

January 2018



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

Planning for a Great Year Ahead!

First, a big thank you to everyone who participated in the recent district survey regarding the November referendum. If you recall, the school district held a referendum last November requesting voter permission to exceed the state-imposed revenue limit for the purpose of funding district operations. The referendum was narrowly defeated. In response, the school board hosted a survey to enlist more specific feedback from voters as to the reason for their vote. By the time you read this article, the school board will have had the opportunity to review the survey results and to consider their next steps in creating a balanced budget for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Stay tuned!

Under the heading of resolutions for a new year full of promise, it is time for an updated series of goals for 2019 connected to the district strategic plan.

The district strategic goal in the area of **Teaching and Learning** is to place all three of our buildings and our school district in the category of “Exceeding Expectations” on the state report card. We reached this lofty goal in 2017 but fell just short in 2018. The data reveals room for improvement in the area of closing the achievement gap for special education students and for children from economically disadvantaged families. Our building and district level goals for 2019 are connected to closing these gaps, to more closely aligning our curriculum with state guidelines, and to improving our reporting systems.

The district goal in the area of **Workplace Engagement and Development** is centered around the notion of creating a great workplace for our employees. Our recent employee engagement survey indicates we are making progress, but still have a great deal of room for growth. Our department and district level goals for 2019 remain focused on becoming a more positive, healthy, and attractive workplace. We need great people to do great work!

Past goals in the area of **Community Engagement** centered on improving communication within our community as measured by our social media presence. We have greatly expanded our reach! Our goals for 2019 are connected to using our improved communication systems to reach more families and community members.

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munication skills to attract additional students and to increase the number of district residents who view our school district in a positive light.

As our three-year construction journey nears completion, the goals in the area of **Business Operations** will become more closely connected to sustainability of our facilities and our finances. The goals for 2019 include updating security plans, utility baselines, cleaning levels, and maintenance schedules for our facilities. The 2019 goals also include the financial goal of restoring balance to our operational budget either with program reductions or via a successful referendum to exceed the revenue limit. Looking ahead,

financial stability will be the greatest challenge in the area of Business Operations. We can do this!

While the new year is a great time for looking ahead and planning for success, it is also the perfect time for genuine appreciation for all that we have. Our school district is truly an amazing place for kids. We have a dedicated workforce serving our children in modern facilities all located on a spectacular campus in a wonderful community. It doesn't get better than that. Thank you for all that you do in support of our school district. Happy New Year and Go Panthers!

Panther Photo Corner



Calendar of Events January

Athletic Events

Thursday, January 3, 2019

- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
- 6:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Match vs. Bangor @ Bangor Old High School Gym
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
- 7:30pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School

Friday, January 4, 2019

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
- 6:00pm Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Meet vs. Holmen, Westby Area MS & Winona Senior @ Holmen High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School

Saturday, January 5, 2019

- TBD Wrestling: Boys JV Invitational vs. Aquinas, G-E-T/Mel-Min, Hillsboro, Holmen, Iowa-Grant, Logan, Mineral Point, Riverdale, Tomah & Viroqua @ West Salem Middle School
- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Boscobel, Brodhead, Cuba City, Darlington, Dubuque Senior, Dubuque Wahlert Catholic, Iowa-Grant, Lancaster, Monticello, New Glarus, River Ridge & Sparta @ Lancaster High School
- 1:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Antigo @ Langlade County Multi Purpose Building
- 3:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Antigo @ Langlade County Multi Purpose Building

Monday, January 7, 2019

- 6:30pm Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Meet vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

- 4:45pm Basketball: Girls C-Team Game vs.

- 6:00pm Holmen @ West Salem Middle School Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School
- 6:30pm Swimming: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Menomonie @ UW-La Crosse
- 6:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Match vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. La Crescent @ Panther Den
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

Thursday, January 10, 2019

- 5:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem Middle School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School
- 6:30pm Swimming: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Holmen @ UW-La Crosse
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

Friday, January 11, 2019

- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

Saturday, January 12, 2019

- 9:00am Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Arcadia, Baraboo, Central, Chippewa Falls, Holmen, Menomonee Falls, Monona Grove, Reedsburg, Sauk Prairie, Southwestern, Sparta, Stevens Point Area, Tomah, Viroqua & Westby Area MS @ Holmen High School
- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School
- 11:00am Swimming: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Middleton @ Middleton High School

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Monday, January 14, 2019

- 5:30pm Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Altoona @ Altoona High School Gym
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ Panther Den
- 7:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Altoona @ Altoona High School Gym

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 6:00pm Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Meet vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School

Thursday, January 17, 2019

- 5:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Mosinee @ West Salem Community Ice Arena
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School
- 6:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Match vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Mosinee @ West Salem Community Ice Arena
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

Friday, January 18, 2019

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem Middle School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School
- 6:00pm Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Invite vs. Arcadia, Logan, Onalaska, River Valley, Tomah, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Viroqua High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

Saturday, January 19, 2019

- 8:00am Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. Baraboo, Belleville, Cambridge, Evansville, Janesville Parker, Johnson Creek, Lakeside Lutheran, Madison East, Madison La Follette, Madison Memorial, Madison West, Milwaukee Lutheran, Milwaukee Washington, Monona Grove, North Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Riverdale, Verona, Watertown & Wilmot Union @ Madison East High School
- 11:00am Swimming: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Platteville @ Platteville High School
- 2:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs.

Baraboo @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

- 5:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Central @ Central High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Osseo-Fairchild @ West Salem Middle School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Osseo-Fairchild @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Central @ Central High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Osseo-Fairchild @ West Salem High School

Thursday, January 24, 2019

- 4:30pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. La Crescent-Hokah @ La Crescent High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. La Crescent-Hokah @ La Crescent High School
- 6:30pm Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Meet vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 6:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Match vs. G-E-T/Mel-Min @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Onalaska @ West Salem Community Ice Arena

Friday, January 25, 2019

- 3:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys JV Tournament vs. Baraboo, De Forest, Edgewood & Kettle Moraine @ Baraboo - Pierce Park Hockey Rink

Saturday, January 26, 2019

- 10:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Holmen, Neillsville & Turner @ West Salem High School
- 6:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. La Crescent @ La Crosse Center
- 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. La Crescent @ La Crosse Center

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

- 5:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ Omni Center
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School

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Thursday, January 31, 2019

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Luther @ Luther High School
- 6:00pm Swimming: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Platteville @ UW-Platteville
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Luther @ Luther High School

Band Events

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

- 6:45pm Girls Basketball Game vs. Westby
Orange Pep Band

Sunday, January 13, 2019

- 7:00pm District Jazz Concert @ Heider Center
Jazz Ensembles

Friday, January 18, 2019

- 6:45pm Boys Basketball Game vs. Arcadia
Black Pep Band

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

- 6:45pm Girls Basketball Game vs. Luther
Orange Pep Band

Elementary School Events

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

- All Day No School-Christmas Break

Monday, January 21, 2019

- All Day No School-Teacher Inservice

Middle School Events

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

- All Day No School-Christmas Break

Sunday, January 13, 2019

- 7:00pm District Jazz Band Concert
@ Heider Center

Thursday, January 17, 2019

- All Day Trimester 2 Mid-Term

Monday, January 21, 2019

- All Day No School-Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

- All Day Trimester 2 Mid-Term Grades Submitted
- 7:00pm 6th Grade Band & Choir Concerts
@ Heider Center

High School Events

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

- All Day No School-Christmas Break

Saturday, January 12, 2019

- All Day DECA Districts @ UW-Stout

Wednesday, January 16, 2019-Friday, January 18, 2019

- All Day Semester Exams

Friday, January 18, 2019

- All Day End of 1st Semester

Monday, January 21, 2019

- All Day No School-Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

- All Day 1st Semester Grades Submitted

Friday, January 25, 2019

- 7:00pm Show Choir Extravaganza Concert
@ Heider Center

Saturday, January 26, 2019

- 7:00pm Show Choir Extravaganza Concert
@ Heider Center

4K Registration & Screening.

If you have a student who will be four years old by September 1, 2019, please join us for 4K registration and screening! Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Tuesday, February 26th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school.
(Last names A-L)

Thursday, February 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school
(Last names M- Z)

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

Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020

If you have a student who will be five years old by September 1, 2019 and your child does not attend our 4K program, please contact the elementary school office at 786-1662 to pre-register.

All current WSES 4K students will automatically receive kindergarten registration information.

Bus Reminders

The transportation department would like to remind parents of all students to be **extra cautious** when walking to the bus stop or school during this winter season. The dark mornings make it hard for motorists to see students crossing the streets. A helpful tip is to attach some reflective material on a backpack or piece of clothing.

Motorists, please also be aware of your surroundings, especially during peak pick up and drop off times. Thank you for your for your cooperation!

District Announcements



Generosity Abounds at WSMS

Prior to the Christmas break, students at West Salem Middle School, in conjunction with the West Salem Lions Club collected non-perishable food and hygiene items to create over 50 Christmas baskets for families and senior citizens in need in West Salem. Not only did the students bring in items, but some of them also knit washcloths that were included, and they all decorated the boxes in their homerooms. On their last day of classes before break, they helped members of the Lions Club load the boxes to be delivered. This year saw the most donations since this event began, and we are so proud of our students' giving spirits. They also participated in a talent show, where students showed off their skills ranging from singing, dancing and instrumental performances to comedy and gymnastics. As a treat, they also got to see a fun video that the staff created. It was a great way to kick off the holiday week!

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.

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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

Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of every month

District Announcements

Heider Center



**“Johnny & June”
A Johnny Cash Tribute
Saturday, January 19, 2019
7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$24/\$22**

A toe tappin’, knee slappin’, good lovin’, tribute to Jonny Cash and his partner in crime, June Carter Cash. A nostalgic evening of acoustic music and storytelling featuring all your favorites songs by The Man in Black, plus Johnny and Junes famous duets.



Art Gallery
Of Wings and Water by Cary Wyninger and Jennifer Fisher Jones
January 2-31, 2019

Display Cases
Eggs by Jane by Jane Bangsberg

Art Reception
Thursday, December 13, 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

WSHS Art Student of the Month

Abby Sharp has been named the January Art Student of the Month by the WSHS Art Department. Abby is talented in many forms of art, but has chosen to focus on mixed media sculptures for this exhibit.

Miss Sharp’s work will be in the Heider Center gallery throughout the month of January, alongside community artists Cary Wyninger, Jennifer Fisher Jones and Jane Bangsberg. There will be a public reception on Thursday, January 10th from 6-7:30pm.



Attention Students!

Don’t miss this opportunity to remember the friends, fun, and activities from the 2018-2019 school year by ordering a 2019 Neshonoc Yearbook. If you wait until the books arrive in May, there is no guarantee of getting a book and the cost will be \$65. There are two ways to order - pick up an order form from Miss Armstrong’s room and return to her with payment. Or, go to Jostensyearbooks.com to place your order with a credit card. Thank you and we look forward to your order!

Parents, see below for information on purchasing a yearbook recognition ad for your student!

CALLING ALL PROUD PARENTS

West Salem High School

RECOGNITION ADS ARE ON SALE!
LAST DAY TO ORDER: 02/08/2019

RECOGNITION AD PRICING

Available layouts depend on school ad sizes offered. Refer to the pricing below for more details. Ad layouts are available on www.jostensadservice.com.

ORDER BY 02/08/2019	
COLOR AD	
Full Page	\$185.00
1/2 Page	\$100.00
1/4 Page	\$65.00
1/8 Page	\$40.00

WSMS MathCounts Team

The following students made the 2019 WSMS Mathcounts Team:

Brennan Holst, Jackson Fry, Alyssa Kruse, Celia Mitchell, Peter Lattos, Xavier Valdez, Haley Chandler, Reece Sackett, Amalia Hemker, and Andy Johnson.

Congratulations everyone! We will compete at the regional competition in LaCrosse in early February.

Educational Options & Accountability Notices

Notice of Educational Options and Accountability Report

According to Wisconsin Statute 118.57, the School District of West Salem is required to describe all educational options available to children who reside in the district, as well as notification about the school district's accountability report.

Educational Options

Students have the right to enroll in any public schools, private schools participating in parental choice programs, charter schools, virtual schools, full-time open enrollment, youth options, and course options as described by Wisconsin Statutes.

The following educational options are available to West Salem resident students:

- School District of West Salem (<http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us>)
- Coulee Christian School (<http://www.couleechristian.org/>)
- Christ-St.John's Lutheran School (<http://www.christstjohns.org>)
- State Virtual Schools (<http://www.wisconsinvirtualschool.org>)
- Full-time Open Enrollment (<http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment?old=oe.dpi.wi.gov/parents-main>)
- Early College Credit Program (<https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-enrollment/eccp>)
- Part-time Open enrollment (<https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/ptoe>)
- Home-Based Private Education (<https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/home-based>)

Accountability Report, 2017-2018

Accountability information from the Department of Public Instruction for the 2017-2018 school year.

West Salem Elementary School Report Card: 72.0, Meets Expectations

West Salem Middle School Report Card: 79.2, Exceeds Expectations

West Salem High School Report Card: 73.5, Exceeds Expectations

District Report: 76.6, Exceeds Expectations

For more accountability data, please visit: <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/> and select West Salem. The District website (<http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us>) homepage also contains this information, which can be accessed by clicking on Comparing School Districts.

Community Events



Quality CNA Training and West Salem High School are partnering to offer Nurse Aide Training to area high school students!

This program is for anyone age 16 or older.
All classes will be held at West Salem High School.
For registration information, contact Ms. Elsen in the WSHS Student Services office.
Elsen.Angela@WSalem.k12.wi.us | (608) 786-1220 - Select Option 3



Quality CNA Classes include:

- » 133 classroom hours plus 32 hours of Supervised Hands-on Clinical Experience
- » American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR & AED Training
- » American Heart Association First Aid Training
- » All course books and materials
- » WI Caregiver Background Checks
- » Blood Pressure Training
- » Bloodborne Pathogens Training
- » Resume Building and Interview Tips
- » One-on-one Tutoring available if needed
- » Employment Assistance if needed
- » Prescheduled State Exam

For general information, please contact:
Tanya Christianson - Student Services Coordinator
(715) 902-1035 | Tanya@QualityCNATraining.com

Visit us online at
QualityCNATraining.com



WEST SALEM SHOW CHOIR EXTRAVAGANZA
Fri. and Sat. January 25-26, 2019
7:00 pm
Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts
Tickets - \$5.00 - available at the door
Featuring performances by
WSHS and WSMS Show Choirs & Jr. Singations Camp kids
and various desserts following the concert

JR. SINGATIONS SHOW CHOIR CAMP
January 22-25, 2019 3:30-4:30 pm
WSHS Choir Room
 Performances Friday and Saturday, January 25 & 26
 at the West Salem Show Choir Extravaganza.
 Registration forms available at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

WSHS SHOW CHOIR ALUMNI
 You are invited to join us as we celebrate 20 years of SHOW CHOIR at West Salem High School!
 Email Amy Hanson at hanson.amy@wsalem.k12.wi.us if you'd like to sing and perform with our **Alumni Show Choir** at the **West Salem Show Choir Extravaganza on Saturday, January 26 @ 7:00 pm!**
 Email Mrs. Hanson photos of your favorite Show Choir memories at WSHS and the year it was taken! (Even if you are unable to sing with the alumni group!) We'd love to display memories of all of the fun people, costumes and themes from past WSHS Show Choirs!

June Dairy Days
 is looking
 for
Volunteers!

Next Association Meeting
 Sunday, January 13, 2019
 6:30 p.m at Westview Inn

For more information, or to offer input or suggestions on how to keep up this great tradition, please message the Facebook page, "June Dairy Days" or email info@JuneDairyDays.com

School District of West Salem Regular School Board Meeting Minutes December 10, 2018 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 December 6, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Schlimgen 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, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton, Student Representative reported on:

1. An update on wrestling, girls basketball and boys basketball was given.
2. The dance team jazz performance placed fourth during their competition on December 8.

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative reported on:

1. The NHS put up a Giving Tree in the library that clubs, sports, homerooms, etc. have been taking tags from to support children and families in our community.
2. The band program had their winter concert last night.

Correspondence

A letter from Executive Director Adam Jacobi, Wisconsin High School Forensics Association, congratulating the school, the director and the cast of the play Selfie for their outstanding achievement at the 2018 State Theatre Festival held in November at Viterbo University.

Public comments

Steve Martin spoke on various topics, including bleachers, taxes, cuts, and today's threat.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the events of tonight's committee meeting: 19-20 budget reductions following failed referendum, high school activity costs and course reports and operational referendum planning.

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

District Strategic Initiatives updated by the Superintendent Cabinet Team, Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the hiring of Rhonda Schmidt as a limited-term paraprofessional.

An update on the financial progress of building projects was given.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2018; the invoices to be paid; and to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Janel Lochen as the 8th grade assistant girls' basketball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the anonymous donation for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #671.2-Rule Expense Reimbursement as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the two new high school course options for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2019-2020 district budget reductions. Mrs. Griffin provided an updated from the Finance Committee earlier this evening. No action was taken.

Operational Referendum. No action was taken.

Set Special Board Meeting date for January 2019. No date was able to be set at this time.

The Board verified with the building principals that the Run, Hide Fight drills took place in each building. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the School Safety Plan that was presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Board Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club. No action was taken.

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 superintendent's evaluation.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:31 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, 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, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk

SkillsUSA Competes at Districts

Members of the WSHS SkillsUSA Team recently attended the District 6 Skills Competition at Holmen. There were 133 students from 7 different schools competing in various Skills and Leadership competitions, and all members from WSHS placed in their respective events. Club Advisor Paul Liethen said, "SkillsUSA is an organization that provides students with an opportunity to compete with other students in various Skills and Leadership Events." Some of the favorite Skills Events Include: Welding, Cabinetmaking, Automotive Service

Technology, & Certified Nursing Assistant and favorite Leadership Events include Job Interview, Impromptu Speech & Team Engineering Challenge. Liethen also said, "These competitions are great opportunities for students to gauge their abilities and sharpen their skills for their future careers." Pictured L-R; Team Engineering Challenge 3rd Place, Ryan Rasmussen, Eli Elsen, and Dan Schwarz; Jacob Iverson, Cabinetmaking, 1st Place; Canaan Schwarz Cabinetmaking, 3rd Place; and Samantha Quam, Job Interview, 1st Place.



Did You Know?
Cabbage is one of the oldest known vegetables!

Check out videos and photos of the innovative things happening in your student's classroom at our district Facebook page and Twitter page. Our social media features videos of student activities, teacher features, classroom selfie photos, etc...

Check out our Facebook page
@SchoolDistrictofWestSalem
and
Follow us on Twitter



@WestSalemSD



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.



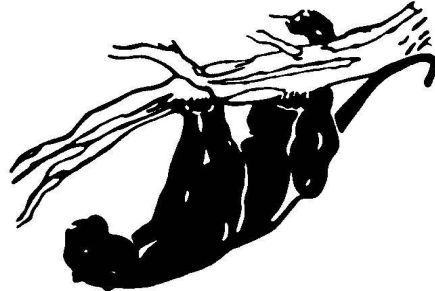
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM



Serve With Passion To
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