf ~~~~~ 386-0168

Calendar of Events CONT.



Tuesday, Jan 17, 2017

- 5:30pm Basketball:Girls JV Game-Richland Center @ Richland Center High School
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game-Viroqua @ Viroqua HS
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game-Viroqua @ Viroqua HS
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game-Viroqua @ Viroqua HS
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game-Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 7:00pm Basketball:Girls Varsity Game-Richland Center @ Richland Center High School
- 7:30pm Basketball:Boys Varsity Game-Viroqua @ Viroqua High School

Thursday, Jan 19, 2017

- 6:00pm Basketball:Girls JV Game-Arcadia @ Arcadia HS
- 6:30pm Wrestling:Boys Varsity Match-Black River Falls vs. West Salem-Bangor @ WSHS
- 7:30pm Basketball:Girls Varsity Game-Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

Friday, Jan 20, 2017

- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game-La Crescent @ La Crescent
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game-La Crescent @ La Crescent
- 6:00pm Gymnastics:Girls JV/VARSITY Meet-Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 7:30pm Basketball:Boys Varsity Game-La Crescent @ La Crescent

Saturday, Jan 21, 2017

- 11:00am Hockey:Boys JV Game-Eau Claire North @ Eau Claire North High School
- 1:00pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game-Eau Claire North @ Eau Claire North High School

Tuesday, Jan 24, 2017

- 5:50pm Basketball:Girls JV Game-La Crosse Central @ La Crosse Central High School
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game vs. Reedsburg @ WSES
- 6:00pm Basketball:Boys JV Game vs. Reedsburg @ WSHS
- 7:30pm Basketball:Girls Varsity Game-La Crosse Central @ La Crosse Central High School
- 7:30pm Basketball:Boys Varsity Game vs. Reedsburg @ WSHS
- 7:30pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ West Salem Community Ice Arena

Thursday, Jan 26, 2017

- 5:50pm Basketball:Boys JV Game-Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
Black River Falls Fieldhouse
- 5:50pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game-Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
HS Sam Young Gym
- 5:50pm Basketball:Boys C-Team Game-Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 5:50pm Basketball:Boys JV Game-Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 6:30pm Gymnastics:Girls JV/VARSITY Meet-West Salem-Aquinas vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua HS
- 6:30pm Wrestling:Boys Varsity Match-G.E.T/MM vs. West Salem-Bangor @ Bangor High School
- 7:15pm Basketball:Girls JV Game-Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 7:30pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game vs. La Crosse Central @ West Salem Community Ice Arena

Friday, Jan 27, 2017

- TBD Hockey:Boys JV Tournament-Baraboo @ Baraboo High School

Saturday, Jan 28, 2017

- TBD Hockey:Boys JV Tournament-Baraboo @ Baraboo High School
- 9:00am Basketball:Girls Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ La Crosse Center School
- 9:00am Wrestling:Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Arrowhead, Beloit F J Turner, Cashton, La Crosse Central, Neillsville @ West Salem HS
- 10:30am Basketball:Boys Varsity Game-Black River Falls @ La Crosse Center School
- 2:00pm Hockey:Boys JV Game vs. Stevens Point @ WSHS
- 4:00pm Hockey:Boys Varsity Game-Stevens Point vs. West Salem-Bangor @ West Salem HS

Tuesday, Jan 31, 2017

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

School District of West Salem

School Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 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 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 Malott, 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

School District of West Salem School Board Meeting Minutes November 28, 2016 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 22, 2016.

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Roll Call

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Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. The high school math team traveled to UW-Platteville to compete in a math contest in which they finished 7th out of 11 very competitive teams in their division. In the individual competition, Brandon Schran tied for 5th place out of 75 seniors and juniors and Trygve Lebakken also tied for 5th out of 75 freshmen and sophomores.
2. Over 200 high school choir and band members traveled to Orlando, Florida this past week to showcase their talents in Disney World. On Wednesday night, the band

marched in a parade at Magic Kingdom and Friday, the choir sang in two performances of the candlelight processional in Epcot.

3. At the middle school, students and staff have been working for over 2 months to put together this year's middle school musical, a children's version of "Willy Wonka". The musical will be performed at the Heider Center this Thursday and Friday, December 1st and 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the committee's agenda.

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

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Brian Brewer, Managing Director, RW Baird was on hand to review the Sale of Bonds.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to adopt the following resolution awarding the sale of \$9,900,000 General Obligation School Improvement Bonds:

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF \$9,900,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL IMPROVE- MENT BONDS

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016, the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (the "District") adopted an Initial Resolution (the "Initial Resolution") authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 to raise funds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school improvement program consisting of: renovations and additions at the current Middle School; renovations and building infrastructure improvements at the Elementary School; site improvements, including additional parking and a new bus transfer area; and acquisition of related furnishings, fixtures and equipment (the "Project");

WHEREAS, school districts are authorized by the provisions of Section 67.04(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and to issue general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") for public purposes such as the Project;

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016, the School Board adopted a resolution providing for a referendum election on the proposition of whether the Initial Resolution should be approved;

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, a referendum election (the "Referendum") was held in the District on the proposition of

whether the Initial Resolution should be approved at which 3,352 votes were cast "YES" for approval of the Initial Resolution and 2,118 votes were cast "NO" for rejection of the Initial Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of Canvassers duly reported the aforesaid results to the District Clerk who has made said results public;

WHEREAS, the District has directed Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated ("Baird") to take the steps necessary to sell a \$9,900,000 portion of the Bonds authorized by the Initial Resolution and the Referendum;

WHEREAS, Baird, in consultation with the officials of the District, prepared an Official Notice of Sale (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference) setting forth the details of and the bid requirements for the Bonds and indicating that the Bonds would be offered for public sale on November 28, 2016;

WHEREAS, the District Clerk (in consultation with Baird) caused a form of notice of the sale to be published and/or announced and caused the Official Notice of Sale to be distributed to potential bidders offering the Bonds for public sale on November 28, 2016;

WHEREAS, the District has duly received bids for the Bonds as described on the Bid Tabulation attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Bid Tabulation"); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the bid proposal (the "Proposal") submitted by the financial institution listed first on the Bid Tabulation fully complies with the bid requirements set forth in the Official Notice of Sale and is deemed to be the most advantageous to the District. Baird has recommended that the District accept the Proposal. A copy of said Proposal submitted by such institution (the "Purchaser") is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference.

Motion carried unanimously.

Josh Barbian with PMA Financial reviewed the investment of proceeds from the Bond Sale.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adopt the following resolution: Resolution authorizing entry into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement relating to the "Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative" and authorizing participation in the investment programs of the fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the resignations of track coach, Bret Miller and volleyball coach Tina Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: high school volunteer hockey coach, Michael Bergehefer; high school

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wrestling coach, Tyler Shrake; baseball coaches, Damian Wiblin, Jordan Rondorf, Jason Holter and Chuck Ihle; Odyssey of the Mind coaches Maria Swanke, Jenny Stenberg, Heidi Knudson, Jen Wheeler, Carrie Johnson, and Angie Hemker; and Odyssey of the Mind volunteer coaches, B.J. Newton, Dave Bohnsack, Kathy Rhoden, and Callie Helgeson.

Mr. Clements 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 superintendent’s evaluation.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:30 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; 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

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

School District of West Salem School Board Meeting Minutes December 12, 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 December 8, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen 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, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, and Davita Molling; Student representatives: Paige Dunnum and Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Lisa Gerke and Mike Malott.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. West Salem High School’s Youth Frontiers program presented De Soto High School with a check for \$3,200 on Friday, December 2 during an all school assembly.
2. On Sunday, December 4th, the dance team and basketball team partnered together in an effort to raise money for their organizations in the 1st annual Dunks and Dégagés event.
3. This year the WXOW holiday choir concert, which features choirs from a total of 9 high schools including our own, was held at the Heider Center.

Simon Buchanan reported on:

Recent and upcoming sporting events for girls’ basketball, wrestling, boys’ basketball, hockey and gymnastics were summarized.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reviewed the agenda items from the December 7 and the December 12 meetings.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reviewed the events of the Board’s December meeting.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2016, and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from the following:

- 1) or the fitness center from the Booster club, high school running club and high school football club;

- 2) for the Youth Frontiers club from Features;
 - 3) for the Jane Doe Nutrition Services fund from 1st Community Credit Union, Our Savior’s Lutheran Church and Thomas & Julianne Larson;
 - 4) for the high school robotics “Gearbox Heroes” team from Risch Heating and Air Conditioning Wehrs Machine & Racing Products and Seven Rivers Robotic Coalition.
- Motion carried unanimously.

The Board agenda preparation, Policy #181.2 Agenda Preparation, was discussed. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson gave an overview on the revision of the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to enact the STEP (Senior Tax Exchange Program) for the 2017 tax year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to accept the administration’s recommendation for high school course

offerings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson presented information from the recently completed WorkplaceDynamics employee survey. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson shared pictures from the swimming pool and transportation projects, and provided information on the other facility projects. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administrator’s co-curricular recommendation to offer volunteer wrestling contracts to Mike Lyga and Mark Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to adjourn at 8:22 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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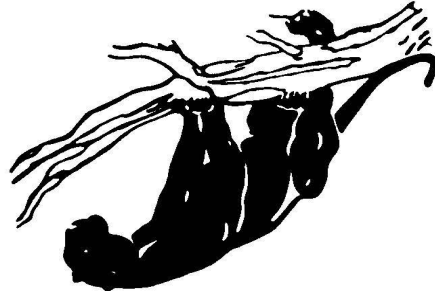
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