



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM

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JUNE 2016

Milestones Along the Way

Back in the days before odometers and GPS readings, milestones were markers placed alongside a road to mark the distance in miles between destinations as a way to note one's progress along a journey. Today, the term "milestone" is more commonly used to note an action or event marking a significant change or stage in development.

The end of another school year brings into focus a number of life's big milestones. First, high school graduation. On May 29, our community honored the Class of 2016 by awarding each member with a diploma and noting the milestone of entering adulthood. We wish our newest WSHS Alumni the very best as they begin their journey into life's adventures.

An interesting consequence of our industry operating on a "school year calendar" is that most of our retirees "retire" at the same time. This year, we celebrated the milestone of retirement for nine long-time school district employees. We offer appreciation and best wishes to: teachers Randy Dammon, Rick Martinson, Mike Zwonitzer, and Loretta Zwonitzer; maintenance employees Dave Rogers, Jon Lewis, and Greg Kirscher; bus driver Donna Bruemmer; and paraprofessional Renee Ziebell. Thank you and best of luck!

The school district will soon celebrate a financial milestone by refinancing the remaining \$4.9 million debt on the 2001 high school renovation project. The project was originally financed by borrowing \$15.1 million at an interest rate of approximately 5 percent. Portions of this debt were refinanced in 2006 and again in 2011. The current refinancing of the final \$4.9 million balance was approved at a recent board meeting and will officially take place on October 1, 2016 at an interest rate of 1.15 percent. The refinancing conducted in 2006, 2011 and 2016 resulted in the school district saving more than \$2.5 million dollars in interest charges over the life of the loan - nice job!

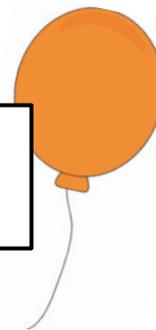
Looking forward, it appears the next significant school district milestone may be the reaching of consensus regarding the space issues in our elementary school, possible upgrades to our middle school, campus traffic concerns, and possible upgrades to various athletic facilities. The school board will be heavily engaged in this difficult work over the next eight weeks. Now is the time for your engagement, listening, patience, and consideration. Milestones are significant because they represent progress along an often difficult journey. The school district reached milestones in the construction of district facilities in 1964 for a new high school, 1981 for a new middle school, 1994 for a new elementary school, and again in 2001 for the expansion/renovation of the high school. If we work together, we can add another milestone to the list and continue our tradition of providing high-quality educational facilities.

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

Enjoy a safe and healthy summer.

Troy Gunderson
Superintendent





Retirements

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!

Loretta "Profe" Zwonitzer, High School Spanish

Mrs. Zwonitzer began teaching to WSHS students over the CESA IV telephone network in 1985, and she began in-house teaching in 1986.



When she came to West Salem, there was only an exploratory Spanish class at the middle school and some elementary teachers who included Spanish lessons in their curriculum. However, there was not a high school program. The local community voted overwhelmingly to have Spanish added to the high school curriculum, so Mrs. Zwonitzer was hired, and the middle/high school program began.

Over the last 30 years, the program has grown and flourished. Mrs. Zwonitzer says she is very proud of the graduates of the Spanish program, and all that they have accomplished. Besides teaching, she has served on many committees and advised many clubs and competitions over the years.

Mrs. Zwonitzer says her favorite part of teaching is, and always will be, the connections made with everyone in the educational community. She has been inspired by some of the greatest servant leaders that West Salem has had to offer, including students, the support staff, the community, the Board of Education, the administration, and, of course, the faculty.

To future educators, Mrs. Zwonitzer says: "To those who will continue to educate, I'd say; You are the true heroes. You give of yourselves with your whole heart every single day. When times seem dark, as they do, remember to lift up your head, and lead with your heart. This is the time and the place that you have been given to live in. Speak well of it, see the good in it, ENJOY it, and do all that you can do to make it the best place and time to live."

Michael Zwonitzer, Grade 7 & 8 Science

Mr. Zwonitzer started at West Salem in 1992. Besides teaching middle school science, he established the West Salem Sharks Swim Team. From 1992 – 2001, he was the pool director, swim instructor, and swim team coach.

His favorite thing about teaching is teaching middle school level learners about the environment, because they are such curious individuals. His favorite part of each school year was taking the 7th graders to the OEC for the spring camp out.

To future teachers, Mr. Zwonitzer's advice is to "really get to know each student and teach to their learning style."

Connie Troyanek, School Nurse Coordinator



Mrs. Troyanek joined the West Salem School District staff as the School Nurse in 2001, and she has loved every minute of her time here. Her role as school nurse has given her the pleasure of being in all three buildings and working with exceptional staff and incredible students. She feels lucky to have one of the unique positions that allows her to watch the students as they grow up from 4K to high school graduates. She has developed many close bonds with students and says they feel like her own children!

Mrs. Troyanek also has been fortunate to accompany students on many of the field trips. Accompanying classes or groups on trips allows all students, regardless of their abilities, to go when their parents aren't able to. She says she has loved being a part of the West Salem family and will miss everyone!

Randy Dammon, High School Science

Mr. Dammon began teaching at West Salem in 1993, when he started as the Physical Science and pre-Algebra teacher and was the Athletic Director. Since then, he has also taught Physics and Chem topics. Prior to West Salem, Mr. Dammon taught in Belmont and at Aquinas High School.

Besides teaching, Mr. Dammon was the wrestling coach at West Salem from 2009 – 2015. His teams won three conference titles and he had one individual win a state title. He has also been involved in taking teams to the Science Olympiad and Science Club trips.

Mr. Dammon says his favorite part of teaching is, of course, the kids. Every class is different, and every year is different. It never gets boring. One of his favorite activities was the annual trip to Great America with the Physics class.

To future teachers, Mr. Dammon says “Enjoy the job. When you stop enjoying the job, get out of teaching. Also get involved in politics to help elect pro-education politicians that won't pass law that damage schools in a misguided effort to save tax payers money.”



Donna Bruemmer, Bus Driver: 1992 – 2016
Rene'e Ziebell, Paraprofessional: 1996 – 2015
David Rogers, Maintenance: 1996 – 2015
Greg Kirscher, Custodian: 2001 – 2016
Rick Martinson, Elementary Teacher: 1996 – 2016
Jon Lewis, Teacher/Grounds: 1975-2004 (teacher) & 2004 – 2016 (grounds)

Thank you for your hard work and all you have done for our students!

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WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2016-2017 Elementary Registration

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Elementary 4K through 5th grade students will start August 1. If you are unable to register online, an in-house registration will be held on Tuesday, August 16, from noon to 7:00 p.m. Computers will be available to complete your online registration.

Also on August 16, Lifetouch will be here to take student pictures. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

4K Registration

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, 2016, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so.

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 1, 2016, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so.

2016 - 2017 School Supply List will be posted on the district's website when available.



WEST SALEM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Registration for the 2016 - 2017 School Year

The 2016-2017 school year will again have online registration through Skyward Family Access. Online registration will open up August 1st. If you are unable to register online, an in-house registration will be held on Monday, August 15, and Tuesday, August 16. Computers will be available to complete your online registration. Lifetouch will be here to take student pictures. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending.

Important Dates

- August 15 & 16: Registration
- August 22 & 23: WEB Leader Training
- August 24: 6th Grade WEB Orientation
- August 24 – 26: Middle School Band Camp



Left: Middle school students learned all about the Civil War during Civil War Day on May 20.



WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations, Seniors!

We are so proud of you and wish you the best of luck!



Valedictorian: Jinal Patel

Jinal is very dedicated to academics, and it has always been her dream to be Valedictorian. Throughout high school, she took many science classes (her favorite), and participated in DECA, forensics, Diversity Club, and student council. In her free time, she enjoys reading, spending time with her family, and shopping. After graduation, Jinal will be attending University of Wisconsin-Madison to obtain a pre-medicine major in microbiology. Though she is not sure exactly what she wants to do, she aspires for a career in the medical field, perhaps in gastroenterology. Awesome job Jinal!



Salutatorian: Allison Rigotti

Allison has been involved in many activities over the last four years, including tennis, DECA, theatre, Link Crew, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Interact, band, Youth Frontiers, and math club. She has also been an active volunteer at her church, where she teaches Sunday School, as well as volunteering at the West Salem food pantry and Heider Center. Outside of School, Allison enjoys camping on Lake Superior, hiking, reading, and snowmobiling. Next year, she will attend the University of Wisconsin-Stout, where she will major in marketing and business education. In the future, she plans to teach high school marketing and business. She also wants to visit all 50 states. Way to go Allison!



State Superintendent Visits WSHS for Senior Exit Project Presentations

On Wednesday, May 11, State Superintendent Tony Evers visited West Salem High School to listen in on Senior Exit Project (SEP) presentations.

All seniors presented their projects to a panel of judges, covering what they learned, the impact of their project, and how it will help them in the future.

Senior Exit Projects are a graduation requirement for seniors, and they include a research paper and presentation. Students pick a topic they are interested in and work with a mentor to complete the project.

All of the students did an outstanding job, but check out the next page for a few standout Senior Exit Projects!



Senior Exit Projects

Zack Magnuson: Rebuilding a Tractor



Zack’s passion for repairing yard tractors helped him choose his SEP: completely restoring a 1978 Cub Cadet yard tractor. The Cub Cadet he restored had not run in 15 years, but he got the engine running, drive system working, sandblasted and repainted the whole tractor, and put it all back together. Zack would like to thank his dad, who helped with a guiding hand throughout the project. Keep an eye out during the June Dairy Days parade, when Zack will be driving his tractor!

Mallary Premo: School Supplies Drive and “The Giving-Tree”



Mallary’s love of school supplies and desire to help students in need led her to her project idea: hosting a school supplies drive during West Salem Elementary school’s open house, and sponsoring a supplies Giving Tree at Altra

Federal Credit Union. Between both events, Mallary raised 567 school supply items and over \$300 in donations. Way to go Mallary!

Taylor Wiedemann: Ceramics Sale Fundraiser

For her project, Taylor channeled her love of art to create over 60 clay pieces that she sold to raise money for the WSHS art department. Taylor raised over \$600 by selling the pieces at the West Salem Holiday Craft Fair. The money will go towards a pug mill, which is a clay recycler that helps avoid wasting clay. Awesome job Taylor!



Chris Nelson: Corn Maze Play Area

Chris put his construction skills to the test when he decided his SEP would be to redesign and rebuild the children’s play area at the Hidden Trails Corn Maze. He mowed down an overgrown field, built a track, remodeled the mini golf course, built the cornbox, installed games, and put a fence around the area. Check out the before and after pictures!

Before



After



Makenzie Dejno: Mittens from Sweaters

Makenzie gave back to the community by sewing mittens from old sweaters. Each pair of mittens was lined with fleece, then filled with snacks. Makenzie sewed over 100 pairs: 45 pairs went to the Salvation Army, 50 pairs went to the West Salem food pantry, and the last five pairs are for anyone else who may need them. Additionally, Makenzie volunteered at Salvation Army and the food pantry. Wow!



Tunnel to Towers 5K Fundraiser at the Lumberyard

50% of all ticket sales go to Tunnel to Towers 5k!!

Join Tunnel to Towers 5K this summer at the Loggers game on June 23rd and raise money for the great cause! Half of your ticket purchase will go directly to Tunnel to Towers 5K, which takes place on September 11th 2016.

Here's how it works...

- For each \$5 ticket sold, Tunnel to Towers 5K will keep \$2.50 that will go towards all event related items and the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.
- One lucky individual from Tunnel to Towers 5K will get to throw out a ceremonial first pitch.
- A Logger representative will make a special fundraising check presentation during the game to Tunnel to Towers 5K!!

Tickets only \$5!

Contact Rachel Lysne at 608-769-6036 for tickets and more information!

Join us for the 5K on September 11th, 2016!!

Thursday, June 23rd

LA CROSSE LOGGERS BASEBALL vs. ROCK LOGGERS

First Pitch 7:05 pm
Gates Open 6:00 pm

Freshmen Orientation
August 26, 2016, 8 AM - Noon

Harvest of the Month



Asparagus

FUN FACT:
Asparagus spears can grow up to 10 inches a day!

For nutrition & fun facts, check out our website.

Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Monday, June 20th, 12:30 – 5:30 PM

Where: West Salem Presbyterian Church,
625 W. Franklin



West Salem Community Fitness Center Summer Hours

Mon-Fri: 5:00 – 8:00 AM

Mon-Thurs: 2:00 – 8:00 PM

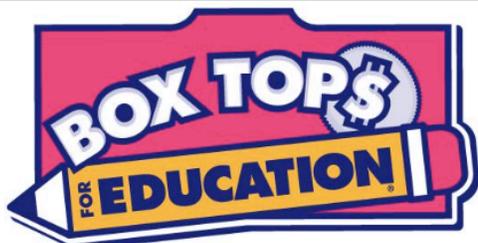
Fridays: 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 4:00 – 7:00 PM

**Please note: Summer hours may change*

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

Check Out The District's
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
sections on the district's website.
www.wsalem.k12.wi.us



The West Salem Elementary School is participating in Boxtops For Education. You can either send (bagged or enveloped) with an elementary student or drop off at the elementary school office. There are classroom incentives for the class who has the most boxtops at the end of each month. For more information about Boxtops for Education: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

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.



Summer School 2016

Monday, July 18, 2016 – Friday, Aug. 5, 2016

8:30 AM – Noon

For more information on Summer School, please visit our website, and click on “Summer School,” under “Students.”

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

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.

Individuals interested may stop in at the district office for an application, or apply online at the district’s website.

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

Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month.

ALUMINUM FOR ATHLETICS

When cleaning up around the garage, etc., you are encouraged to bring all aluminum cans to the can pen in the southwest corner of the Heider Center parking lot for recycling. West Salem Athletics will gain full benefit of this collection project. Also, if you have any car or truck batteries for recycling, please drop them off at: West Salem Auto Repair at 513 Brickl Road, West Salem. Dave Eckelberg and the guys there have graciously offered their services to be our collection point for those recyclable batteries.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June

- 1 Semester Exams
HS Baseball Regionals
HS Golf Sectionals
- 2 Semester Exams
HS Soccer Regionals
HS Softball Sectionals
- 3 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
HS Baseball Regionals
HS State Track
- 4 HS State Track
HS Soccer Regionals
- 6 HS State Golf
- 7 HS Baseball Sectionals
HS State Golf
Red Cross Babysitting Class
- 8 Red Cross Babysitting Class
- 9 HS Soccer Sectionals
HS Softball State
Red Cross Babysitting Class
- 10 HS Softball State
Red Cross Babysitting Class
- 11 HS Soccer Sectionals
HS Softball State
- 13 Board Meeting
- 14 HS Baseball State
- 15 HS Baseball State
- 16 HS Baseball State
HS Soccer State
- 17 HS Soccer State
- 18 HS Soccer State

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 3
Enjoy your summer!

HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS MEETING

When: Wednesday, July 27 at 6:00 PM

Where: Heider Center

Who: Students planning to participate in a fall sport must attend this meeting with a parent.



Mark Your Calendar for 2016-17 High School Open House/Registration

The high school will hold its Open House/Registration day on August 16th from 10:00am-1:00pm and 2:30pm-6:00pm. Registration verification is done online and can be done from the comfort of your home. You can also pay class fees and add money to your child's lunch account all online. However, if you need assistance, computers will be available during the above times.

Lifetouch will be available for student pictures (a makeup date will be determined later). You will also be able to pay fees, purchase athletic passes and drop off medication with the school nurse.

Online registration verification will open **July 18**. A new version of Athletics Registration will begin for the 2016-17 school year. Stay tuned for further information. All athletes will need to have their registration complete before the first practice. The athletic sports meeting will be held July 27th at 6pm in the Heider Center.

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.



Heider Center Events

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

Season Tickets for the Heider Center's **NEW 2016-2017 season** are now on sale!
Call **(608) 786-2550** to order your 2016 - 2017 season tickets, or stop by the box office.

Check out the Heider Center website at www.heidercenter.org for the 2016-2017 season lineup.

West Salem Rod & Gun Club's 12th ANNUAL YOUTH DAY



Saturday, June 18, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

West Salem Rod & Gun Club Grounds

Directions: Take Hwy. 16 to New Hwy. 108 north;
Turn right on McKinley Valley Rd; Turn right on Rod
and Gun Club Rd. Follow signs.

How to Register:

Pre-registration: West Salem Park & Rec. Dept. office
until June 12th.

On-site registrations: West Salem Rod & Gun day of
the event.

Fee: **FREE!**

Contact: Mark Ziegler at 608-786-1302 Visit us on
Facebook or at:

www.westsalemrodandgunclub.com

Hey Kids!

Take part in a variety of activities:

Casting, Archery, Hatchet & Bean Bag Toss, DNR
Warden Station, Tree Stand Safety, Game Calling and
RMEF – SAFE (Shooting Access For Everyone)*
This event is open to children up to age 13. **RAIN OR
SHINE!!**

The **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation** (RMEF) is sponsoring
SAFE (Shooting Access For Everyone)

*SAFE will introduce young and novice shooters to safe and
responsible firearm use, educate them about the hunter's role in
conservation and the North American Wildlife Conservation
Model. Participants will have the opportunity to shoot an Air Rifle
with help from RMEF SAFE mentors or experienced shooters.

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.wsaalem.k12.wi.us. Cost is \$3 per copy.



West Salem,

It takes a village to feed our children.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

is sponsoring a **Free** summer lunch
program **for children** of all ages.

Free Lunch served:

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
June 7 - Aug 18

Where:

800 West Ave N #218 (Anderson Trailer Ct)

and

West Salem Village Park (across from BGC)

Lunch funded completely by donations.

Contact OSLC to volunteer or to make a
donation. 786-0030

Special Thanks to our Sponsors:

*Hansen's IGA, Linda's Bakery, Subway
and La Crosse County Dairy Producers*

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2016
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2016 Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice 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 April 20, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Organization of the 2016-2017 School Board

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the voting process for the election of officers since one member was voting remotely. There were no objections to the process.

Mr. Grosskopf moved to nominate Tom Grosskopf for the office of President. Mr. Brickl moved to nominate Ken Schlimgen for the office of President. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to close nominations. 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. Paper ballots were used. Mr. Clements received four votes and Mr. Schlimgen received three votes. Mr. Clements was elected as the President of the West Salem School Board.

Mrs. Halverson moved to nominate Tom Grosskopf for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tom Grosskopf as the Vice President of the West Salem School Board. 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.

Mrs. Griffin moved to nominate Jane Halverson for the office of Clerk. Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jane Halverson as the Clerk of the West Salem School Board. 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.

Mrs. Griffin moved to nominate Ken Schlimgen for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ken Schlimgen as the Treasurer of the West Salem School Board. 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.

During roll call, Mr. Clements introduced the new student representative, Paige Dunnum, and welcomed her to the Board. Simon Buchanan was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded a resolution to authorize the board officers to borrow money pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 67.12(3) for the 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 school years. 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.

Mr. Schlimgen moved Mr. Grosskopf seconded to select Union State Bank of West Salem as the bank depository. 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.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to authorize facsimile signatures pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3), and to authorize the board officers to invest surplus funds pursuant to Wisconsin statutes 66.042(3). 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.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to continue with the current schedule to select the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for regular school board meetings and one meeting in December. 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.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Deputy Clerk. 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.

Mr. Clements reviewed the board committees, memberships and representations. Members were asked to convey their interest by early next week.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to have Jane Halverson serve as the CESA #4 Representative. . 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.

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnun reported on:

4. The high school forensics team sent 10 students to the state forensics competition on April 15. Five of these students achieved the highest ranking in their categories and were awarded gold medals.
5. Mayfair will take place this Sunday, May 1, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM in our High School commons and gym. Admission is free, and this celebration of the arts will include an art fair, kid's craft activities, a silent auction, and live entertainment. Both High School Jazz ensembles will be performing from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and the Ecology Club will be holding a plant sale.
6. Seventeen DECA students left for Nashville, Tennessee this past Friday, April 22, to compete at the International Career Development Conference. Nate Krien, the DECA state officer, will also be competing and attending leadership conferences. Students will return home on Wednesday, April 27.
7. The State Solo/Ensemble festival will take place on Saturday, May 7, at UW-La Crosse. Over 40 West Salem students will be participating in a total of 27 events (15 band and 12 choral) throughout the day on that Saturday.
8. The high school spring sports are in full swing with lots of events happening.

Correspondence

1. The 2015 Annual Report for Village of West Salem TIF District #1 report was shared with the Board.
2. A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Money Smart Week in Wisconsin, April 23-30, 2016, was read.
3. An invitation from the Neshonoc staff for the upcoming Neshonoc Dedication ceremony on May 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Supervisor reports from Scott Johnson, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Board Grant recipients Josh Mallicoat, Michelle Schwier and Bridget Peterson (Recognition Committee members) were present to share the outcome of their Commons TV Project.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Abstained; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Abstained; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried. (5-Ayes, 2-Abstained)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the invoices to be paid. 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.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Gunderson gave a summary of recent strategic planning activities around input gathering and goal setting. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson provided information to the Board from Lapekas & Associates: Organizational Performance Consulting for possible Baldrige consulting services. Mr. Gunderson will gather more information and bring back to the board. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve contracts for the school psychologist and teachers for the 2016-17 school year as presented. 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.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to hire and contract with Darren Fruit as a high school math teacher beginning with the 2016-17 school year. 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.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to hold a special board meeting on May 16, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of working with architects on the middle school and outdoor facilities project. 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.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's volunteer recommendations: Lucas Schultz, baseball; and Mike Zwonitzer class trip chaperone. 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.

There were no resignation/retirements received by the district to be acted upon. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:10 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 9, 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 May 4, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum's report:

1. Brandon Bahr, a graduate of West Salem High School, will be graduating from the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program this month. Brandon cultivated his aptitude for automotive work in Paul Liethen's class and his sponsor is Brenengen Auto, where he is soon to become a full-time technician.
2. There was a great turnout at West Salem High School's Junior Prom, which took place this past Saturday, May 7. This prom's theme was "Aurora Borealis" and Prom King and Queen were awarded to Tommi Hemp and Simon Buchanan.
3. Maria Ekern, a junior who also holds the title of Miss River City's Outstanding Teen, held a fundraiser last Friday, May 6, to promote her pageant community service platform, which is focused on foster care. Maria managed to fundraise over \$1,700 for her cause.
4. On March 19, the West Salem Middle School sent 7 teams to the Odyssey of the Mind State Competition in Madison. They came home with a 4th, two 3rd's and 4 - 1st place finishes. These 4 teams were invited to the World's competition on May 25. Over 800 teams will compete in this year's World's competition, which will be held in Ames, Iowa.

Simon Buchanan's report:

1. Elementary is currently completing the WI forward exam, in grades 3-5. Kindergarten through 5th grade students will be attending the school forest between now and the end of the school year. 5th grade went to the international crane foundation last week. The 5th graders are also getting ready to visit their AA's at the middle school.
2. Recent and upcoming golf, track and soccer events were reported on.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments

Marc & Marbeth Johnson agreed to wait until closed session to comment to the Board

Written and Oral Reports

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



District Performance Initiative updates by Dean Buchanan and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Board Grant Recipient Heidi Ebert, Project & Inquiry Teacher, shared the outcome of the 3D Printer Project at the middle school.

Allison Rigotti, Kaylee Mulholland and Advisor Jason Holter of the High School DECA Club summarized the DECA International Conference in Nashville at the end of April. Allison and Kaylee were top finishers of the 17 students from West Salem at the conference.

District Technology Integrationist Kathy Hilby, Social Studies Teacher Ryan Nelson and English Teacher Kim Volden were present to invite the Board to participate in the SEP day at the high school. The day will include a visit from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers and Chief of Staff Emilie Amundson during the SEP presentations, and an Ice Cream Social during the evening. They also summarized the SEP process the students go through.

Public Relations Specialist/Grant Writer Abby Johnson presented a summary of the new position and its goals and accomplishments.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2016, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donations from Syl's Supper Club for the Varsity Baseball Team and the High School Football Team, and from the Baseball Booster Club for the Damian Miller Field complex. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Baldrige consulting services to be provided by Lapekas & Associates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board Committee assignments were reviewed. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to nominate Catherine Griffin as the WASB Convention Delegate. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to nominate Jane Halverson as the WASB Convention Alternate Delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed operational budget, long-term debt and Mill Rate information with the Board with regard to future financing and budgeting.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Tiffany Lisk as the School Nurse beginning July 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of school nutrition employee Shelly Horstman, bus driver Gary Roesler and student council advisor Laura Skemp-Deal. Motion carried unanimously.

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 salaries and benefits of specific administrators and district staff members; and (f) Considering social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems regarding student records.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:37 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Brickl, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

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