

October 2016



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

We officially welcome Fall 2016 with an updated format to our district newsletter. I hope you enjoy the beautiful fall colors and our new look!

This issue of the district newsletter includes information about a school district referendum included on the ballot for November 8th. The referendum will consist of two questions. The first question will seek permission to borrow up to \$20 million for renovations and additions to the middle school and updates at the elementary school. The second question will seek permission to borrow up to \$5 million to address improvements to several campus facilities including the construction of a multi-purpose events facility. Please check out this information!

In addition to shorter days and cooler nights, October also brings the Annual District Meeting. This unique Wisconsin tradition is an annual public meeting of the electors of the school district with a series of agenda items connected to the operation of the school district. The meeting is scheduled for Monday October 17, 2016 in the Heider Meeting room in the school district office. The evening will begin with a budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. followed the Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

As we look ahead to the upcoming November election, I am reminded of our responsibility as citizens. A lengthy ballot awaits each of us as we are allowed to cast votes for President, US Senator, US Representative, WI Senator, WI Assemblyman, and yes – a school

district referendum. Please do your part – cast your vote!

I am also reminded of the role compromise plays when our government works as designed. Regardless of election results, those entrusted to represent us are expected to work together to “get things done.” On this point I offer praise to your current school board members who worked long hours this past summer to reach agreement on the upcoming referendum. The board members shared their thoughts, listened to the thoughts of others, talked with community members, reviewed possible solutions, and reached consensus.

Good work by good people on the right work at the right time. Thank you!

District Survey

Following the defeat of the April 2015 school district referendum, the school board conducted a district wide survey to gather input regarding a number of topics including district facilities.

The survey results indicated support for renovations and additions to the current middle school along with improvements needed to address campus traffic congestion and crowding in our elementary school. The report also indicated support for renovation and repair of the swimming pool, transportation garage, and a number of outdoor athletic facilities. Finally, the report suggested voter preference for any plan that did not raise taxes.

The school board responded to the survey results and to other feedback by offering a referendum in April of 2016 to address the issues at the swimming pool and bus garage. The two referendum questions were approved by a 4 to 1 margin. The construction projects at these two facilities are now in progress.

Following several months of planning, debate and eventual compromise, the school board unanimously approved of a motion to host a referendum on November 8, 2016. The school board again followed the advice of district residents and offered a plan to renovate and expand the middle school, to address campus traffic safety, to address crowding at our elementary school, and to address issues with various athletic facilities. Most notably, the school board offered a plan that will not raise taxes. By prepaying and refinancing long-term debt, the district is now in position to finance the proposed projects without increasing taxes.

District Finances and Taxes

Since the successful referendum in 2001 to renovate and expand the high school, the school district has made an average annual debt payment, or mortgage payment, of \$1.9 million per year. Over the past two years, these annual payments included “pre-payment” or principal payments to lower the outstanding debt. In the summer of 2016, the school district completed a final “refinancing” of the remaining debt on the high school project to capture savings offered by historically low interest rates. The result of this preparation affords the district the option of now financing \$25 million in new debt with approximately the same annual payment and therefore without raising taxes. In fact, district residents will experience a decline in the school tax rate for 2017 regardless of debt payment amounts due to increasing district property values and state-imposed revenue limits.

Boys and Girls Club

The West Salem chapter of the Boys’ and Girls’ Club serves approximately 150 students each day using both the middle school basement and rented space at a local church. The ultimate goal of the club and their donors is to create a permanent facility located on the school district campus – preferably in a school building.

The proposed construction project at the middle school includes renovations to the current basement, locker rooms, gymnasium, and entrance to literally build a “club” within our middle school. This is a win-win for the club, school district, taxpayers and students. The Boys’ and Girls’ Club has pledged a donation of \$2.5 million to the school district to cover both the cost of the proposed renovations necessary to create the club and to cover the proportional cost of infrastructure

upgrades to the middle school facility. In addition, the Boys’ and Girls’ Club has agreed to share in the cost of utilities once the facility becomes operational.

To recap, the Boys’ and Girls’ Club will pay for the renovations necessary to create a club along with a share of the cost to upgrade the building infrastructure and a share of additional utility costs. The school district will be allowed to use the “club” during the day as the renovations will be designed as shared spaces for dual purpose use. The taxpayers get more “bang for the buck” as the additional funds allow for an improved renovation design. Most importantly, the students benefit from having access to a modern and safe Boys’ and Girls’ Club located right on our school campus allowing for connections with staff for improved after-school programming.

Senior Tax Exchange Program

The school district is considering the adoption of a program called STEP or Senior Tax Exchange Program. Simply put, the program allows senior citizens – those aged 55 and older – who own property within the school district to volunteer at school in exchange for a reduction in property taxes. Similar programs are operating with great success at various school districts across our state and in other parts of the country. The key is allowing people to volunteer in areas of interest, expertise and comfort. This can be a fun way to serve our kids and lower your tax bill at the same time.

If you are interested in learning more about the program and about volunteer opportunities, please contact Pat Bahr at the school district office at 608 786-0700 or via e-mail at bahr.patrick@wsalem.k12.wi.us.



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

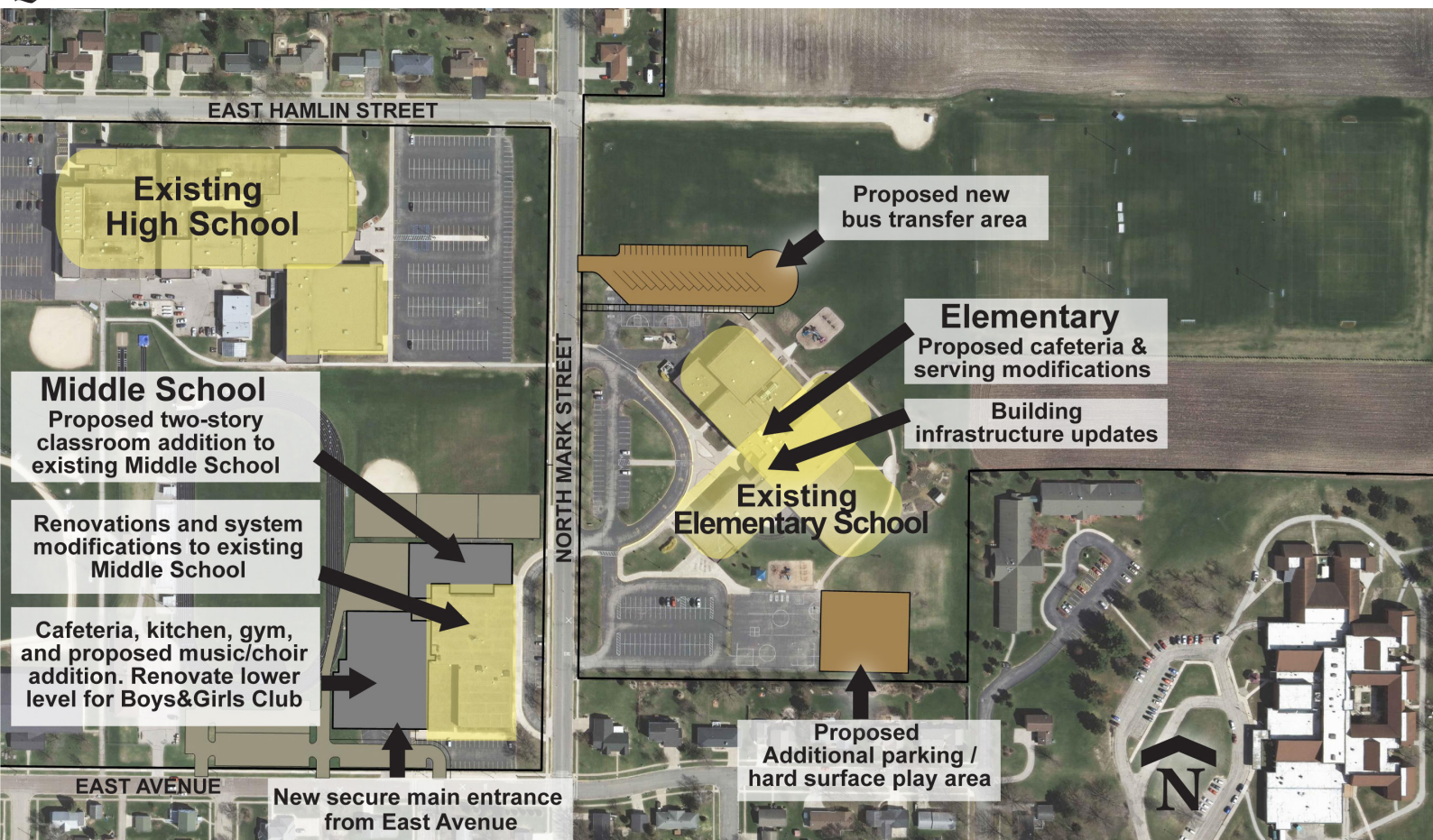
- Two-story addition, including four individual grade level pods; one for each grade, 5-8. Each pod would contain classrooms and a center gathering space for lockers.
- Single-story space containing a cafeteria/commons area, kitchen, music/choir area, secure entry connected to the office, and a two-station 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: heating, air conditioning, ventilation, fire alarm, electrical service, ADA compliance, 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





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.

Referendum Question 2

\$5,000,000

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

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

Construction of a Multi-Purpose Events Facility

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

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.

QUESTION NUMBER II



District Announcements

Heider Center

Art Gallery:

The Great Outdoors by Robert Riechel in Display cases: Creative Wood Heirlooms by Bob Onsurd
This display runs from October 1 - 31, 2016
Reception is: Thursday, October 27th from 6:00pm - 7:30 pm



Heider Center Performances:

The Barbary Coast Dixieland Jazz Band
Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Tickets are \$24/\$22

Let's Hang on! - A Frankie Valli Tribute
Friday, October 28, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Tickets are: \$24/\$22

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



Apples

FUN FACT: La Crescent, Minnesota is the Apple Capital of the USA!



CALLING WEST SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTISTS

The Heider Center Art Gallery Committee would love to have local citizens display a few pieces of original artwork for our December Community Art show in the Heider Art Gallery. The show will run from December 1 - 28, 2016. We plan to fill our walls and glass showcases with the fantastic art work done by local citizens!

Please contact Peggy Green, 786-1962, if you are interested in exhibiting some art work in the December show. Feel free to visit the Heider Center website to see information about the art gallery. www.heidercenter.org

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



District Announcements

ANNUAL NOTICES

Notice of Educational Options and Accountability Report

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

Educational Options

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

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

- School District of West Salem
- Coulee Christian School
- Christ-St.John's Lutheran School
- State Virtual Schools
- Full-time Open Enrollment
- Youth Options
- Course Options
- Home-Based Private Education

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

Winter Sports Meeting

The winter sports meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. on October 31st in the Heider Center. You must attend this meeting if you missed the fall sports meeting in July and plan on doing a winter sport. After the general session, there will be breakout sessions in which students and athletes will meet with their coaches.

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



Ellie Slotten
wants you to find



Shoes 4 a Reason!



Your old shoes can **Change a Life!**

September 21st - December 8th

Please donate your new or gently used shoes to **SOLES 4 SOULS.®**

Soles 4 Souls® is a not-for-profit global institution dedicated to fighting poverty. Your shoe donation helps people in the U.S. and around the world.

Drop off Sites:

West Salem Elementary and Middle Schools,
The Pizza Oven in West Salem,
Our Saviors Lutheran Church and
Altra Federal Credit Union in West Salem.



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Souls®



District Announcements

Want to become a sub? Now is your chance!

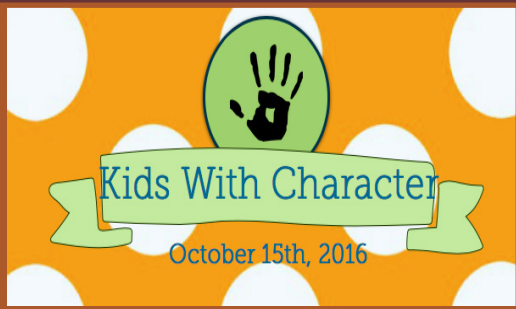


Subs are needed in the following areas:

- 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.



Register for the Kids with Character 2k Run/Walk

Senior Molly Hunter has organized the Kids with Character 2k Run/Walk as her Senior Exit Project.

This event will take place on Saturday, October 15th at 10 a.m. at the West Salem High School track and is free to participants.

The goal of the Kids with Character 2k is to encourage kids up and active, while getting them excited about physical activity.

To register, please visit the following website: <http://mollyh2113.wixsite.com/kidswithcharacter>

Kids are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes.

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.

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 School Year 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

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.



2016 Holiday Craft Show & Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, October 29 at West Salem HIGH School
(new location!)
*sponsored by the WSHS Show Choirs
Craft Show 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - Free admission!
Pancake Breakfast at 8:00-10:00 am
\$5.00 - includes 3 pancakes, sausage, cheese or yogurt, applesauce & beverage
VENDORS WANTED!!! email Amy Hanson at hanson.amy@wsalem.k12.wi.us

WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016
8:00 PM
MARIE W. HEIDER CENTER FOR THE ARTS
TICKETS - \$5.00

*SOME SCENES MAY BE TOO INTENSE FOR YOUNG VIEWERS.



Kids Halloween Party
sponsored by the WSHS Show Choirs
Friday, October 28, 2016
5:00 - 7:00 pm
West Salem High School Cafeteria & Library
*LOTS of fun for pre-school - 5th grade kids!
Games, Food, Music, Halloween Bake Sale,
Safe Trick-or-Treating, Crafts, & Fun
*Costume Contest & Jr. Sing-sations Camp performance at 6:45 pm
Admission - \$1.00 (per Trick-or-Treating Child)
Adults FREE!
Tickets \$.50 each and can be used to play games, make crafts & buy food!



West Salem High School Art Student of the Month for October

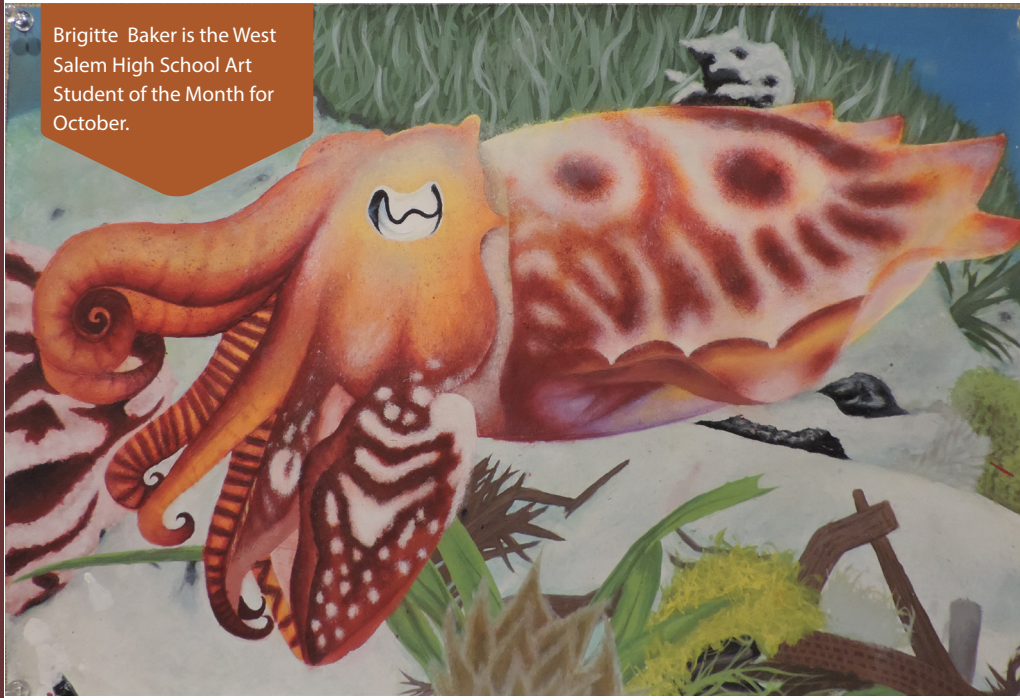
Brigitte Baker is the West Salem High School Art Student of the Month for October. Miss Baker's style is based on keen observation, combined with impeccable craftsmanship. Her work will be on display in the Marie W. Heider Center Gallery from October 1st-31st, along with the works of Robert Riechel and Bob Onsrud. There will be a public reception for all artists on Thursday, October 27th from 6-7:30pm.

Refreshments will be provided.

Check Out District News & Announcements on the District Website www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

Follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook!

Brigitte Baker is the West Salem High School Art Student of the Month for October.



District Announcements

SAFE TRICK-OR-TREAT



ELSA, ANA, AND OLAF WILL BE THERE!

WHEN:
Sunday October 16th
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm



WHERE:
Viterbo University
Mathy Center

FEATURING · Games · Spooky Stories · Haunted House · Trick or Treating · Prizes · Much more!!



Not Associated with the West Salem School District



- 3 Volleyball: 5:00pm-Volleyball: JV Invitational @ WSHS
Football: 5:30pm-JV Game vs. La Crosse Logan @ WSHS
- 4 Cross Country: 4:30pm-JV/VInvitational-Black River Falls @ Skyline Golf Club School
Soccer: 5:00pm-Boys JV/V Game @ Fields For Kids
- 6 Football: 3:45pm-8th Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School/Elementary Gym
Soccer: 5:00pm-Boys JV Game vs. La Crosse - Logan @ WSHS
Football: 5:30pm-C-Team Game @ Luther High School Football Field
Volleyball: 6:00pm-JV/C-Team Match @ Arcadia High School
Soccer: 7:00pm-Boys Varsity Game vs. La Crosse Logan @ WSHS
Volleyball: 7:30pm-Varsity Match @ Arcadia High School
- 7 Football: 7:00pm-Varsity Game vs. Sparta @ WSHS
- 8 Volleyball: 8:30am-JV Invitational-La Crosse Central @ La Crosse Central High School
Volleyball: 8:30am-Varsity Invitational-La Crosse Logan @ La Crosse Logan High School
Cross Country:9:30am JV/VARSITY Invitational
- 10 Football: 4:00pm-JV Game @ Westby High School
Soccer: 4:30pm-Boys JV Scrimmage vs. Viroqua @ West Salem Elementary School
- 11 Soccer: 4:00pm-Boys JV/Varsity Game @ Sparta High School
Volleyball: 6:00pm-JV/C-Team Match @ Westby High School
Volleyball: 7:30pm-Varsity Match @ Westby High School
- 13 Soccer: 5:00pm-Boys JV Game vs. Onalaska @ WSHS
Football: 5:30pm-C-Team Game @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
Volleyball: 6:00pm-C-Team Match vs. G-E-T @ West Salem Elementary School
Volleyball: 6:00pm-JV/C-Team Match vs. G-E-T @ WSHS
Soccer: 7:00pm-Boys Varsity Game vs. Onalaska @ WSHS
Volleyball: 7:30pm-Varsity Match vs. G-E-T @ WSHS

- 14 Football: 7:00pm-V Game @ Onalaska High School
- 15 Cross Country 10:00am- JV/Varsity Conference Tournament @ Arcadia High School Schultz Family Farm
- 17 Soccer: 5:00pm-Boys JV/Varsity Game @ Tomah HS
Football: 5:30pm-JV Game vs. Caledonia Area Public Schools @ WSHS
- 22 Cross Country TBD JV/VARSITY Invitational
- 25 Football: 5:30pm-8th Game vs. Winona MS @ WSHS

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.

Annual Meeting Notes

		2014-15 <u>FY Activity</u>	2015-16 <u>FY Activity</u>	2016-17 <u>Budget</u>
GENERAL FUND (10)				
ASSETS (700000)		\$ 3,501,366.45	\$ 3,347,365.77	\$ 3,388,351.17
LIABILITIES (800000)		\$ 529,251.59	\$ 388,015.47	\$ 579,001.17
TOTAL FUND BALANCE (930000)		\$ 2,972,114.86	\$ 2,959,350.30	\$ 2,809,350.30
10 R --- 210	LOCAL PROPERTY/MOBILE HOME TAXES	\$ 5,581,764.53	\$ 5,644,079.94	\$ 5,816,291.00
10 R --- 240	MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	\$ 7,213.93	\$ 6,693.44	\$ 7,000.00
10 R --- 260	NON-CAPITAL SALES	\$ 3,188.47	\$ 1,549.68	\$ 2,750.00
10 R --- 270	SCHOOL ACTIVITY INC	\$ 61,627.25	\$ 62,245.87	\$ 63,000.00
10 R --- 280	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 1,395.36	\$ 3,009.55	\$ 2,500.00
10 R --- 290	OTHER REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCE	\$ 81,742.49	\$ 122,441.33	\$ 110,434.00
10 R --- 340	PYMT FOR SVCS FM OTHER SCHOOLS- OE	\$ 1,098,942.46	\$ 1,147,194.45	\$ 1,486,759.00
10 R --- 510	TRANSIT OF AIDS - CESA - FED.	\$ 16,531.00	\$ 23,717.13	\$ 23,161.00
10 R --- 610	STATE AID - CATEGORICAL	\$ 386,399.08	\$ 383,800.52	\$ 554,750.00
10 R --- 620	EQUALIZATION AID	\$ 10,898,102.00	\$ 10,122,523.00	\$ 10,220,576.00
10 R --- 630	SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS	\$ 17,160.00	\$ 19,785.83	\$ -
10 R --- 690	OTHER STATE SOURCE REVENUE	\$ 55,179.05	\$ 33,703.00	\$ 13,729.00
10 R --- 730	SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS	\$ 37,950.00	\$ 33,288.63	\$ 39,173.00
10 R --- 750	TITLE I - FED.AID	\$ 142,227.00	\$ 138,158.00	\$ 132,344.00
10 R --- 770	FED AID REC'D THROUGH COUNTIES	\$ 1,557.21	\$ 1,103.34	\$ 500.00
10 R --- 780	FED AID-REC'D FM DPI	\$ 10,813.00	\$ 15,955.84	\$ -
10 R --- 860	SALE OF CAPITAL EQUIP	\$ 3,651.00	\$ 320,366.00	\$ 15,000.00
10 R --- 870	LONG-TERM DEBT PROCEEDS	\$ -	\$ 80,831.06	\$ -
10 R --- 960	INSURANCE DIVIDEND & REFUNDS	\$ 11,681.96	\$ 13,515.80	\$ 18,000.00
10 R --- 970	REFUND OF PRIOR YEAR EXPENSE	\$ 37,458.25	\$ 33,259.97	\$ 38,000.00
10 R --- 990	OTHER MISC REVENUES	\$ 533.44	\$ 1,330.08	\$ 3,000.00
	TOTAL FUND 10 REVENUES	\$ 18,455,117.48	\$ 18,208,552.46	\$ 18,546,967.00
10 E --- --- 110	UNDIFFERENTIATED SS CURRICULUM	\$ 4,951,680.96	\$ 4,746,989.33	\$ 4,843,091.00
10 E --- --- 120	REGULAR CURRICULUM	\$ 2,644,539.21	\$ 2,668,722.59	\$ 2,631,582.00
10 E --- --- 130	VOCATIONAL CURRICULUM	\$ 375,162.41	\$ 382,261.55	\$ 416,098.00
10 E --- --- 140	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH	\$ 570,224.42	\$ 552,924.64	\$ 572,878.00
10 E --- --- 160	CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	\$ 422,871.58	\$ 452,267.26	\$ 464,169.00
10 E --- --- 170	SPECIAL NEEDS	\$ 1,222.71	\$ 1,012.46	\$ 1,145.00
10 E --- --- 210	PUPIL SERVICES	\$ 428,825.50	\$ 453,063.34	\$ 456,796.00
10 E --- --- 220	INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF SERVICES	\$ 699,552.89	\$ 726,920.35	\$ 796,577.00
10 E --- --- 230	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 407,347.88	\$ 411,901.60	\$ 425,578.00
10 E --- --- 240	SCHOOL BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	\$ 981,227.21	\$ 974,983.69	\$ 1,021,938.00
10 E --- --- 250	BUSINESS/FACILITIES OPERATIONS	\$ 3,278,277.65	\$ 2,861,554.23	\$ 2,878,907.00
10 E --- --- 260	CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 545,994.25	\$ 726,823.62	\$ 872,246.00
10 E --- --- 270	INSURANCE AND JUDGMENTS	\$ 188,420.81	\$ 212,338.19	\$ 201,233.00
10 E --- --- 280	DEBT SERVICES	\$ 30,331.09	\$ 367,968.29	\$ 279,280.00
10 E --- --- 290	OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 262,853.94	\$ 103,905.88	\$ 198,136.00
10 E --- --- 410	INTERFUND & INTERGOVN TRANSFER	\$ 1,634,907.93	\$ 1,763,484.74	\$ 1,757,558.00
10 E --- --- 430	GENERAL TUITION-OPEN ENROLLMENT	\$ 655,470.85	\$ 781,326.01	\$ 871,255.00
10 E --- --- 490	OTHER NON-PROGRAM TRANSACTIONS	\$ 828.00	\$ 32,869.25	\$ 8,500.00
	TOTAL FUND 10 EXPENSES	\$ 18,079,739.29	\$ 18,221,317.02	\$ 18,696,967.00
SPECIAL REVENUE TRUST (21)				
ASSETS		\$ 203,821.61	\$ 192,582.61	\$ 192,582.61
LIABILITIES		\$ 2,282.50	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE		\$ 201,539.11	\$ 192,582.61	\$ 192,582.61
REVENUE		\$ 37,786.56	\$ 39,471.07	\$ 4,334.00
EXPENSE		\$ 40,122.33	\$ 48,427.57	\$ 4,334.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (27)				
ASSETS		\$ 3,992.32	\$ 5,409.70	\$ 5,000.00
LIABILITIES		\$ 3,992.32	\$ 5,409.70	\$ 5,000.00
FUND BALANCE		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUE		\$ 2,763,416.88	\$ 2,888,755.18	\$ 2,878,927.00
EXPENSE		\$ 2,763,416.88	\$ 2,888,755.18	\$ 2,878,927.00

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES CONTINUED

NON REFERENDUM DEBT SERVICE (38)

ASSETS	\$ 172,843.02	\$ 404,230.06	\$ -
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ 172,843.02	\$ 404,230.06	\$ -
REVENUE	\$ 345,686.00	\$ 577,073.00	\$ 80,990.00
EXPENSE	\$ 172,842.98	\$ 345,685.96	\$ 485,221.00

DEBT SERVICE (39)

ASSETS	\$ 1,151,396.97	\$ 1,255,532.22	\$ 28,434.22
LIABILITIES	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 98,400.00	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,138,396.97	\$ 1,157,132.22	\$ 28,434.22
REVENUE	\$ 1,713,463.87	\$ 1,812,249.59	\$ 1,900,050.00
EXPENSE	\$ 1,693,217.93	\$ 1,793,514.34	\$ 3,028,748.00

LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST (46)

ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,010.00
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,010.00
REVENUE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,510.00
EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (49)

ASSETS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUE	\$ 1,024,180.00	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE	\$ 1,024,180.00	\$ -	\$ -

FOOD SERVICE (50)

ASSETS	\$ 89,206.34	\$ 37,546.88	\$ 39,433.14
LIABILITIES	\$ 28,036.14	\$ 30,653.74	\$ 25,040.00
FUND BALANCE	\$ 61,170.20	\$ 6,893.14	\$ 14,393.14
REVENUE	\$ 930,829.76	\$ 966,436.74	\$ 978,940.00
EXPENSE	\$ 952,458.84	\$ 1,020,713.80	\$ 971,440.00

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND (60)

ASSETS	\$ 188,115.73	\$ 301,920.56	\$ 250,000.00
LIABILITIES	\$ 188,115.73	\$ 301,920.56	\$ 250,000.00

PRIVATE BENEFIT TRUST FUND/SCHOLARSHIPS (72)

ASSETS	\$ 248,663.61	\$ 240,871.77	\$ 240,871.77
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ 248,663.61	\$ 240,871.77	\$ 240,871.77
REVENUE	\$ 87,776.82	\$ 9,906.34	\$ 11,000.00
EXPENSE	\$ 12,989.85	\$ 17,698.18	\$ 11,000.00

POST EMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND (73)

ASSETS	\$ 1,716,594.55	\$ 1,591,962.63	\$ 1,691,962.63
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,716,594.55	\$ 1,591,962.63	\$ 1,691,962.63
REVENUE	\$ 646,117.93	\$ 478,622.00	\$ 616,934.00
EXPENSE	\$ 667,424.40	\$ 603,253.92	\$ 516,934.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (80)

ASSETS	\$ 69,115.19	\$ 88,265.50	\$ -
LIABILITIES	\$ 6,410.73	\$ 3,245.18	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ 62,704.46	\$ 85,020.32	\$ -
REVENUE	\$ 128,931.85	\$ 125,335.30	\$ 127,501.00
EXPENSE	\$ 103,833.86	\$ 103,019.44	\$ 212,521.00

2016-17 PROPERTY TAX LEVY		
	<u>Actual 2015-16</u>	<u>Proposed 2016-17</u>
GENERAL FUND (10)	\$ 5,603,336	\$ 5,773,791
NON-REFERENDUM DEBT SVC (38)	\$ 577,073	\$ 80,990
DEBT SERVICE (39)	\$ 1,812,200	\$ 1,900,000
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (80)	\$ 109,500	\$ 109,500
TOTAL	<u>\$ 8,102,109</u>	<u>\$ 7,864,281</u>
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY RATE	0.01020	0.00947

School District of West Salem

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 8, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Catherine Griffin, 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, Davita Molling; Student representative: Paige Dunnum. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tom Grosskopf, Lisa Gerke, 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

Student reported on:

1. Link Crew members, a group of high school students, volunteer to help the incoming Freshmen feel welcome as they began high school. Last week, the Link Leaders and Freshmen took a trip to the school forest for a transition program which helped the students become acclimated to the routines and policies of our high school.
2. Pep club began their meetings this week to

discuss and vote on Homecoming themes and activities. They also elected new Junior Vice Presidents to organize and decorate for the Homecoming dance and eventually take on the Presidents' role the next year.

3. 1st Community Credit Union and the West Salem High School National Honor Society teamed up this month to create a fundraiser for the West Salem School District Jane Doe fund. The project was originally organized by 1st Community Credit Union but Junior Nate Krien, who works at the bank as a teller, was able to get NHS students involved. The fundraiser was a success and raised nearly \$400 for this fund, which provides meals to students and families who are suffering financially.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Maxwell-White Plumbing was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met and discussed referendum finance strategy.

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

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Big Boar, Features, Subway/Jon Hetland, and Hansen's for the NHS Blood Drive; from an anonymous donor for the Horace Moran Memorial Fund; and from The La Crosse Community Foundation-Jim's Grocery Bag for the Food Service Jane Doe Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Brewer, Managing Director from RW Baird, reviewed financing options for possible additional long-term debt following the November 8, 2016, referendum questions.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept the resignation of Associate Nurse Deborah Masewicz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to hire Darlene Olson as a vehicle driver; Paula Thompson and Kathleen Bahr to share the 1-year contract as the high school special education teacher, Beth Arentz as the School Nurse, and Jessica Tomten as the Associate Nurse. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: Jenna Lee, volunteer high school volleyball coach; Maddie Vinzant and Jenna Umberger, student council; Kelly Rueckheim, ecology club and FFA advisor; Emily Maxwell, diversity club; and Adam Kennedy, volunteer middle school football coach. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:35 p.m., the six board members, Scott Johnson, Michael St. Pierre, Tobias Mann, Brittany Parry, Troy Gunderson, Patrick Bahr and Ben Wopat left the Heider Meeting Room and went to the middle school. Middle School Principal Ben Wopat gave a tour of the building and grounds, highlighting some areas in the building and showing the footprint of the possible addition if approved by the voters in November, 2016.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

Notice for Annual District Meeting School District of West Salem

NOTICE FOR ANNUAL 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 the Annual 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 17th day of October, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2016.

Jane Halverson, District Clerk

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
(SECTION 65.90(4))

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of West Salem that the Budget Hearing will be held in the Marie W. Heider Meeting Room, 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, Wisconsin on the 17th day of October, 2016, at 6:30 P.M. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the District's office, 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, Wisconsin from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2016.

Jane Halverson, District Clerk