

November 2016



# Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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## Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

### School Referendum – Q & A

On Tuesday, November 8th, the election ballot will include two referendum questions for the School District of West Salem. Detailed descriptions about the scope of these two questions are included in this newsletter and in recent school district publications. The following are commonly asked questions during the last few weeks:

#### **Why are we remodeling the middle school instead of building a new one?**

The survey of district residents completed after the April, 2015 referendum indicated a desire to renovate the middle school rather than replace it. The school district responded by selecting an architect with renovation expertise, and is confident the current plan for renovation and addition will result in a building equal in quality

to new construction at a lower cost. The proposed project offers complete renovation and a doubling of the size of our middle school. For reference, the project will be similar in scope to the work completed at our high school in 2002. From a financial perspective, passage of both Question #1 and Question #2 will cost approximately \$12 million less, including interest over the time of the loan, than the proposed new middle school offered for referendum in April of 2015.

#### **How many students does our elementary school serve?**

The elementary school currently serves 860 students in grades four-year-old kindergarten (4k) through 5. When the building originally opened in 1996, it served 654 students.

**Why are we moving the 5th grade to the middle school?**

Moving the 5th grade to the middle school allows the district to address crowding at the elementary school and to improve programming at our middle school. Moving the 5th grade to the middle school will reduce the population of our elementary school by approximately 125 students per year.

**Why are we including the Boys and Girls Club?**

The Boys & Girls Club (BGC) is included because they are in desperate need for space and have pledged to contribute additional funding to the project. Also, the proposed renovations will allow them to better serve our children and their families at no additional cost to the taxpayer. The BGC currently serves more than 125 of our students and their families every day. Through the generosity of their donors, the BGC will contribute \$2.5 million to the proposed project creating a number of shared facilities the school district can use during the day.

**How can my taxes go down even if this passes?**

Your taxes will go down because district operational costs have declined and the proposed new debt payment will remain the same as the current debt payment all while property values are expanding. To this point, on October 24th, the school board set the 2017 mil rate at \$9.42 thereby reducing taxes by \$78 on a \$100,000. This new tax rate is 7% lower than the current rate because of the revenue limit, state aid, and increasing property values. This new tax rate includes a \$1,900,000 debt payment on our high school and swimming pool. If both referendum questions pass, the district will combine existing debt with the new debt and commit to making roughly the same payment for 20 years, meaning the tax rate will remain at or near \$9.42 for the foreseeable future. If the referendum questions both fail, the district plans

to pay off the remaining high school/swimming pool debt over the next three years, meaning the tax rate would remain at or around \$9.42 for three years and then decline by as much as \$2.40 in 2020 when the district becomes debt free.

**What is a multi-purpose events facility?**

We envision the proposed multi-purpose events facility as the centerpiece to the proposed additions to our athletic complex. The facility is to include restrooms and concessions for soccer, softball, tennis, cross-country and lower-level football. The facility will also include a large open space big enough to host indoor ice hockey games, serve as an indoor practice area for many outdoor sports, and serve as an indoor community center designed to host a wide range of public events.

**How will these projects improve campus safety and congestion?**

The projects include funding for an off-street bus loading area, a new access road from the east, and a new front entry and drop off for our middle school facing south onto East Avenue. The new bus loading area, included in Question #1, will be located to the north of our elementary school and the new access road, included in Question #2, will connect to Garland Street near Lakeview Health Center. These several changes to our campus infrastructure will reduce traffic on Mark Street. In addition, the new entrance to our middle school will include a secure passage into the office area for use during the day similar to the arrangements at our elementary school and high school.

Thank you for reading through these questions and through our previous informational communications. Please take the time to exercise your right/responsibility to vote. If you have any last minute questions, please feel free to contact the school district offices.





The West Salem School District School Board has approved the following school district referendum. The referendum will consist of two questions. The first will include renovations and additions to the middle school and updates to the elementary school.

# Referendum Question 1

## \$20,000,000

Approval of Question #1 would allow the school district to complete the following:

### Middle School

- Two-story addition, including four individual grade level pods; one for each grade, 5-8. Each pod would contain classrooms and a center gathering space for lockers.
- Single-story space containing a cafeteria/commons area, kitchen, music/choir area, secure entry connected to the office, and a two-station gymnasium.
- The funds provided by the Boys' and Girls' Club will be used to create a "new" club within the building by renovating

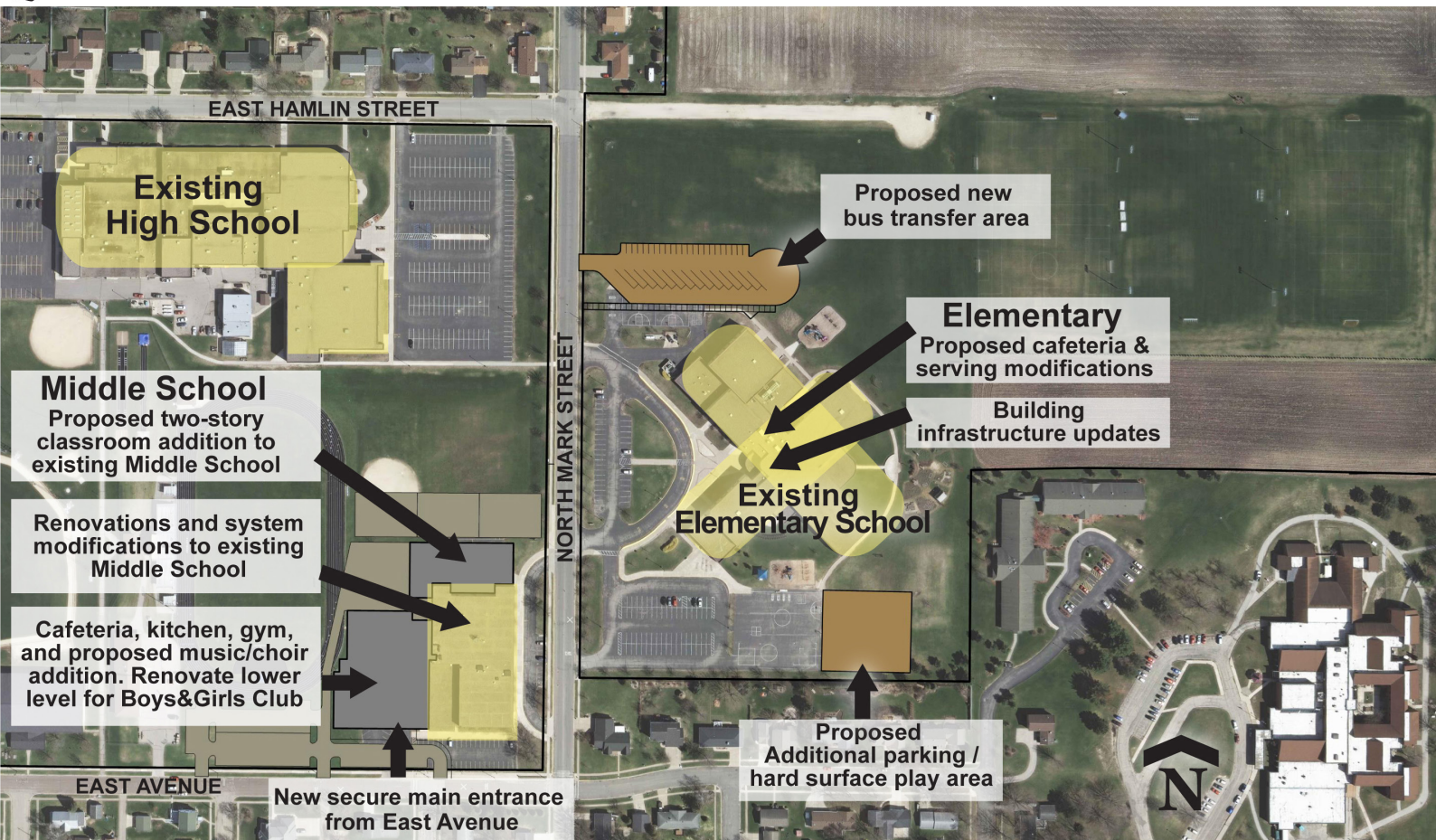
the current middle school basement, locker rooms, gymnasium, and east entry.

- Renovations and system modifications would include: ADA compliance, heating, air conditioning, ventilation, fire alarm, electrical service, roofing, doors and windows.

### Elementary School

- A dedicated bus transfer area
- Additional parking
- Improved cafeteria serving area
- An events entrance
- Building infrastructure

## QUESTION NUMBER I







# Referendum Question 2

## \$5,000,000

Approval of Question #2 would allow the school district to complete the following:

The West Salem School District School Board has approved the following school district referendum. The referendum will consist of two questions. The second will address improvements to several campus facilities including the construction of a multi-purpose events facility.

### Improvements to Campus Facilities

- Renovation of the running track
- Construction of additional seating in the football/track stadium
- Construction of three-diamond softball complex and renovation of the current varsity softball diamond into a junior varsity baseball diamond
- Construction of a new eight-court tennis facility
- Completion of the related site improvements to include a parking lot and access road

as the center of a sports complex located near the current soccer fields. The building will accommodate a number of school related activities including:

1. Ice hockey
  2. Indoor practice for soccer, softball, baseball, track, and tennis
- The restroom, concession, and changing areas will be designed to service the surrounding outdoor events, including soccer games, softball games, tennis matches, and cross country meets.
  - This facility is also expected to function as a community events center with the ability to host a wide range of activities and events.

### Construction of a Multi-Purpose Events Facility

- The proposed multi-purpose events facility is a large open space facility that will serve

## QUESTION NUMBER II



# District Announcements

## Heider Center

### Art Gallery:

Through The Eye of a Needle  
Coulee Country Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America  
November 1-30, 2016  
Reception: Thursday, November 17th 6:00pm - 7:30pm

### Shows:

Street Corner Symphony (as seen on NBC's Hit TV Show "The Sing Off")  
Along with local talent: G-E-T's "Vocal Point"  
Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 7:30 pm  
Tickets: \$24/\$22

**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](http://www.heidercenter.org)



## 4th and 5th Grade Concerts

Tuesday, November 1st at 6:15 p.m.  
Grade 4 Concert: Rock N Roll Forever, featuring songs by Elvis, The Beach Boys, and the Beatles.

Tuesday, November 1st at 7:15 p.m.  
Grade 5 Concert: Flashback to the 80s.

## 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

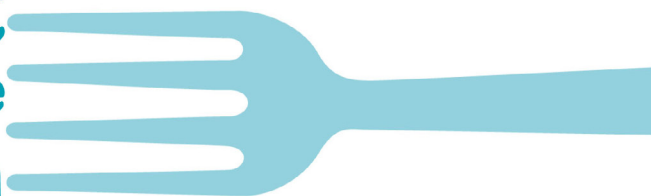


## High School Art Student of the Month: Sarina Rabbitt

Sarina has been a steadfast member of the WSHS Art Department. Her work is deeply rooted in her keen observational skills, coupled with her extreme attention to every minute detail in her artwork. She is able to work with a variety of media; charcoal, pencil, colored pencil, acrylic and oil paints while still maintaining a high level of craftsmanship in her work.

Miss Rabbitt's work will be up at the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts for the month of November. She will be exhibiting alongside the Coulee Country Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America.

There will be a public reception on Thursday, November 17th, 6:00-7:30p.m. Refreshments will be provided.



November



Potatoes

### Potatoes

FUN FACT: Of the more than 5,000 varieties of potatoes in the world, the most common is the red potato.

### THANK YOU TO ECKER'S APPLE FARM!

West Salem second graders enjoyed a visit to Ecker's Apple Farm and wanted to say thank you for the opportunity.





## 4k Family Event

Tuesday, November 15th  
Storytime at the West Salem Public Library  
6:30 p.m.



## PTO Story Night

Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m.  
WSES PTO Story Night

Open to all students 4K-5th grade and their families. Each child in attendance will receive a free book to take home.

## LETTER FROM ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL RYAN RIEBER

November 8th is an important day for the West Salem community as it provides everyone an opportunity to impact the lives of generations of West Salem students and families. Although the focus is on the addition to West Salem Middle School, the proposed project will have many positive implications on the elementary school as well.

One of the more notable changes would be our fifth grade students and staff moving to the middle school. When the elementary school was built in 1996, the building was constructed for student numbers in the lower to mid 700's. Over the years, the student population in the elementary school has continued to grow, and our current enrollment at the elementary school is 877 students. Moving a class of students to a newly renovated middle school would decrease our student population by an average of 120 students per year, allowing the district to operate at the intended target population of the building.

The sheer number of students within the elementary school has many impacts on the students experience here at WSES including, but not limited to our

# District Announcements

## Shoe Drive

Ellie Slotten, 8th grader at West Salem Middle School, is collecting new and gently used shoes for Soles 4 Souls. They are a non-profit global institution dedicated to fighting poverty. Your shoe donation helps people in the U.S. and around the world. The shoe drive will run from September 21st through December 8th. Boxes will be located at Altra Federal Credit Union in West Salem, Pizza Oven, West Salem Elementary and Middle School, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in West Salem during the duration of the shoe drive. She is well on her way to almost 300 pairs of shoes already thanks to the donations so far! Your old shoes could change a life!

## ATTENTION: Class of 2017

A yearbook deadline to start completing...

Each senior needs photos for the following publications: The 2017 Neshonoc Yearbook, the Coulee News, the Times of Our Lives, and the Senior Slideshow.

TAKE THESE SPECIFICATIONS TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER—You are responsible for making sure you have a photo that meets the yearbook staff's requirements!

4 Photos Needed:

1. Yearbook/Coulee News (formal headshot)
2. Times of Our Lives (headshot—less formal)
3. Senior Picture for the Senior Slideshow
4. Baby Picture for the Senior Slideshow

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SPECIFICS:

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SIZE- Wallet

\*Head shot (head and top of shoulders only)

\*Standard wallet size

\*MUST be in color

\*No full length

\*Must be formal, semi-formal

\*No background scenery

\*No "mistys"

\*No hats, props, etc.

\*NOTE: Some studios may send a headshot for the yearbook;

consult your studio to be sure the yearbook staff will receive your photos.

Photographers may also send your portrait on a cd or via email.

Specify 300 dpi jpeg format.

Email: armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us

PLEASE LABEL ALL PHOTOS for the publication it will be used and PUT IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. (This will ensure that your photos will be returned promptly and together.)

Put your photos in the silver box in Room 242 (Ms. Armstrong's Room).

ALL PHOTOS DUE BY NO LATER THAN: Friday, November 4, 2016

The Community Red Cross will have a blood drive Monday, November 21, 2016. Please consider donating!

## Senior Class Fundraiser

The Senior Class will be hosting a fundraiser at Pizza Villa on 11/28 from 3:30-9:00.

20% of sales for the entire day go to the Class of 2017 and their Graduation Night Lock In.

Pizza Villa specials for the day will be buy one Large Pizza get a 2nd for \$10.00 or buy one Medium get another for \$8.00.

## Letter Continued...

lunch room and serving area, library, and access to areas for some students that need it most. With the numbers of students that we have, there is a constant shuffling of classrooms, which has resulted in grade levels within the elementary losing out on our intended "Pod" concept of having all grade level students together. This is the concept that we are attempting to accomplish with a potential addition to the middle school, and the removal of pressure from the elementary school would allow us to return back to the elementary school's "Pod" concept.

Another area that would be addressed with this is a proposed new bus transfer area and moving the middle school entrance to East Avenue. This would free up and decrease the crowding and congestion at pick up and drop off times for students. Also to help with this there is a proposed additional parking/hard surface area. The construction of this would allow a better free flow of traffic on the South end of the elementary school.

Security and safety are always in the forefront of our minds. Recently, there was a secured entrance added onto the elementary school for visitors to check in prior to entering the elementary school. The proposed project would include improving the entrance to the building for sporting events. Currently, access to the building for sporting events is through the front of the elementary school, which allows any visitor for sporting events access to the entire building. In looking to help make our elementary building more secure, improvements to the entrance to our cafeteria area for sporting events would allow us to limit access into the elementary school and contain the crowds for sporting events to our commons area.

The referendum is an opportunity to make some very positive and needed changes to our buildings, district, and community. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Rieber at 786-1662.

# 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](http://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](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us).

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.

## West Salem Community Fitness Center Hours

- Mon-Fri: 5:00 – 7:30 AM
- Mon-Thurs: 3:00 – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 3:00 – 7:00 PM
- Saturday: 8:00 – 11:00 AM
- Sunday: 4:00 – 7:00 PM

For more fitness center information, visit [www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/community/fitness-center](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/community/fitness-center)

## School Board Members

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

# Calendar of Events NOVEMBER

- 17 Basketball: 6:00pm- Girls JV vs. Sparta @WSHS  
Basketball: 7:30pm-Girls V vs. Sparta @WSHS  
Hockey: 6:00pm-Boys JV/V Scrimmage @  
Reedsburg Area HS
- 22 Hockey: 5:30pm-Boys JV vs. Mosinee @West  
Salem Community Ice Arena  
Hockey: 7:30pm-Boys V vs. Mosinee @West  
Salem Community Ice Arena
- 29 Basketball: 6:00pm-Boys JV/C-Team  
@ Adams-Friendship HS  
Basketball: 7:30pm-Boys V @Adams-  
Friendship HS  
Basketball: 6:00pm-Girls JV/C-Team vs.  
Viroqua @WSHS  
Basketball:7:30pm-Girls V vs. Viroqua @WSHS  
Hockey: 7:30pm-Boys V vs.Viroqua@  
WSHS

## December

- 1 Hockey: 5:00pm-Boys JV @Tomah-Mose Lamb  
Rink  
Hockey: 7:00pm-Boys V @ Tomah-Mose Lamb  
Rink  
Basketball: 5:50pm-Boys JV/C-Team @Holmen  
HS  
Basketball: 7:15pm-Boys V @ Holmen HS  
Wrestling: 7:15pm-Boys V @ La Crosse  
Central HS
- 2 Basketball: 5:50pm-Girls JV @Onalaska HS  
Basketball: 7:15pm-Girls V @Onalaska HS
- 3 Wrestling: 9:30am-Boys V Tournament  
@Royall HS  
Hockey: 4:00pm-Boys V vs.Reedsburg @ West  
Salem Community Ice Arena

For WSHS athletic events, visit our website:

- \*click **Calendars** and then
- \*click **Coulee Conference**

You can also set yourself up to receive automatic text  
or e-mail notifications for any of the activities listed  
OR subscribe to RSS.

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 26, 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 September 22, 2016.

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Lisa Gerke led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mike Malott 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, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, Davita Molling, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Paige Dunnum. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ben Wopat and Simon Buchanan.

#### Approval of Agenda

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

#### Connection with the Community

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. A cancer benefit for West Salem Middle School Art Teacher Krista Beron was held at Fox Hollow Banquet hall Saturday, September 24. The benefit was a success and involved West Salem K-12 students and many staff members. The dance team and volleyball team each made basket donations. An art auction also took place. The event included live music, which was provided by West Salem High School Art Teacher Mr. Quenten Brown.
2. Also on Saturday, the St. Joseph Ridge Lions Club and Barre Co-ed Lions Club teamed up with West Salem High School Senior, Nick Miller, for a golf outing at Fox Hollow Golf Course in honor of David McClintock. The golf



outing was Nick's Senior Exit Project and half of the proceeds will go to the West Salem and Shelby volunteer fire departments.

3. The West Salem Dance Team held a Junior Poms camp last week which allowed elementary school girls to experience a little bit of what it's like to be a West Salem Dance Team member. These girls practiced with the older dancers to learn skills and prepared them to perform at the halftime show during the football game Friday. Unfortunately, the football game was cancelled, but the girls' families were invited to watch them perform their routine on the field Friday evening.

### Correspondence

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was read, proclaiming National School Lunch Week, October 10-14, 2016.

Public comments – None.

### Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the two meetings that were held regarding the swimming pool and transportation projects.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on tonight's meeting: 16-17 budget and the upcoming Annual Meeting.

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

Renee Davis, Youth Market Director for the American Heart Association, presented certificates to Elementary Physical Education Teachers Erin Ellerbach, Lindy Meyers and Jake Merrill for their part in Jump Rope for Heart. Through Jump Rope For Heart, the students raised enough donations to support 463 lives in their last event. Since 2010, 1925 lives have been saved by West Salem's participation. The District also received a certificate for their participation.

High School Principal Josh Mallicoat shared with the Board the progress of ALICE Training within the district.

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Brickl moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2016; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 16-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

### Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Brickl moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donation from 1st Community Credit Union for the Nutrition Services "Jane Doe Fund". Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the referendum debt levy graphs as prepared by Robert W. Baird & Company. No action was

taken.

Mr. Schlimgen reviewed the proposed 16-17 budget and tax levy. No action was taken.

Mrs. Gerke left at 7:57 p.m.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the 2016-17 Parent Transportation Contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the Buildings and Grounds Committee's recommendation to approve the final bids for the swimming pool project in the amount of \$1,050,000, with the balance coming out of Fund 80. Motion carried. (6-Aye; 0-Nay; 1-Abstained) Mr. Brickl Abstained.

At 8:02 p.m., the seven board members, Troy Gunderson, Patrick Bahr and Ryan Rieber left the Heider Meeting Room and went to the elementary school. Elementary School Principal Ryan Rieber gave a tour of the building, and highlighted some areas in the building, that if approved by the voters in November 2016, would be addressed at the elementary school.

### Adjournment

Mr. Brickl moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Halverson, Clerk

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes

### October 10, 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 October 6, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag Eric Jensen led

everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Simon Buchanan 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, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, and Davita Molling; Student representative: Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin, Lisa Gerke and Paige Dunnum.

#### Approval of Agenda

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

Mr. Clements presented Jane Halverson received her WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) Level II Certificate for demonstrating a high level of commitment to Wisconsin public school students by participating in WASB professional development opportunities.

#### Connection with the Community

Simon Buchanan reported on:

1. As a part of her Senior Exit Project, Katie Krien organized a mock accident that took place on September 27. The project was meant to show high school students the consequences of drinking and driving. She created a short movie setting the scene of a drunk driving crash, which led to a live conclusion with first responders, firefighters and police responding to the crash outside the high school. Katie acted in the mock crash and involved other classmates in the production. Students also heard from the mother of a student who was hit by a drunk driver after the mock accident. The end result of the project was very impactful for many students.
2. The high school band, consisting of nearly 150 students, marched at Oktoberfest on October 1. The band placed third behind Holmen and Onalaska. This was the last parade of the year for the whole band, but some students will be marching in Disney during the music trip in November.
3. Last week was West Salem's homecoming celebration. Both the middle and high school participated in dress up days throughout the week. At the high school, the overall theme for the week was "From Page to Stage". Over 400 students attended the high school dance on Saturday, which had a Harry Potter theme. Simon Buchanan and Katie Krien were crowned as homecoming King and Queen.
4. Boy's Soccer-Last week of regular season before playoffs. With an away game on Tuesday at Sparta, and a home game on Thursday against Onalaska. Playoff seedings will be selected this Wednesday the 12th. Volleyball-Game at Westby on Tuesday, and game at home vs GET on Thursday (senior night). Tennis-None of the girls made it past sub-sectionals. Football-Won their homecoming game

against Sparta 8-0. They have an upcoming conference game this Friday for first place in the MVC at Onalaska.

#### Correspondence

A Proclamation by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was read, proclaiming Gifted Education Week, October 16-22, 2016.

Public comments – None.

#### Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on last weeks Board of Control meeting.

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

#### Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2016; invoices to be paid; and Open Enrollment requests for the 16-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from The Salvation Army to assist students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade; from Fred & Joan Lentz for the DECA Club, from Pizza Villa for the 4K program, and from the County of La Crosse/Jeans Day Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the proposed 16-17 budget and tax levy calculation. Mr. Gunderson also reminded the Board of the October 17, 2016, Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Halverson, Mrs. Hopnisky-Bloomfield and Mr. Clements volunteered to reviewed the board grant applications. Applications are due on October 14, 2016.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of school nutrition employee Cynthia Larson and the retirement of LMC Assistant Jean Raymer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to hire Julie Schaub and Barb Reynolds as part time school nutrition employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations. High school: boys basketball head coach, Jake Merrill; boys basketball assistant coaches, Steve Kastenschmidt and Jonathan Selck; volunteer assistant coaches, Bill Jensen and



Ryan Storm; girls basketball head coach, Mike Malott; girls basketball assistant coaches Scott Koepnick and Cierra Jacobson; wrestling head coaches, Josh Brewer and Steve Kurschner, volunteer assistant coaches, David Neuman, Nathan Clements, Cory Scanlan, and Brian Gaffney; hockey head coach, Eric Borre, hockey assistant coaches, Bob Gorniak and Shaun Borre; gymnastics head coach, Carrie O’Hearn; gymnastics assistant coach, Brittney Hodgson; gymnastics volunteer assistant coach, Kristin Tschumper; dance team, Olivia Mercer; baseball head coach, Chuck Ihle; softball head coach, Brian Babiash; softball assistant coach, Brittney Hodgson; head girls track coach, LeRoy Krall; assistant track coach Stacy Mitchell; girls soccer head coaches, Marc Anderson and Ellie Bradford; girls soccer assistant coach, Ammar Sabar; golf head coach, Eric Borre; and golf assistant coach, Jim Klos. Middle school: assistant wrestling coach, Adam Kratochvill; athletic director, Ryan Waldhart; forensics, Nicole Friell; Mathcounts, Tammy Bentzen and Jonathan Jones; assistant band, Mardeana Glasel; band, Ryan Waldhart; yearbook, Nicole Friell and Jenny Morgan; drama director, Amy Hanson; drama stage manager, Elle Nimm; drama tech supervisor, Amy Hanson; jazz band, Ryan Waldhart; vocal, Elle Nimm; student council, Ben Tashner; show choir, Elle Nimm and Ben Tashner; and WEB leader, Heather Jehn and Justin Jehn. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brickl left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

At 7:54 p.m., Mrs. Halverson, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Mr. Grosskopf, Mr. Clements, Mr. Schlimgen, Troy Gunderson, Patrick Bahr, Mike Malott, and Josh Mallicoat left the Heider Meeting Room and started a tour of the high school. High School Principal Josh Mallicoat gave a tour of the building, and highlighting some areas in the building.

Adjournment

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Halverson, Clerk

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## Book Signing Event

Thursday, November 10, 2016

4 pm to 8 pm

99 E Jefferson St.( Historic Salem )  
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Whether you are a lifelong West Salem area resident or new to the area, here is an opportunity to sharpen your West Salem history skills. Errol Kindschy, a 34-year West Salem educator and a 12-year school board member, will be releasing his book on the history of area businesses. With over five years of historical research and writing, the accounts in the book give historical facts, anecdotes, and relive community life in West Salem from 1851-1926. History is inescapable. History connects things through time and is essential to understanding today. Please join us for a very special book signing and see how West Salem’s past affects you today.



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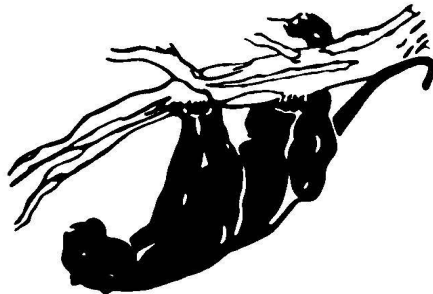
# VOTE NOVEMBER 8

The school district referendum will contain two questions. The first question will seek voter approval to borrow up to \$20 million in order to make renovations and additions to the middle school and elementary school. The second question will seek voter approval to borrow up to \$5 million to address improvements to several campus facilities including the construction of a multi-purpose events facility.

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