

January 2018



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

Happy New Year from SDWS

Happy New Year! The arrival of a new year provides the customary opportunity to reflect upon the previous year while making resolutions for the next one.

Upon reflection, 2017 was a banner year for our school district highlighted by the designation of our elementary school as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, all three of our school buildings reaching our strategic goal of exceeding expectations on their respective state report cards, and the beginning of the construction projects designed to update our campus. Our students and staff are achieving excellence in the classroom while our community reinvests in our facilities and programs. What a special time to be a Panther!

In addition to the many specific goals outlined in the district strategic plan, 2018 is anticipated to witness completion of our campus renovation, continued academic and co-curricular success, increasing enrollment, and expanding support for our school district and community. We resolve to appreciate our gifts, communicate our intentions, and celebrate our accomplishments. Stating specific goals and resolutions signifies hope and confidence that 2018 will be even better than 2017. We can do this!

Under the heading of “keeping you in the loop,” here are a few general updates as we begin our work in 2018:

The school board will host a referendum on February 20th requesting permission to borrow an additional \$1.5 million for the outdoor projects, events center, and high school automotive program with the understanding the middle school project will be completed \$1.5 million under budget. Please see the “February Referendum” article in this newsletter.

Calendar Change

March 16, 2017, a previously scheduled day off for staff and students, will be used as a snow make-up day in the event that there is more than one snow day this winter.

Snow Days for 2017-2018 will be made up as follows:

- 1st Snow Day: No Make-Up
- 2nd Snow Day: March 16, 2017
- 3rd Snow Day: No Make-Up
- 4th Snow Day: June 8, 2017

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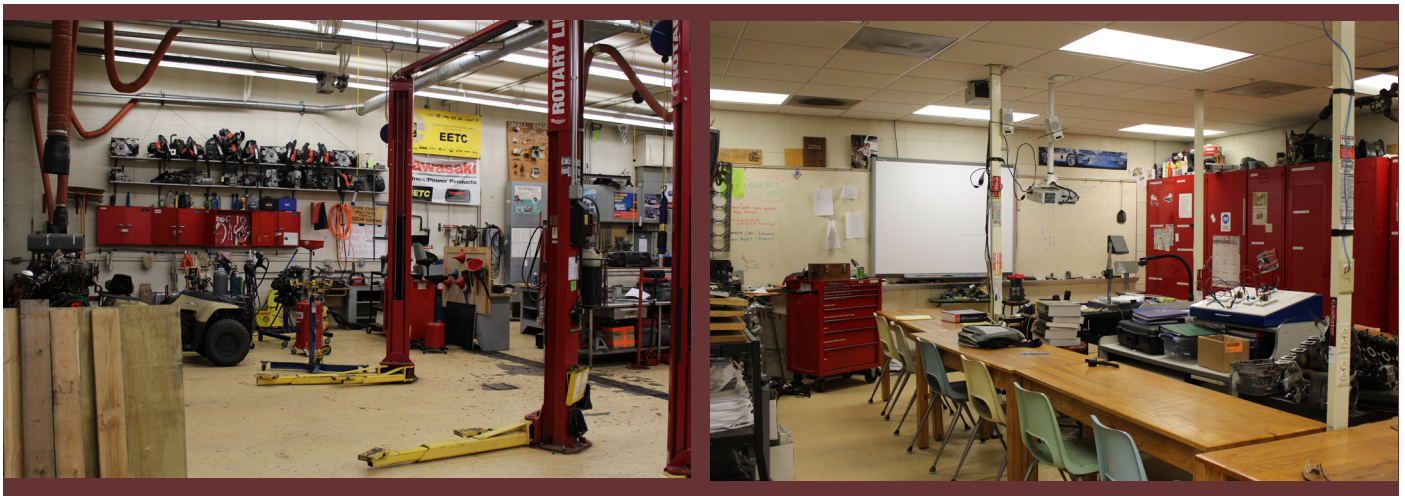
The slate of candidates is set for the school board election on April 3, 2018. There are three seats up for election. Incumbents Jane Halverson and Ken Schlimgen along with first time candidate Robin Fitzgerald will appear on the ballot.

The construction project at our middle school is progressing right on schedule. Students and staff anticipate “moving” from the old part of the building to the new part of the building around the first of April. Work will then begin on renovations to the older part of the building in advance of project completion in time for the start of a new school year in the fall of 2018.

The budget and planning process for the 2018 – 2019 school year officially begins this month as the district completes a required student count and initiates discussions about scheduling and staffing. The process will be especially complicated this year as the plan to move 5th grade from the elementary school to the new middle school, combined with continued enrollment growth, will impact both staffing and programming.

Thank you for reading and thank you for your continued support of public education.

Troy M. Gunderson



Above: The high school auto lab and classroom is in need of an update and an expansion, after 15+ years of use and an increasing number of students from both West Salem and other districts in the area utilizing the space.

Below Left: The new middle school gym is nearly complete, along with the rest of the additions, which are scheduled to be done around April 1. Below Right: The area where the multi-purpose events facility, new tennis courts and softball diamonds will be built has been undergoing excavation.



February Referendum

The school board has decided to return to the ballot box in 2018 to request permission to borrow an additional \$1,500,000 to complete renovations to the high school automotive lab and to complete the construction of the proposed athletic facilities. If you recall, in 2016, voters approved borrowing up to \$20 million for renovations and an addition to the middle school, and up to \$5 million for the athletic facilities, which included tennis courts, softball diamonds, track, football field, stadium additions, and multipurpose events center, for a total borrowing authority of \$25 million. The middle school project is under budget, resulting in the school board borrowing \$18.5 million of the \$20 million limit approved for the project. The proposed athletic facilities are expected to cost \$6 million, or \$1 million more than the \$5 million approved by voters in 2016, and the work on the automotive lab is projected to cost \$500,000, bringing the total back to \$25 million. In a sense, the board is requesting to use the remaining money from the middle school project to complete the athletic facilities and renovate the auto shop. The election will be held on February 20, 2018.

1. Why do another referendum now?

The answer to this involves two main points: the legal issue of binding elections, and timing. By asking two referendum questions in November of 2016, the board provided both transparency and self-imposed restrictions. The board can now only use referendum approved dollars in the manner described on the ballot approved by the voters last year. So, they cannot simply “transfer” funds from one project to another. They need permission to make a change.

Second is the issue of timing. The multi-purpose events center/ice arena will be let for bids in February 2018. The original budget for this portion of the athletic project was estimated at \$2.7 million and determined before the design was complete. The other projects connected to the second question were designed and bid with the middle school project, so they are on schedule and on budget. We now estimate the cost of the events center to be approximately \$3.7 million. If the referendum passes in February, we anticipate the events center will be completed in time to be used for gymnastics practice and ice hockey in the fall of 2018, and then as a concessions area for softball and soccer in the spring of 2019. If the referendum fails in February, the board will be required to decide which portions of the proposed events center will remain unfinished. So, timing is important.

2. What about my taxes?

The district planned to borrow the total \$25 million required to complete all projects as allowed by the 2016 referendum. The financing schedule currently in place is designed for this amount. Approval or rejection of this

referendum question will have little, if any, impact on property taxes other than lowering the final payment in 2037.

3. Why renovate the auto lab?

The board included budget dollars in our regular maintenance budget for minor upgrades to our high school auto lab. While developing a plan for gradual improvement, the board came to the conclusion that it would be preferable to make more substantial improvements to this facility all at once. As you may or may not know, the automotive lab was once the district bus garage, and then maintenance facility. The high school auto program moved into this facility 15 years ago when the maintenance crew moved to their new facility near the stadium. The automotive program is now running year around and serving kids from West Salem and surrounding school districts. It is time for an upgrade.

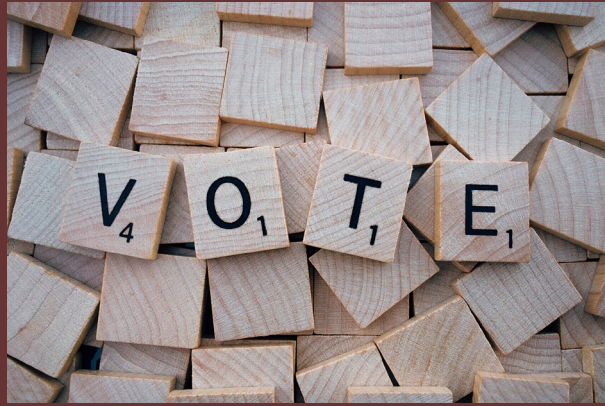
Thank you for taking the time to read through this information and thank you for choosing our school district.

Sincerely,

Troy M. Gunderson

Referendum Election February 20, 2018

For information on the location of your polling place, contact the District Office at 786-0700, or your municipal clerk.



Calendar of Events January

Athletic Events

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

6:30pm Swimming & Diving: Boys Varsity Meet Central/Logan/WS vs. Menomonie @ Menomonie High School

Thursday, January 4, 2018

6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
7:00pm Wrestling: Boys JV/Varsity Match vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School
7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
7:30pm Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem Community Ice Arena

Friday, January 5, 2018

6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem Elementary School
6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
6:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Beloit Turner @ Omni Center
6:30pm Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Quad vs. Holmen, Westby Area & Winona Senior @ Holmen High School
7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School

Saturday, January 6, 2018

9:00am Wrestling: Boys JV Wisconsin Challenge Series Qualifier @ Mineral Point High School
2:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Stoughton @ Stoughton-Mandt Hockey Arena
5:00pm Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Reedsburg @ Reedsburg Area High School
7:00pm Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Reedsburg @ Reedsburg Area High School

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem Elementary School
6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School
6:30pm Swimming & Diving: Boys Varsity Meet Hol/Ona/Aq vs. Central/Logan/WS @ UW-La Crosse
7:00pm Wrestling: Boys JV/Varsity Match vs. Westby Area High School @ Bangor "Barn"-401 14th Ave. S.
7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
7:30pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Rochester Mayo @ Omni Center
7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School
7:30pm Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. La Crescent @ La Crescent High School

Thursday, January 11, 2018

5:00pm Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah-Mose Lamb Rink
6:30pm Swimming & Diving: Boys Varsity Meet Marshfield vs. Central/Logan/WS @ UW-La Crosse
6:30pm Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Meet West Salem-Aquinas vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
7:00pm Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah-Mose Lamb Rink

Friday, January 12, 2018

6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

Saturday, January 13, 2018

9:00am Wrestling: Boys JV/Varsity Tournament vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School
11:00am Swimming & Diving: Boys Varsity Invitational Central/Logan/WS vs. Middleton @ Middleton High School

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Saturday, January 13, 2018 continued...

- 1:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Richland Center @ West Salem High School
- 1:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Neillsville @ Neillsville High School
- 1:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Neillsville @ Neillsville High School
- 2:00pm Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School
- 2:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Richland Center @ West Salem High School
- 2:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Neillsville @ Neillsville High School
- 5:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Hudson @ Hudson Sports & Civic Center

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Somerset @ Omni Center

Thursday, January 18, 2018

- 4:30pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School
- 4:30pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem Elementary School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem Elementary School
- 7:00pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Match vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

Friday, January 19, 2018

- 6:00pm Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Sun Prairie @ Omni Center

Saturday, January 20, 2018

- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Sparta @ Sparta Middle School
- 9:30am Wrestling: Boys JV Wisconsin Challenge Series @ Wausau West High School
- 11:00am Swimming & Diving: Boys Varsity Invitational Central/Logan/WS vs. Platteville @ UW-Platteville
- 1:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Beloit Memorial @ Edwards Ice Arena (Telfer Park)

- 2:00pm Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Stevens Point (SPASH) @ KB Willett Ice Arena

- 6:30pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School

- 8:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School

Monday, January 22, 2018

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. La Crescent @ West Salem High School
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. La Crescent @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem Elementary School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 7:30pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua Community Arena

Thursday, January 25, 2018

- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Central @ West Salem High School
- 6:30pm Gymnastics: Girls JV/Varsity Meet vs. Viroqua @ West Salem Elementary School
- 7:00pm Wrestling: Boys JV/Varsity Match vs. G.E.T/Mel-Min @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Baraboo @ Omni Center
- 7:15pm Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Central @ Green Island Ice Arena
- 7:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Central @ West Salem High School

Saturday, January 27, 2018

- TBD Basketball: Girls C-Team Game vs. La Crescent @ La Crosse Center
- TBD Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. La Crescent @ La Crosse Center
- 9:00am Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. La Crescent @ La Crosse Center

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Saturday, January 27, 2018 continued...

- 10:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Arrowhead, Holmen, Neillsville, River Falls & Turner @ West Salem High School
- 10:30am Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. La Crescent @ La Crosse Center
- 1:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Somerset @ Somerset Ice Arena
- 2:00pm Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Aquinas @ Omni Center
- 4:00pm Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ Omni Center

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

- 5:30pm Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Luther @ Luther High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Bangor @ West Salem Elementary School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Bangor @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Luther @ Luther High School
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Bangor @ West Salem High School
- 7:30pm Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School

Band Events

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

- 7:00pm Boys' Basketball Game vs. Holmen
Orange Pep Band

Friday, January 19, 2018

- 7:00pm NBA Performance in Eau Claire
Wind Symphony
Arrive at 3:15pm

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- 7:00pm Boys' Basketball Game vs. Viroqua
Black Pep Band

Monday, January 29, 2018

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

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

- 7:00pm Boys' Basketball Game vs. Bangor
Orange Pep Band

Elementary School Events

Monday, January 1, 2018

- All Day No School-New Year's Day

Thursday, January 4, 2018

- 6:30pm PTO Meeting @ ES LMC

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

- 6:30pm 4K Registration & Screening @ ES
Assembly Room for Last Names A-L

Friday, January 19, 2018

- 6:00pm PTO Movie Night @ ES Multi-Purpose
Room

Monday, January 22, 2018

- All Day No School-Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- 6:30pm 4K Registration & Screening @ ES
Assembly Room for Last Names M-Z

Middle School Events

Monday, January 1, 2018

- All Day No School-New Year's Day

Monday, January 22, 2018

- All Day No School-Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- 6:00pm 6th Grade Band & Choir Concerts
@ Heider Center

High School Events

Monday, January 1, 2018

- All Day No School-New Year's Day

Saturday, January 6, 2018

- All Day DECA District 1 Competition
@ UW-Stout

Friday, January 12, 2018

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

Saturday, January 13, 2018

- 5:00pm Show Choir Pasta Dinner @ HS Commons
- 7:00pm Show Choir Extravaganza Concert
@ Heider Center

Wednesday, January 17, 2018-Friday, January 19, 2018

- All Day Semester End Exams

Friday, January 19, 2018

- All Day End of 1st Semester

Saturday, January 20, 2018

- 9:00am ACT Prep Class @ WSHS

Monday, January 22, 2018

- All Day No School-Teacher Inservice
Grades Submitted for 1st Semester

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- All Day Beginning of 2nd Semester

Saturday, January 27, 2018

- 9:00am ACT Prep Class @ WSHS

Community Events

WSHS SHOW CHOIR PASTA DINNER

Saturday, January 13, 2018

5:00-6:30 pm @ WSHS Commons

*Tickets on sale until Monday, January 8.
Available from Show Choir members or
at Heider Center Box Office.

Tickets - \$10.00

Includes meat or veggie lasagna, garlic bread, salad,
beverage & dessert

Kids Spaghetti Meal - \$5.00



2018 Show Choir Extravaganza!

Featuring performances by the
WSHS and WSMS Show Choirs &
Jr. Singasons Show Choir Camp students

7:00 pm

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

*Special performance by WSHS Show Choir Alumni
at the Saturday Show!

Tickets - \$5.00

Available at the door, from Show Choir students or at
the Heider Center Box Office.

Independent Facilitator
Chris Peterson *presents*



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Give you and your family the peace it deserves.

Gain skills on how to:

- Avoid unwinnable power struggles and arguments
- Stay calm when your kids do upsetting things
- Set limits that you can enforce
- Avoid enabling and begin empowering
- Help your kids learn from their mistakes
- Raise kids who are family members not dictators

...and much more!

Limited childcare will be included. RSVP when registering.

Email to RSVP:
chris@theparentingprofessor.com
Please register by December 30th

In partnership with:



Date & Time
January 7, 14, 21, 28 February 4, 11
All Classes 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Location
West Salem Elementary School
475 North Mark Street
West Salem, WI 54669

Investment
\$70/person and \$100/couple
Includes childcare, all materials,
online support and
satisfaction guaranteed.
Scholarships Available

Rebecca Michael's SEP
**Used Prom Dress
SALE**
January 26th 5-7pm, 27th 10-4pm
West Salem High School Band Room
If you are interested in selling a dress, contact
Rebecca at 608-518-5474 or email at
michael.rebecca@student.wsaalem.k12.wi.us

4K Registration & Screening

If you have a student that will be four years old by September 1, 2018, please join us for 4K registration and screening!

Mark your calendars for the following dates!
 Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the elementary school
 (Last names A-L)

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the elementary school
 (Last names M-Z)

Please call the elementary school at 786-1662 to register.



2018 WSMS MATH-COUNTS Team

Congratulations to the following students who made the 2018 WSMS MATHCOUNTS Team: Elsa Mitchell, Brennan Holst, Adam Chandler, Chase Jones, Calista Robaczewski, Magei Farley, Nels Lebakken, Jackson Fry, Max Wolf, Celia Mitchell, and Blaine Wolf.

MATHCOUNTS is a national middle school program designed to promote mathematics achievement through a series of fun competitions comprised of different challenging rounds.

Mrs. Tammy Bentzen, 8th grade math teacher at WSMS, is the advisor of the group. The team will compete at the regional competition in La Crosse on Friday, February 2nd. Be sure to wish them good luck!



District Announcements



NHS Celebrates with Annual Giving Tree

The West Salem High School National Honor Society celebrated the holiday season by putting together their annual giving tree. The tree holds tags listing items that local families or teens may be in need of, or may want as a Christmas gift that they can't afford. Tags for personal care items, such as deodorant, shampoo, and chapstick were also collected for the West Salem Food Pantry. Students and staff could then take a tag, purchase the item, and return it to NHS, who packaged and delivered the gifts before Christmas. This year's tree was a huge success, with every tag being taken and every gift fulfilled. A big thanks goes out to our wonderful NHS students, their advisors, Jenny Stenberg and Toni Key, and all that supported the project. Way to show the spirit of giving this holiday season!

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

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment into the School District of West Salem runs February 5-April 30, 2018. To access the application, and for more information, go to the DPI website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. Students that are currently open-enrolled do not need to reapply.

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

School Board Members

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

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

District Announcements

Heider Center



Broadway's Next Hit Musical!

Saturday, January 20, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$24/\$22

Every song is fresh, every scene is new. Every night is different. It's all improvised and hilarious. The audience supplies made-up hit song suggestions and master improvisers create a spontaneous evening of music, humor and laughter by turning the audience's favorite "made-up" song into a full-blown improvised musical.



Art Gallery
Nature and Landscape Scenes
by Mike Holler

Display Cases
Still Centering by Jan Mattson
Display runs January 1-31,
2018

Art Reception
Thursday, January 25, 2018
6:00-7:30 p.m.

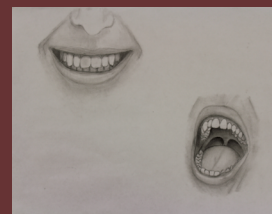
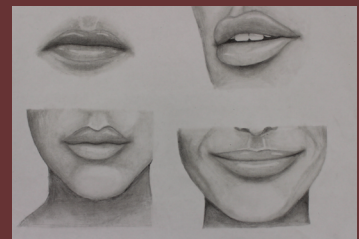
Box Office (608) 786-2550
Monday: Noon to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon to 4:00
p.m.
Friday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.
www.heidercenter.org

WSHS Art Student of the Month

Josh Givens is West Salem High School's Art Student of the Month for January.

Josh is a designer and illustrator, who works with cartoons as well as anatomical study. His work will be on display in the Marie W. Heider Center gallery throughout the month of January.

There will be a public reception on Thursday, January 25 from 6:00-7:30pm.



Yearbook Recognition Ads

Would you like to give your grad or hardworking student some recognition? Jostens will once again be offering Recognition Ads to put in the WSHS yearbook. To create an ad, go to www.jostensadservice.com, search "West Salem High School" in the search box (make sure it's listed in West Salem, WI), create an account and begin making your ad. It's that simple! Ads can be as small as 1/8 of a page, all the way up to a full page. See below for pricing info and order deadline.

Order your Yearbook Recognition Ad today!
West Salem High School

Deadline: 2/9/2018

Dear Parent or Student,
Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 2/9/2018.
Sincerely,
West Salem High School Yearbook Staff

YEARBOOK AD
JOSTENS AD SERVICE ORDER FORM

Ad Size	Color
Full Page	\$185.00
1/2 Page	\$100.00
1/4 Page	\$65.00
1/8 Page	\$40.00



Solo & Ensemble

Attention all WSHS band parents! We will again be hosting the annual Solo & Ensemble festival here at WSHS on Saturday, April 7, 2018! We are in need of parent volunteers to serve as room monitors.

Please email Kelli Martin at martin.kelli@wsalem.k12.wi.us if you are interested in helping out. Thanks!



School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 27, 2017 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 22, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Lisa Gerke and Nate Krien.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Alexis Brueggen reported on:

1. The high school girls's basketball team has two games this week and one of them is parents' night.
2. The high school hockey and wrestling teams each have a competition this week.
3. The DECA Club started role playing prep for competition.
4. The NHS Giving Tree is up in the high school library.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Terry Pudenz was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported on the policies reviewed by the committee.

District Performance Reports by Shawn Handland, Rick Kline, Kerri Feyen, Barb Buswell and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Michael St. Pierre, Curriculum Director, reported on the District Report Cards for the 16-17 school year and the Teaching & Learning Strategic Initiative.

Interim High School Principal Mike Malott, Dean of Students Justin Jehn, School Counselor Jessica Trip, and School Counselor Julie Arentz reported on Redefining Ready.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of custodian Lowell Hehl Jr.; a limited-term teaching contract with Cassie Geary as an elementary special education teacher; co-curricular contracts for Council of Kids-Martha Burdick and Mary Czajka, After School Art-Angie Hemker and Stephanie Sharp, 5th grade choir-Lisa Jones, Yearbook-Stephanie Sharp, winter dance team-Jami Greer; and Open Enrollment requests for the 17-18 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept

the donation from La Crosse Technologies for the middle school. Motion carried unanimously.

Rita Schmitz, representative of the Berg Hemker Olson American Legion Post #51 Building Fund Committee, presented the Legion's request for enhanced concessions for their Heider Center Events. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the request from the Berg Hemker Olson American Legion Post #51 to have enhanced concessions for events in the Heider Center: February 10 and April 21, 2018. Enhanced concessions will be allowed during intermission and following the events, with a two-drink maximum, and with ticket sales for the drinks. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Nay; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Nay. Motion carried. 4-Aye, 2-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen and Mrs. Griffin)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the following resolution: Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$5,100,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes.

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 ("Initial Resolution Number I") authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 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 "Initial Resolution Number I Project"); and an initial resolution ("Initial Resolution Number II" and collectively with Initial Resolution Number I, the "Initial Resolutions") authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of District athletic facilities improvements consisting of: replacing the track and constructing additional track/football stadium seating, constructing and equipping baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and a multi-purpose sports and events facility; and completing related site improvements (the "Initial Resolution Number II Project" and collectively with the Initial Resolution Number I Project, the "Project"); and there are insufficient funds on hand to pay said cost;

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

WHEREAS, a referendum election was held on November 8, 2016 in the District in which 3,352 votes were cast "YES" for approval and 2,118 votes were cast "NO" for rejection of Initial Resolution Number I and 3,242 votes were cast "YES" for approval and 2,209 votes were cast "NO" for rejection of Initial Resolution Number II;

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

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 67.12(12)(e)(2), Wisconsin Statutes, provide that if the purpose and amount of a borrowing have been approved by the electors, general obligation promissory notes may be issued without any additional approval by the electors;

WHEREAS, the District issued \$9,900,000 General Obligation School Improvement Bonds, dated December 21, 2016 to pay a portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number I Project authorized by Initial Resolution Number I and the referendum election;

WHEREAS, the District issued \$10,000,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, dated April 6, 2017 to pay an additional \$4,000,000 portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number I Project authorized by Initial Resolution Number I and the referendum election, a \$4,500,000 portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number II Project authorized by Initial Resolution Number II and the referendum election and \$1,500,000 for a refunding;

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WHEREAS, the School Board hereby finds and determines that the Project is within the District's power to undertake and therefore serves a "public purpose" as that term is defined in Section 67.04(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes;

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation promissory notes for such public purposes;

WHEREAS, the District has directed Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated ("Baird") to take the steps necessary to sell general obligation promissory notes (the "Notes") authorized by the Initial Resolutions and the referendum election to pay a \$4,600,000 portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number I Project and the remaining \$500,000 portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number II Project;

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 Notes and indicating that the Notes would be offered for public sale on November 27, 2017;

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 Notes for public sale on November 27, 2017;

WHEREAS, the District has duly received bids for the Notes 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.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the following resolution: Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500,000.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and improvement program consisting of renovating, expanding and improving the high school automotive repair facility; continuing construction at the multi-purpose sports events center; and acquiring any related fixtures, furnishings and equipment.

Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mrs. Griffin)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the following resolution: Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500,000.

WHEREAS, the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted a resolution entitled: "Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500,000" (the "Initial Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the question approved in the Initial Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on February 20, 2018.

Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mrs. Griffin)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #447.3 Student Suspensions/Expulsions and policy #443.3 Two-Way Communication Devices. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the 2018-2019 and the 2019-2020 School Calendars. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

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. Grosskopf seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:48 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 10:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Syl Clements.

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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 7, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Nate Krien led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Alexis Brueggen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Shawn Handland, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Nate Krien and Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin, Tom Grosskopf and Justin Jehn.

Approval of Agenda

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

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Connection with the Community

Alexis Brueggen reported on:

1. High school DECA and Interact Club made tie blankets for nursing homes in the area
2. NHS will be bell ringing this Friday and Saturday at Hansen's
3. Mid-quarter grades at the high school were submitted last week.
4. Girls' basketball games update was given.
5. The high school Holiday Choir Concert was held on December 2.

Nate Krien reported on:

1. Boys' basketball games update was given.
2. The high school Holiday Band Concert was held on December 10. Their next performance will be on January 19 at the National Band Association concert.
3. High school DECA went to a Milwaukee Bucks basketball game and worked with their marketing team, toured their offices, and watched the game against the Sacramento Kings.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Ron Solberg family was read.

Public comments

John Hammes from the West Salem Hockey Association was present to get clarification on naming, fundraising and a donor wall.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control - Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the December meeting.

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the last meeting which included co-curricular compensation and district (salaried) positions.

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

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the results of the Energage/Workplace Dynamics Survey recently taken by the staff.

Mr. Gunderson updated the Board members on the April 3, 2018 School Board Election and the need for candidates to acquire signatures.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of Soccer Coach Dave Halverson; hire David McPheeters as the Director of Buildings and Grounds; Odyssey of the Mind coaches-Becky Tower, Shannon Jones, Angie Hemker, and Heidi Knudson, Odyssey of the Mind Volunteer Coaches-Elissa Kinstler, Kathy Rhoden, Callie Helgeson, BJ Newton, Rachel Lysne, Dave Bohnsack, and Vicki Horman, Mock Trial coach-Emily Maxwell, and DECA volunteer advisor-Josh Maliszewski; and Open Enrollment request for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Duane and Ana Schaper for the Angela Labus Memorial Scholarship Fund, from the La Crosse County Dairy promotions or the High School Family & Consumer Science classes, and from Daren and Jillian Hugo for the elementary library in memory of Lisa Hugo. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Desmond from the Boys' and Girls' Club provided an update on their fundraising efforts. Mr. Desmond also requested clarification on signage on the wall and in the rooms.

Erik Mathison and Luke Jambois presented their request to have an elementary/middle school robotics club. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the high school course offerings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #341.1 Education for Employment, #345.5 Graduation as amended, #423 Early Admission to Five-Year-Old Kindergarten and First Grade, and #460 Student Awards and Scholarships as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

WSSD Students and Staff Celebrate the Holidays

In the last week of school leading up to winter break, students and staff across our district celebrated the holidays by participating in fun activities and giving back to the community. Students at the elementary school decorated cookies, dressed up in holiday outfits and watched “Rudolph Gets the Flu” put on by Mrs. Czajka’s class. Our first graders in Ms. Reedy’s class spread cheer by delivering hot chocolate and holiday treats to our bus drivers. At the middle school, students had their annual “Holly Days” cele-

bration where they participated in relay races, including the “Elf Shuffle”, sang karaoke and shot hoops in “Scrooge Basketball” for a chance to win some goodies for their AA. They also put together 44 food baskets for families in need, and helped load them up for the Lion’s club. Our high schoolers participated in the NHS Giving Tree, as well as a 24 Days of Kindness Challenge. The drama department also presented “Elf Jr.” and our music students performed for the community at Rotary Lights.



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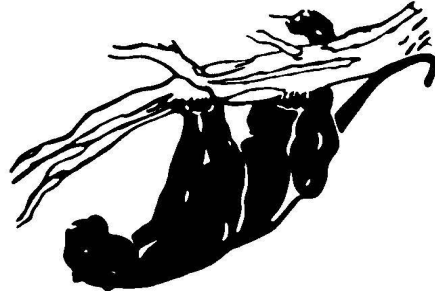
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