

May 2017



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

Developing the annual school district budget is a yearlong process that begins and ends with the Annual District Meeting each year in October. The months of March and April include vigorous debate about department budgets and staffing. As noted in recent newsletters, the spring of 2017 has been especially difficult. Amidst vigorous debate about class size, maintenance, health care, and general programming, the discussion turned towards the topic of property taxes and generated a number of questions. It seems like an appropriate time for a quick review:

How are school district property tax levels determined?
Local school district property tax levels are determined using a combination of voter-approved levies and state-imposed revenue limit calculations. The School District of West Salem levy rate for 2017 is \$9.42 per thousand dollars of property. This is down 7.6% from the previous three years when the levy rate held steady at \$10.20 each year.

What percentage of my total property tax bill goes to the school district?
Looking at a typical 2016 residential property tax bill for

the Village of West Salem reveals that only 46% of the total property tax collected is forwarded to the school district. The other 54% is shared amongst the Village of West Salem (20%), County of La Crosse (23%), Western Technical College (9%), Lake Koshong District (1%), and the State of Wisconsin (1%).

What is the outlook for 2018?
An examination of Governor Walker’s 2017 – 2019 budget proposal, increasing property values, and additional local development suggests a 2018 school district tax levy rate of approximately \$8.75 per thousand dollars of property, or a decrease of somewhere around 7% when compared to 2017.

How can our property taxes go down when we passed \$26.5 million in bond referenda last year?
During the 15 years prior to 2017, the school district made a \$2 million per year “mortgage” payment for debt from the construction of our elementary school and the renovation of our high school. Following the successful referenda in 2016, the combination of the new

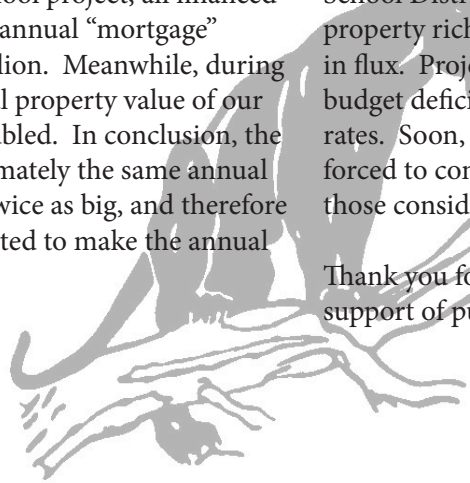
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\$26.5 million debt for the various projects mixed with the remaining debt from the high school project, all financed at record low rates, creates a new annual “mortgage” payment of approximately \$2 million. Meanwhile, during this same 15-year period, the total property value of our school district has more than doubled. In conclusion, the school district is making approximately the same annual payment, the district is roughly twice as big, and therefore each person’s share of taxes collected to make the annual payment is less.

The world of school district finances is changing. The School District of West Salem is becoming more property rich at a time when state funding formulas are in flux. Projections for the future suggest continued local budget deficits combined with decreasing property tax rates. Soon, the School District of West Salem will be forced to consider an operational referendum similar to those considered by neighboring school districts.

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



Calendar of Events May

Monday, May 1, 2017

1:00/3:30 pm Golf: Boys JV Match
vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T,
Luther, Viroqua, Westby Area High
School @ Viroqua Hills Golf Course

4:30pm Track: JV/VARSITY Meet
vs. Alma-Center-Lincoln-Humbird,
Arcadia, Blair-Taylor, Brookwood,
Cashton, G-E-T, Independence,
Luther, Melrose-Mindoro, New Lisbon,
Whitehall @ Melrose-Mindoro

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

4:00pm Baseball: JV Doubleheader
Luther @ Onalaska Reserve Field School

4:00pm Baseball: Varsity Doubleheader
Luther @ Luther High School

4:00pm Track: JV/VARSITY Meet
vs. Adams/Friendship, Aquinas, Arcadia,
Bangor, Brookwood, Cashton, DeSoto,
Hillsboro, Kickapoo, Luther,
Melrose-Mindoro, Neillsville, Nekoosa,
New Lisbon, North Crawford, Onalaska,
Royall, Sparta, Viroqua @ Bangor HS

5:00pm Baseball: C-Team Game
G-E-T @ G-E-T High School

5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game
Onalaska @ Onalaska High School

5:00/6:15pm Softball: Varsity/JV Game
vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game
Onalaska @ Onalaska High School

Thursday, May 4, 2017

TBD Golf: Boys Varsity Meet
Adams/Friendship @ Adams-Friendship
High School

5:00pm Baseball: C-Team Game vs. G-E-T
West Salem High School

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game
Whitehall @ Whitehall High School

5:00/7:00pm Soccer: Girls JV/V Game
La Crosse Central @ Fields For Kids

Friday, May 5, 2017

**5th Grade Going to Crane Foundation

4:00pm Track: JV/VARSITY Meet
Mauston @ UW-La Crosse

4:30pm Softball: Varsity Game
(Rescheduled from 04-03-17)
La Crosse Aquinas @ Holy Cross
Seminary Field

5:00pm Baseball: JV Game
(Rescheduled from 04-11-17)
Mauston @ Mauston High School

Saturday, May 6, 2017

10:00am Track: JV/VARSITY Meet
vs. Alma, Aquinas, Arcadia, Augusta,
Baldwin-Woodville Area School
District, Blair-Taylor, Cochrane Fountain
City, Durand, Eau Claire Memorial,
Eleva-Strum, Independence, Luther,
Melrose-Mindoro, Mondovi @
Cochrane-Fountain City High School

Monday, May 8, 2017

4:15pm Track: JV/VARSITY Meet
vs. Bangor, Brookwood, Cashton, DeSoto,
Dodgeville, Hillsboro, Royall, Viroqua,
Westby Area High School @ Viroqua HS

5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game
Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

6:30pm Softball: JV Game
Arcadia @ Arcadia High School
Memorial Park Softball Fields

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

1:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational Arcadia @
Trempealeau Mountain Golf Course

5:00pm Baseball: JV/V Game
vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV/V Game
Tomah @ VA Hospital Fields

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

**Early Release Day

Thursday, May 11, 2017

TBD Golf: Boys Varsity Meet
Arcadia @ Arcadia Country Club

TBD Golf: Boys Varsity Meet
G-E-T @ Ettrick Golf Course

May's Calendar of Events
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1:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match
vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther,
Viroqua, Westby Area High School @
Arcadia Country Club

3:30pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match
vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther,
Viroqua, Westby Area High School @ Ettrick
Golf Course School

5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game
vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School
West Salem Elementary School

5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game
vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem
High School

6:15pm Softball: JV Game
vs. Westby Area High School @ WSHS

7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game
vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School
West Salem Elementary School

Friday, May 12, 2017

5:00pm Baseball: C-Team Game
Tomah @ Tomah HS

5:00pm Baseball: JV Game
Westby Area High School @ Westby High
School-Westby City Field

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game
Westby Area High School @ Westby High
School-Coon Valley Field

Saturday, May 13, 2017

TBD Soccer: Girls Varsity Quad
Belleville @ Belleville

8:30am Golf: Boys Varsity Conference Tournament
vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther,
Viroqua, Westby Area High School @ TBD

9:00am Softball: JV Tournament
vs. Blair-Taylor, Cashton, Neillsville @ West
Salem High School

9:00am Softball: Varsity Tournament
vs. Cashton, Greenwood, Neillsville @ West
Salem High School

9:45am Track: JV/VARSITY Meet
Black River Falls @ Black River Falls HS

9:45am Track: Varsity Conference Tournament
vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther,
Viroqua, Westby Area High School @ Black
River Falls High School

11:00am Soccer: Girls JV Game
vs. Prairie du Chien @ West Salem ES

Monday, May 15, 2017

**6:00 pm 6th Grade Choir & Band Concert
Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

**7:30 pm 7th Grade Choir & Band Concert
Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

5:00pm Baseball: C-Team Game
(Rescheduled from 05-16-17)
Viroqua @ Viroqua High School

5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game
vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School

6:30pm Softball: JV Game
vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

4:00pm Track: JV/VARSITY Meet
G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School

5:00pm Baseball: JV Game
vs. Sparta @ Riverview Park

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game
vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game
La Crosse Aquinas @ Fields For Kids

7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game
Aquinas @ Fields For Kids

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

**7:00 pm High School Scholarship Awards Night

Thursday, May 18, 2017

TBD Golf: Boys Varsity Meet
Holmen @ Drugan's

4:00pm Track: JV/VARSITY Match
vs. Alma, Alma-Center-Lincoln-Humbird,
Arcadia, Augusta, Bangor, Blair-Taylor, Cochrane
Fountain City, Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran,
Eleva-Strum, G-E-T, Independence, La Crosse -
Logan, Melrose-Mindoro, Osseo-Fairchild,
Viroqua, Whitehall @ Whitehall High School

5:00pm Baseball: JV/V Game
vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game
vs. La Crosse Logan @ West Salem High School
West Salem Elementary School

7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game
vs. La Crosse - Logan @ West Salem High School
West Salem Elementary School

Friday, May 19, 2017

**8th Grade Civil War Day

4:30pm Baseball: C-Team Game
Holmen @ Holmen High School

5:00pm Baseball: JV Game
Osseo-Fairchild @ Osseo-Fairchild High School

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game
Osseo-Fairchild @ Osseo-Fairchild High School

5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game
G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School

6:30pm Softball: JV Game
G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School

Monday, May 22, 2017

**8th Grade NHD State

**7:00 pm 8th Grade Choir & Band Concert

4:30pm Baseball: C-Team Game
Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

4:30pm Baseball: JV Game
Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

4:00/5:00 pm Soccer: Girls Varsity/JV Game
Sparta @ Sparta High School

4:30pm Baseball: C-Team Game
Onalaska @ Onalaska Legion Field

5:00pm Baseball: JV Game
vs. Onalaska @ Riverview Park

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game
vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School

Thursday, May 25, 2017

5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game
vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game
vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School
West Salem Elementary School

**May 22-26 7th Grade Campout

**May 26 Senior Sing Out

**May 29 No School

**June 1 8th Grade Promotion

District Announcements

Heider Center



Season Tickets

Season tickets for the Heider Center 2017-2018 Season will be on sale from Monday, May 8 through July 14th.

MAYFAIR

12th Annual Mayfair Art Fair
Sunday, May 7, 2017
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The 12th Annual Mayfair Art Fair is a major Heider Center Arts Board Fundraiser. This event will take place at the West Salem High School. Activities will include a Fine Arts and Fine Crafts Fair, Big Boar pulled pork meal, silent auction, free children's art activities, entertainment by area youth and door prizes.

Artists interested in participating in the art fair can call Jane at 786-2388 or email mayfairart@hotmail.com. Applications are also available at the Heider Center Box Office and on the website at www.heidercenter.org



Fun Fact: Garlic has been around for thousands of years- King Tut had garlic with him when he was buried!

Regional NHD Winners

Congratulations to the following 8th graders who were selected to compete at the state National History Day Competition in Madison later in the month--- Maria Horman, Julia Krien, Rayna Dressel, Betsy Skaar, and Grace Brigson. Earning alternate status was Jenna Carns.



Students advancing to state and alternate



Photo of all students who competed at Regionals



West Salem Art Department: Annual Senior Show

A collection of works from the graduating class of 2017. Students who attended West Salem High School are invited to bring in their favorite works they have created over the last four years. The Senior Show will be on display in the Marie W. Heider Center Gallery from May 1st-31st, with a public reception on Tuesday, May 16th from 6-7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Box Office (608) 786-2550

Monday: Noon to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Friday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.

www.heidercenter.org

West Salem Community Care and Share Food Pantry

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

High School Graduation

High School Graduation is Sunday, May 28th at 1:30 p.m.

Senior Celebration
10 p.m.-5 a.m. @ Features
Cost: \$20 paid in advance. Includes food, bowling, hypnotist, and much more!

Student Competes at State Geo Bee

8th grader Adam Rogge went to the State Geo Bee in Madison. He was one of 100 students competing. Congrats Adam!



Team and Youth Football Camp Information

Registration deadline: May 23, 2017

Team Camp

June 25 1:30-4:00 p.m.
June 26-29 7:30-noon

Youth Camp

June 26-29, 2017
Entering Grades 6-9, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Entering Grades 3-5, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

For camp information, location, cost, etc... please see the official flyer on our website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us under "News and Announcements".

Free Summer Lunch Program

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is sponsoring a FREE summer lunch program for children of all ages.

Free Lunch Served:
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays
June 13-August 17

Where: 800 West Ave N #218 (Anderson Trailer Ct) and West Salem Village Park (across from BGC)

District Announcements

Elementary School Environmental Day Volunteer Thank You

All elementary students in grades 4k-5th grade had a fun filled day of learning about nature and the environment on Wednesday, April 5th. We had more than 20 different people/groups come into our school and share their knowledge about the environment with our students. We would like to thank the following people for sharing their time and talents with our students on Environment Day. If you see one of these people, please share our gratitude with them:

2017 Volunteers

Lucy Freeman-Puppeteer
Heidi Masters & UWL Students
Ruth Nissen-WI DNR
Jordan Weeks-WI DNR
Brian Baker & MS Ecology Club
Jenny Lila/Stephanie Johnson-Tremp. National Wildlife Refuge
Kelly Rueckheim & HS Ecology Club
Lindy Meyers, Erin Ellerbach, Jake Merrill-PE Teachers
Hallie Rasmussen-Upper Miss. River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
Vicky Eiben & Viterbo Students
Mary Callen-OEC Director
Randy Hines-United States Geological Survey
Jerry Haavind-Coulee Rock Club
WXOW Weather
Hanna Mcbrearty-Necedah National Wildlife Refuge
Jim Kerkman-Fort McCoy Forester
Chase & Jon Jones-Thousand Mile Hikers
Patty Ries-United States Geological Survey
Bryce Richardson-Monroe County Soil & Water Conservationist
Cale Severson-Mississippi River Wildlife Technician
Stacie Anthony-Gary's Rock Shop
Pat Hofer-Outdoor Enthusiast/Retired Teacher
Scott Giese (WI Rural Water Association) & Loren Schwier (West Salem Water Superintendent)
Bob Hoffman-Hoffman Honey

Topics

Every Day is Earth Day
Ready, Set, Recycle
On the River with a Fish Biologist
Local Freshwater Fish
Reptile Talks

Rhythm of the River: Nature's Song

I Spy

Movin' Like Animals

Furs/Skulls
Wisconsin Birds
Fishing Around

Mississippi River Ecosystem
Rocks and Fossils
Weather Academy

Arthropods

Forest Animals

Hiking the Ice Age Trail

Buzzin' About Bees

Soils

Miss. River Habitat Projects
Rocks and Fossils

National Park System in our BackYard

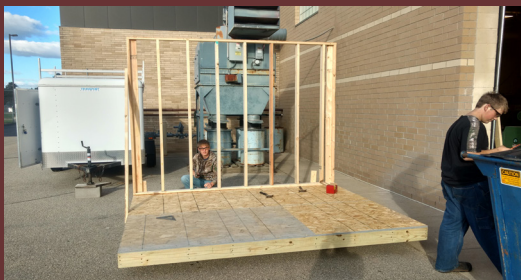
Water Systems
Honeybees



Yard Shed for Sale: Built by Advance Construction Students

The Advance Construction students of West Salem High School have a yard shed they built for sale. The shed is 8 feet wide by 10 feet long, and is 10 feet 5 inches tall (from ground to peak). A person can easily stand inside without hitting their head. The door opening is 48" wide by 83" tall. It has T1-11 siding and asphalt architectural shingles installed.

\$1,000. Buyer must arrange their own transportation of the shed. For more information or to purchase, please call the high school at 608-786-1212, extension 2311



District Announcements

Want to become a sub? Now is your chance!



Subs are needed in the following areas:

- Teachers
- Custodians
- Paraprofessionals
- Secretarial
- Kitchen

Bus Drivers (Will Train)

Interested? Stop by the District Office at 405 E. Hamlin St, West Salem, or call

608-786-0700, or apply online at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us.

Bus Drivers Needed!

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

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

Transcript Information

Are you transferring to a different college, or do you need a copy of your high school transcript?

WSHS graduates that need a transcript can request one online, or print out an official transcript request form by going to the Student Services page on the district website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us.

West Salem Community Fitness Center Hours

Mon-Fri: 5:00 – 7:00 AM

Mon-Thurs: 3:00 – 9:00 PM

Friday: 3:00 – 7:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 – 12:00 PM

Sunday: 4:00 – 7:00 PM

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

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.

School Board Members

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

American Red Cross Babysitting Class

The American Red Cross Babysitting Class will be held in June. Please be checking the district website and ES, MS, and District Offices in the month of April for registration forms. Date to be announced.

School District of West Salem
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2017
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 March 23, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ryan Rieber led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Lisa Gerke recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance - Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat (7:21) Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Davita Molling, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Paige Dunnun and Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused:

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnun reported on:

1. The West Salem Music Department held their annual alumni band and choir concert in the Heider Center on March 18. This year's concert featured over 200 band and choir students and nearly 40 alumni and community members.

2. The West Salem Music Department also took over 40 senior band and choir members on a field trip to the Fireside dinner theatre this past Thursday. The seniors watched Fireside's production of Beauty and the Beast, which will also be performed by our own students in the Heider Center in June, as the show is

the high school summer musical.

3. A fourth and fifth grade Odyssey of the Mind team, which is an international program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college, competed last weekend at Madison Technical College. The team scored very well, taking third out of all the elementary school teams.

4. Youth frontiers, a group of Senior leaders, kicked off their Relay for Life Fundraiser this year in a pep assembly. In order to raise money for the American Cancer Society, they have created various incentives. These incentives include teachers dyeing their hair, getting pied in the face, getting dunked in a dunk tank, and even kissing a pig. The standards are set very high. Last year the group raised over \$7,000 through this fundraiser.

5. On April 1, West Salem High School will host the annual High School Solo and Ensemble Festival. This event, consisting of high school musicians and vocalists, brings together students from surrounding schools to compete in a contest to get the best score they or their group can receive. Students with a rating of 1 will move on to the state competition in May.

Simon Buchanan reported on:

The spring sports, golf, baseball, girls soccer, track, and softball, initial meets and games for each sport were summarized for the board.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the middle school MathCounts team and advisors was read.

A thank you note from Trish Martin and family was read.

Public comments - None.

Written and Oral Reports

Transportation Committee - Mrs. Griffin reported on tonight's committee meeting, which dealt with transportation and possible contracted services.

Finance Committee - Mr. Schlimgen reported on last week's committee meeting, which dealt with the 17-18 budget, and possible reductions and additions.

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

Robotics - Gearbox Heroes 5019: Andrew Murphy and Advisor Erik Mathison were on hand to show the robot and shared a video about what the robot can do at the upcoming Seven Rivers Regional April 13-15, at

the La Crosse Center.

High School Principal Josh Mallicoat arrive at 7:21 p.m.

West Salem Middle School Physical Education Teachers Josh Brewer and Erika Olson, and students Paige Wiedemann and Maddy Wopat provided a live demonstration of an activity for which board grant funds were used.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to set May 8, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. as the date for a Special District Meeting to seek authority to enter into a long-term lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Simon Buchanan left at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a staffing update for the 17-18 school year. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Youth Options and Course Options requests for the fall of 2017 school year.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation report as presented by Eric Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the CESA #4 contracts for services for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on Policy #841 Naming School Facilities. The Policy Committee will review the policy.

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for coaches: assistant high school track-Bret Miller and Nicole Ryan, middle school track coach-Sarah Weber, and middle school volunteer track coach-Jim Klug. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no resignations or retirements for the

board to take action.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

School District of West Salem Regular School Board Meeting Minutes April 10, 2017 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

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Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Student representative and Coulee News recognition - Mr. Grosskopf presented Paige Dunnum and Simon Buchanan, Tobias Mann of the Coulee News were

presented with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools.

Art teachers Quenten Brown, Johnnyray Wildt, Cassie Engen, and Angie Hemker were present to introduce each student to the board member, administrator or district staff who selected their piece of artwork to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year.

Paige Dunnun reported on:

1. On Thursday, March 30, the middle school jazz band ended their season by performing for fifth grade students and parents at the annual ice cream social.
2. Saturday, April 1, West Salem High School hosted the annual Solo and Ensemble Festival. Over 40 West Salem students qualified for the state competition on Saturday, May 6, at UW-La Crosse.
3. The West Salem DECA chapter will be heading to the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California at the end of April with 14 students.
4. Relay for Life took place this past Friday, April 7 at the high school. The event consisted of various West Salem students, staff, and community members and even featured a performance by the West Salem Middle School show choir. West Salem teachers, Sarah Patterson and Krista Beron were honorary chairs for the annual event. Overall, West Salem's Relay for Life event was successful and over \$56,000 was raised in total for the American Cancer Society.

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Correspondence

A thank you note from the Ray Deml family was read. A thank you note from the George Apfel family was read.

Greg Brickl's letter of resignation from the West Salem Board of Education was read.

Public comments - None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control - Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the Board's April meeting.

Staff Relations Committee - Mrs. Halverson reported on the committee discussed co-curricular

compensation, union negotiations and the employee handbook.

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Mr. Grosskopf reported that the committee discussed the bid strategy for the campus and facility projects.

Finance Committee - Mr. Schlingen reported that the committee discussed the 17-18 budget, which included recommended additions and reductions.

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

Board Grant recipients, elementary teachers Lisa Jones and Mary Czajka, demonstrated and explained what they did with the funds used for "What's your 'sit' attitude?"

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2017, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept donations from Marisa & Gregory Jensen for the Jane Doe Fund, from the Baseball Booster Club for the baseball program, and from Rachel & Craig Lysne and family for the elementary music department. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the budget planning; strategies for deficit reduction. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the proposed professional staffing for the 17-18 school year. No action was taken.

Jerry Schomberg and Brian Guthrie from Vantage Architects were present to review the recommendations for finalizing of the bid process for the campus and facility projects. Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the plan as proposed with the bid strategy with one amendment. The bid for the multi-purpose facility should go back to the Buildings and Grounds Committee to reassess the bid strategy. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Albert Zolweg, assistant track coach for 16-17; Dave Hemker, volunteer soccer coach for 16-17; Brett Thompson, head volleyball coach for 17-18; Laura Weber, assistant volleyball coach for 17-18. Motion carried unanimously.

The school calendar was discussed. No action was taken

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the resignations of Paraprofessional Kelly Kalinowski, Teacher Melissa Iverson, Boys Basketball Coach Jake Merrill. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the administration's request to waive policy #751 Student Transportation Services and policy #484 Scheduling Student Activities/Practices for the 2017 Seven Rivers Regional FIRST Robotics Competition in La Crosse. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue preliminary notice(s) of non-renewal to teachers. No action was taken.

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 of specific administrators and district staff members; issuing preliminary notice(s) of nonrenewal, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22; and approval of the January 23, 2017, closed session minutes. And (e) deliberating or negotiating or bargaining reasons require a closed session; for the purpose of discussing the employee compensation with the West Salem Education Association and West Salem School Employee Association for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:53 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, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn 9:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

School Breakfast Program



To check out each school's options for breakfast, please go to <http://wsalem.nutrislice.com>. Each school offers unique breakfast options that accommodate the different age levels. Some of these options include a grab-and-go breakfast and traditional breakfast.

The website above also provides menus for all meals offered during each school day, as well as nutritional facts about the different foods that are served. Once you have selected a school and menu, there is an advertisement for a free app that can be downloaded to have quick access to daily breakfast and lunch menus. This app is super convenient!



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM

NOTICE FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING (Common and Union High School Districts) Section 120.8(1)

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the School District of West Salem, that a Special District Meeting of said District for the transaction of business will be held in the Marie W. Heider Meeting Room at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, Wisconsin on the 8th day of May, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of such meeting shall be to act on a resolution authorizing the School Board to enter into a long term lease of School District Property located at 450 North Mark Street, West Salem, Wisconsin, consisting of space within a portion of the school building situated at such site along with equipment therein as appropriate, for lawful use and at a reasonable rental, as such real estate and equipment is not needed for school purposes.

A quorum of the Board may be present, but no Board action will be taken.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2017.
Jane Halverson, District Clerk

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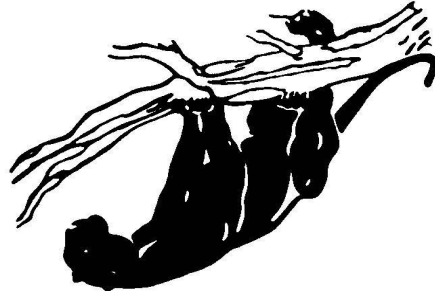
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