October 2017

Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

October is Finance Month

With the Annual District Meeting set for October 16th and tax levy information due into Madison in early November; the October calendar is typically filled with financial planning and budget review.

Financial highlights for 2018 include a district property value increase of 7%, an increase in resident enrollment by nearly 20 students, and a one-time state aid increase connected to debt refinancing. The combination of these factors along with a state-imposed freeze to our revenue limit will lower our operational levy and our operational revenues. The debt service portion of our tax levy will remain constant, as borrowing for our construction projects is nearly complete. In conclusion, we anticipate a significant decrease in both the school district tax levy and mil rate for 2018. However, the continued freezing of the revenue limit is making the balancing of our budget increasingly difficult.

In the area of debt service, 2016 was a landmark year for the School District of West Salem. District residents approved four separate referenda questions authorizing a total of $26.5 million in borrowing for the purpose of updating our transportation facility, swimming pool, middle school, and sports facilities.

The transportation facility was completed on time, and on budget, for $500,000. The swimming pool was completed about two weeks late, but on budget for $1,000,000. The project at our middle school is on schedule, and projected to be $1,500,000 under budget for a cost of $18,500,000 out of a $20,000,000 budget. The many projects involving our sports facilities include some that are underway and others still in the planning stages. The budget for these projects is $5,000,000.

When combined with a refinancing of the remaining debt on the 2001 renovation of our high school, the district is set to make a $1.975 million debt payment in each of the next 20 years. The combined interest rate on our long-term debt is less than 3%. As a point of reference, the new annual debt payment is lower than the annual payments made by the district in the early 2000's. Congratulations, we voted to repair our facilities and lowered our taxes all at the same time – well done.

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As we look towards 2018, we anticipate the completion of our construction projects, the final sale of bonds to fund the projects, lower property taxes, and much discussion about our operational budget. Thank you for reading and thank you for your continued support of public education.

Building Projects - What is happening?

First, the projects at our elementary school are for the most part completed. The new bus loop, parking area, play area, and kitchen are wonderful improvements. The elementary school is safer and more efficient. Well done!

The work at our middle school continues to move along at a steady pace. The western addition including the gymnasium, cafeteria, kitchen, and music areas will be weather tight within the next few weeks. Crews are working on the roof structure, insulation, masonry and concrete floors. The northern addition, which includes the four classroom pods, is rapidly taking shape. The construction team will soon begin combining the steel structures with the masonry walls.

Work on our stadium, track and football field continues to progress. The light poles and goal posts were moved to accommodate the shifting of the field. Work on the track slowed down to allow for repairs to the drainage system under the stadium. Contractors will soon arrive to complete additions to the stadium and seed in the field. We anticipate the stadium and running track will be complete by November.

The excavation crew continues work in preparation for the new tennis courts, parking area, events center and softball diamonds in the area just north of the elementary school.

State Budget News

The recently passed state budget offers a "trend" in state funding for schools. The state budget continues to freeze revenue limits at their current amount and offers additional revenue on a per-pupil basis. This is the second consecutive state budget to move away from the established revenue limit and equalization aid funding system to a per-pupil funding system. The change diminishes the "robinhood" affect of the equalization system by sending the same "per-pupil" funding to all districts regardless of their property values. A quick look at two Wisconsin school districts offers an insight into what is fast becoming a moral issue.

Mequon-Thiensville: MTSD serves 3,521 students with a base revenue limit number of $37.4 million. MTSD receives $2.5 million in equalization aid to cover 6.6% of the cost. MTSD has $4.7 billion in property to tax (2016 totals)

Holmen: HSD serves 3,994 students with a base revenue limit number of $41.1 million. HSD receives $28.7 million in equalization aid to cover 69.8% of the cost. HSD has $1.5 billion in property to tax (2016 totals)

* For reference, the average school district in Wisconsin receives 53% of their revenue limit amount in equalization aid. West Salem receives 64% of their revenue limit amount in equalization aid.

The Mequon-Theinsville and Holmen school districts are similar in many ways but very different in terms of property value. The equalization aid funding system attempts to ensure the children in each district have equal resources and that local mil rates, or individual tax burdens, are similar. For the most part, the system works as designed. The Mequon-Theinsville and Holmen districts have approximately the same revenue limit total and similar operational property tax rates. However, under the recently passed state budget, the number of students, not district property values, will determine additional funding levels so Mequon-Thiensville and Holmen will receive roughly the same amount of additional funding.

Continuing this recent trend of "per-pupil" funding year after year will eventually erase the "equalized" notion of providing a fair and equal education for all students by creating far different circumstances in Holmen when compared to Mequon-Theinsville.

In the end, our representatives in Madison are to be congratulated for including much needed funding for public education in the current budget. Crafting a state budget is obviously a difficult task. That said, we should view the dispensing of state education-related resources on a "per pupil" basis, and the corresponding freezing of the revenue limit with caution, as these processes will widen the gap between our poorest and our wealthiest school districts. The future of our state rests in our ability to close this gap, not widen it. Food for thought…

Calendar of Events October

Athletic Events

Monday, October 2, 2017

5:00pm Volleyball: JV Tournament vs. La Crosse Central, New Lisbon & Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. La Crosse Logan @ La Crosse Logan High School

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

4:30pm Cross Country: JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Black River Falls @ Skyline Golf Club School

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Aquinas @ West Salem High School

6:00pm Volleyball: C-Team Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

6:00pm Volleyball: JV Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Aquinas @ West Salem High School

7:30pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

Thursday, October 5, 2017

4:30pm Football: C-Team Game vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School

4:30pm Volleyball: C-Team Match vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

4:30pm Volleyball: JV Match vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School, Westby Fieldhouse

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. La Crosse Logan @ Fields For Kids

6:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. La Crosse Logan @ Fields For Kids

Friday, October 6, 2017

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Sparta @ Sparta High School

Calendar of events continues on next page...

Saturday, October 7, 2017

8:30am Volleyball: JV Invitational vs. La Crosse Central @ La Crosse Central High School

9:00am Volleyball: Varsity Tournament vs. La Crosse Logan @ La Crosse Logan High School

9:30am Cross Country: JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Arcadia @ The Schultz Farm-Arcadia

Monday, October 9, 2017

4:30pm Football: JV Game vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Sparta @ West Salem Elementary School

6:00pm Volleyball: C-Team Match vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School

6:00pm Volleyball: JV Match vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Sparta @ West Salem Elementary School

7:30pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School

Thursday, October 12, 2017

4:30pm Football: C-Team Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School

6:00pm Volleyball: C-Team Match vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School

6:00pm Volleyball: JV Match vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School

7:30pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School

Friday, October 13, 2017

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Onalaska @ La Crosse Logan High School

Saturday, October 14, 2017

TBD Cross Country: JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Black River Falls @ Skyline Golf Course

10:00am Cross Country: Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua, & Westby Area High School @ Skyline Golf Club School

Monday, October 16, 2017
5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Caledonia High School
Saturday, October 21, 2017
TBD Cross Country: JV/Varsity Sectional @ TBD

Band Events

Tuesday, October 3, 2017
7:00pm Volleyball Game vs. Arcadia
Orange Pep Band
Friday, October 13, 2017
6:30pm Football Game vs. Onalaska-arrive @ 5:15pm
Marching Band-Uniform Required

Elementary School Events

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
7:50am 3rd Grade to the School Forest (OEC)
Thursday, October 5, 2017
7:50am 3rd Grade to the School Forest (OEC)
5:00pm 4K Spaghetti Dinner
Monday, October 9, 2017
7:50am Picture Retake Day
Tuesday, October 10, 2017
7:50am 1st Grade to the School Forest (OEC)
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
7:50am 1st Grade to the School Forest (OEC)
8:10am 2nd Grade (Servais, Pearson & Skaar) to Apple Orchard
Thursday, October 12, 2017
7:50am 1st Grade to the School Forest (OEC)
5:30pm PTO Celebrity Story Night
Friday, October 13, 2017
8:10am 2nd Grade (Hesse, Crow & Flottmeier) to Apple Orchard
Monday, October 16, 2017
6:30pm 5th Grade PE Night
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
7:50am Kindergarten to School Forest (OEC)
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
7:50am Kindergarten to School Forest (OEC)
Thursday, October 19, 2017
TBA Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 20, 2017
All Day No School
Monday, October 23, 2017
6:30pm 4th Grade PE Night
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
TBA Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday, October 26, 2017
All Day No School
Friday, October 27, 2017
All Day No School
Tuesday, October 31, 2017
7:50am 3rd Grade to the National Eagle Center

Middle School Events

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
7:50am Picture Retake Day
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
6:00pm 6th Grade Band & Choir Concert @ Heider Center
Thursday, October 19, 2017
3:30-7:00pm Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 20, 2017
All Day No School
Monday, October 23, 2017
3:30-7:00pm Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday, October 26, 2017
All Day No School
Friday, October 27, 2017
All Day No School

High School Events

Monday, October 9, 2017
3:30-7:00pm Parent-Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
7:50am Picture Retake Day
Monday, October 16, 2017
3:30-7:00pm Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 20, 2017
All Day No School
Thursday, October 26, 2017
All Day No School
Friday, October 27, 2017
All Day No School
8:00am WSHS Show Choir Craft Show @ WSHS
Saturday, October 28, 2017
8:00am WSHS Show Choir Craft Show @ WSHS
Monday, October 30, 2017
6:00pm Winter Sports Meeting @ Heider Center

Community Events

West Salem High School Drama Department presents

An evening of One Act Plays

CHARMER OF A CHILLER

AND THEN THERE WAS ONE

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ANY BODY FOR TEA?

Thursday, October 12, 2017

7:00 pm

Pie and ice cream will be served in the Band Room during Intermission.

Tickets $6.00

Available in the Heider Center Box Office or at the door.

WEST SALEM PARKS & REC

presents the

5TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Who: Costumed kids 12 and under and their families

What: Free Community Trick or Treating Event

Where: West Salem Village Park and Downtown Businesses

When: Tuesday, October 31st from 3-5pm Downtown and 4-6pm in Village Park

District Announcements

Athletics Notices

Due to ongoing construction throughout our campuses, West Salem home football games will be played at La Crosse Logan High School for the 2017-2018 season.

All West Salem athletic passes will work for entry into these games and other home events as in the past.

If you have any questions regarding athletics, or the location of events during the construction, please contact your child's coach or Bridget Peterson, Athletics Administrative Assistant at peterson.bridget@wsalem.k12.wi.us or 608-786-1220 x 2350.

Flu Shot & Immunization Clinic

The La Crosse County Health Department will be hosting a flu shot and childhood immunization clinic at WSES on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 from 4-6 pm in the Assembly Room.

Vaccines for children (through age 18) will be provided , at no charge for families. There will be a $15.00 administration fee, although no child will be turned away due to inability to pay.

There is no administration fee if the child is only receiving an influenza vaccine and no other vaccines.

Please visit the La Crosse County Health Department website at http://www.lacrosse-county.org/health/docs/ForYourHealth/Immunization.pdf for downloadable consent forms and vaccine information.

Call the La Crosse County Health Department at (608)-785-9723 with any questions.

Jumpstart's *Read for the Record*

On Thursday, October 19, West Salem Elementary will join the millions of children and adults who will be participating in Jumpstart's Read for the Record. Jumpstart is celebrating their 12th anniversary of this campaign. On October 19th, people around the world will read the same book on the same day. The purpose of this reading event is to inspire adults to read with children, spur policymakers and organizations to take action towards transforming change in early education, and put books into the hands of children across the country. This year's campaign book is *Quackers* by Liz Wong, a tale about a kitten growing up believing he is a duck. This story is about understanding, acceptance, and learning it is OK to be whoever you want to be.

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

Annual School Board Meeting

District Annual Meetings will be held Monday, October 16, 2017, beginning with the Budget Hearing @ 6:30pm, followed by the District Annual Meeting @ 7pm in the Marie Heider Meeting Room at the District Office.

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: Eric Jensen, Pupil Services Director at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669 or call 608-786-0700. The West Salem School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

School Board Members

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

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

District Announcements

Heider Center

Ryan and Ryan Piano Duo
Thursday, October 26, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Tickets: $24/$22

Enjoy some of the world's best music in Ryan and Ryan's "Kickin' the Clouds Away" program. This concert, including jazz, ragtime, classical and even gospel song arrangements by members of the duo, is sure to strike a chord with any audience!

Art Gallery
Watercolors from the Edge
by Penny Stroening
Display runs October 1-31, 2017

Art Reception
Thursday, October 12, 2017
6:00-7:30 p.m.
This and That: Local Photography
by Sharon Fuller

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

Attention: Class of 2018

Each senior needs photos for the following publications:
4 Photos Needed
1. Yearbook/Coulee News - Formal head-shot
2. Times of Our Lives - Headshot, may be less formal (May be the Yearbook Head-shot)
3. Senior Picture for the Senior Slideshow (May be the Yearbook Headshot)
4. Baby Picture for 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!

Yearbook Senior Picture Specifics are as follows:
*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 head-shot 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.)
SUBMIT ALL PHOTOS TOGETHER.

Put your photos in the silver box in room 241 (Journalism room)
All photos due by no later than **Friday, November 10, 2017**.

PTO Story Night

Our Elementary PTO will again be hosting their annual Story Night on October 12th. This event features local celebrities who will read to the kids.

Our readers this year include Police Chief Ashbeck, Jane Frank and two First Responders. All children that attend will receive a book.

Those that preregister by returning the note sent home, and also attend will be entered into a drawing for a book basket.

Who: All elementary school students and their families
What: Elementary PTO Story Night
Where: West Salem Elementary School
When: Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Why: To enjoy a fun night of reading!

Thank You Friends of Baseball!

The West Salem High School Marching Panthers would like to sincerely thank the Friends of Baseball Organization for lending us their John Deere Gator to use in the Applefest & Oktoberfest parades to haul water for the band.

We appreciate your help!

School District of West Salem
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 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 August 24, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Alexis Brueggen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Grosskopf recited the District Mission Statement.

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

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

Connection with the Community
Nate Krien reported on:
1. The NHS held a blood drive on August 15 and collected 36 units.
2. The DECA Officers participated in a highway clean up on County Road M. The officers also discussed other events they may participate in.
3. High school MacBook distribution will be on August 29 and followed by an SEP meeting.

Alexis Brueggen reported on:
1. The Link Crew participated in the freshman class orientation.
2. The high school student council held a 17-18 planning session.
3. The fall sports are underway.
4. The high school Youth Frontiers club will be creating a back-to-school video to be shown on the first day.

Correspondence
A letter from the Wisconsin RtI Center and the Wisconsin PBIS Network congratulating the district on being awarded the Bronze level in Reading as part of the Wisconsin RtI Center's Recognized School program, was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports
Policy Committee – The committee meeting was canceled.

District performance reports by Scott Johnson, Shawn Handland, Rick Kline, Kerri Feyen, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Elementary school, middle school and high school Seclusion and Restraint reports for the 2016-2017 school year were reviewed.

Consent Agenda
Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of High School Principal Josh Mallicoat; to hire David Kazda as a 1.0 FTE special education teacher, Jessica Tripp as a 1.0 FTE middle/high school counselor, part-time paraprofessionals Ethan Andres and Janeen Anderson, and Patricia Cox as a 1.0 FTE special education teacher semester replacement; and Brian Baker and Danielle Schultz to split the contract as assistant tennis coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to deny Open Enrollment requests by "Student D" and "Student F" approve the remaining Open Enrollment requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:
Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Linda's Bakery, Subway, Pizza Oven, and the Union State Bank for the National Honor Society August Blood Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Head Softball Coach Brian Babiash presented the request for a softball team trip to Florida in the spring of 2018. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the softball team's request for a softball team trip to Florida in the spring of 2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the latest estimated tax levy and budget information. No action was taken.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to hire a second part-time administrative assistant for the business office. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION: Whereas the following school districts have handicapped children, and whereas it appears that the educational interests of all children in these school districts will be served best by the districts joining together to offer special services, as authorized by the Department of Public Instruction, to meet the needs of handicapped children. Be it, and it is hereby resolved that the school boards of the West Salem School District and the Bangor School District, and the West Salem School District and the School District of Holmen agree to establish and maintain, on a cooperative basis, a handicapped children's special education program(s) pursuant to Section 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding the employment and compensation of high school administrator(s).

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:48 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued...
August 28, 2017
Marie Heider Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.

unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to reconvene into Open Session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to appoint Mike Mallot as the interim high school principal for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried. 3-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Clements)

Adjournment
Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017
Marie Heider Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.

Convene
The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 7, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Catherine Griffin led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen recited the District Mission Statement.

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

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

Connection with the Community
Alexis Brueggen reported on:
1. The high school marching band parade season has started, participating in the Kellogg Watermelon Festival parade and will perform for the Freedom Honor Flight and Applefest parade.
2. The NHS and DECA Clubs began meeting.
3. Class presidents were elected.
4. High school volleyball and football events were shared.

Correspondence
A thank you note from the family of Gene Eckelberg was read.
A thank you note from the family of Arch Harris was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports
CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the Board's recent meeting.

District performance initiative updates by administrators Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre and Troy Gunderson were read.

The 2017 Model Teacher cohort: Quenten Brown, Kim Volden, Laura Skemp-Deal, Lisa Jones, Lindy Meyer, Erika Olson, Amy Chambers, Deelyn Christianson, Rhea Servais, Jacki Hickey, Laura Wagner, Becky Buisman, Heather Jehn, and Justin Jehn were present. Unable to attend but also part of the cohort: Kari Schultz, Andrea Armstrong, Nicole Friell, and Paul Liethen.

Director of Curriculum Michael St. Pierre reviewed the district's efforts in grading and assessment through recent inservices.

Consent Agenda
Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2017; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of paraprofessionals Alexandra (Sanders) Pehling and Michelle Schwarz; no hires; 7th grade co-head volleyball coaches Kayla Wegner, Julie Arentz and Sam Schmitz; 7th grade volunteer football coach Adam Kennedy; Fall Dance Team Coach Jami Greer; and the Open Enrollment requests for the 17-18 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:
Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations for the Nutrition Services department from Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding the evaluation and performance of the interim high school principal.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:16 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

Adjournment
Mrs. Griffin 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
2017-2018 Proposed Budget

		Actual 2015-16 FY Activity	Actual 2016-17 FY Activity	Estimated 2017-18 Budget
GENERAL FUND (10)				
ASSETS (700000)		$ 3,347,365.77	$ 3,862,368.88	$ 3,808,730
LIABILITIES (800000)		$ 388,015.47	$ 463,724.25	$ 400,000
TOTAL FUND BALANCE (930000)		$ 2,959,350.30	$ 3,398,644.63	$ 3,408,730
10 R --- 210	LOCAL PROPERTY/MOBILE HOME TAXES	$ 5,644,079.94	$ 5,789,704.01	$ 5,296,107
10 R --- 240	MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	$ 6,693.44	$ 6,731.00	$ 6,500
10 R --- 260	NON-CAPITAL SALES	$ 1,549.68	$ 83.00	$ 1,855
10 R --- 270	SCHOOL ACTIVITY INC	$ 62,245.87	$ 55,186.93	$ 63,000
10 R --- 280	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	$ 3,009.55	$ 5,142.72	$ 2,500
10 R --- 290	OTHER REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCE	$ 122,441.33	$ 141,170.50	$ 107,584
10 R --- 340	PYMT FOR SVCS FM OTHER SCHOOLS- OE	$ 1,147,194.45	$ 1,470,077.59	$ 1,484,359
10 R --- 390	OTHER PYMT FROM WI SCHOOLS	$ 12,654.00	$ 8,785.00	$ 10,000
10 R --- 510	TRANSIT OF AIDS - CESA - FED.	$ 11,063.13	$ 11,419.16	$ 13,104
10 R --- 610	STATE AID - CATEGORICAL	$ 383,800.52	$ 124,395.61	$ 117,000
10 R --- 620	EQUALIZATION AID	$ 10,122,523.00	$ 10,238,115.00	$ 10,635,586
10 R --- 630	SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS	$ 19,785.83	$ 23,260.27	$ -
10 R --- 690	OTHER STATE SOURCE REVENUE	$ 33,703.00	$ 435,001.00	$ 772,254
10 R --- 730	SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS	$ 33,288.63	$ 37,601.81	$ 36,551
10 R --- 750	TITLE I - FED.AID	$ 138,158.00	$ 131,000.04	$ 127,552
10 R --- 770	FED AID REC'D THROUGH COUNTIES	$ 1,103.34	$ 400.01	$ 500
10 R --- 780	FED AID-REC'D FM DPI	$ 15,955.84	$ 11,761.89	$ 10,000
10 R --- 860	SALE OF CAPITAL EQUIP	$ 320,366.00	$ 19,708.50	$ 2,500
10 R --- 870	LONG-TERM DEBT PROCEEDS	$ 80,831.06	$ 72,160.00	$ -
10 R --- 960	INSURANCE DIVIDEND & REFUNDS	$ 13,515.80	$ 30,143.88	$ 18,000
10 R --- 970	REFUND OF PRIOR YEAR EXPENSE	$ 33,259.97	$ 85,030.89	$ 50,000
10 R --- 990	OTHER MISC REVENUES	$ 1,330.08	$ 4,286.85	$ 1,500
	TOTAL FUND 10 REVENUES	$ 18,208,552.46	$ 18,701,165.66	$ 18,756,452
10 E --- --- 110	UNDIFFERENTIATED SS CURRICULUM	$ 4,746,989.33	$ 4,628,834.39	$ 4,703,935
10 E --- --- 120	REGULAR CURRICULUM	$ 2,668,722.59	$ 2,746,111.38	$ 2,802,169
10 E --- --- 130	VOCATIONAL CURRICULUM	$ 382,261.55	$ 428,510.96	$ 444,102
10 E --- --- 140	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH	$ 552,924.64	$ 585,911.24	$ 622,182
10 E --- --- 160	CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	$ 452,267.26	$ 460,549.30	$ 448,041
10 E --- --- 170	SPECIAL NEEDS	$ 1,012.46	$ 397.61	$ 2,141
10 E --- --- 210	PUPIL SERVICES	$ 453,063.34	$ 477,243.25	$ 521,409
10 E --- --- 220	INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF SERVICES	$ 726,920.35	$ 734,087.59	$ 871,099
10 E --- --- 230	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	$ 411,901.60	$ 389,907.93	$ 429,391
10 E --- --- 240	SCHOOL BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	$ 974,983.69	$ 969,455.02	$ 932,214
10 E --- --- 250	BUSINESS/FACILITIES OPERATIONS	$ 2,861,554.23	$ 2,771,080.66	$ 2,766,314
10 E --- --- 260	CENTRAL SERVICES	$ 726,823.62	$ 935,209.72	$ 898,889
10 E --- --- 270	INSURANCE AND JUDGMENTS	$ 212,338.19	$ 214,420.97	$ 230,321
10 E --- --- 280	DEBT SERVICES	$ 367,968.29	$ 281,010.49	$ 278,879
10 E --- --- 290	OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	$ 103,905.88	$ 48,129.00	$ 103,582
10 E --- --- 410	INTERFUND & INTERGOVN TRANSFER	$ 1,763,484.74	$ 1,693,754.19	$ 1,876,271
10 E --- --- 430	GENERAL TUITION-OPEN ENROLLMENT	$ 781,326.01	$ 890,032.75	$ 807,267
10 E --- --- 490	OTHER NON-PROGRAM TRANSACTIONS	$ 32,869.25	$ 7,224.88	$ 8,160
	TOTAL FUND 10 EXPENSES	$ 18,221,317.02	$ 18,261,871.33	$ 18,746,366
SPECIAL REVENUE TRUST (21)				
ASSETS		$ 192,582.61	$ 214,508.65	$ 214,081
LIABILITIES		$ -	$ 427.49	$ -
FUND BALANCE		$ 192,582.61	$ 214,081.16	$ 214,081
REVENUE		$ 39,471.07	$ 41,843.46	$ 4,334
EXPENSE		$ 48,427.57	$ 20,344.91	$ 4,334
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (27)				
ASSETS		$ 5,409.70	$ 35,609.57	$ 35,609
LIABILITIES		$ 5,409.70	$ -	$ -
FUND BALANCE		$ -	$ 35,609.57	$ 35,609
REVENUE		$ 2,888,755.18	$ 2,835,860.94	$ 2,938,009
EXPENSE		$ 2,888,755.18	$ 2,835,860.94	$ 2,938,009

NON REFERENDUM DEBT SERVICE (38)			
ASSETS	$ 404,230.06	$ 262,970.19	$ -
LIABILITIES	$ -	$ -	$ -
FUND BALANCE	$ 404,230.06	$ 262,970.19	$ -
REVENUE	$ 577,073.00	$ 84,873.80	$ -
EXPENSE	$ 345,685.96	$ 226,133.67	$ 262,970.19
DEBT SERVICE (39)			
ASSETS	$ 1,255,532.22	$ 425,360.68	$ 425,360.68
LIABILITIES	$ 98,400.00	$ -	$ -
FUND BALANCE	$ 1,157,132.22	$ 425,360.68	$ 425,360.68
REVENUE	$ 1,812,249.59	$ 8,416,656.35	$ 2,025,000.00
EXPENSE	$ 1,793,514.34	$ 9,148,427.89	$ 2,765,917.00
LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST (46)			
ASSETS	$ 2,500.00	$ 5,006.87	$ 5,006.87
LIABILITIES	$ -	$ -	$ -
FUND BALANCE	$ 2,500.00	$ 5,006.87	$ 5,006.87
REVENUE	$ -	$ 2,506.87	$ 2,510.00
EXPENSE	$ -	$ -	$ -
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (49)			
ASSETS	$ -	$ 18,385,115.56	$ 300,000.00
LIABILITIES	$ -	$ 96,210.93	$ 100,000.00
FUND BALANCE	$ -	$ 18,288,904.63	$ 200,000.00
REVENUE	$ -	$ 22,178,202.85	$ 511,000.00
EXPENSE	$ -	$ 3,889,298.22	$ 18,599,672.00
FOOD SERVICE (50)			
ASSETS	$ 37,546.88	$ 48,596.02	$ 103,960.43
LIABILITIES	$ 30,653.74	$ 28,150.59	$ 25,400.00
FUND BALANCE	$ 6,893.14	$ 20,445.43	$ 78,560.43
REVENUE	$ 966,436.74	$ 987,206.03	$ 979,140.00
EXPENSE	$ 1,020,713.80	$ 973,653.74	$ 921,025.00
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND (60)			
ASSETS	$ 301,920.56	$ 170,594.03	$ 200,000.00
LIABILITIES	$ 301,920.56	$ 170,594.03	$ 200,000.00
PRIVATE BENEFIT TRUST FUND/SCHOLARSHIPS (72)			
ASSETS	$ 240,871.77	$ 281,047.42	$ 281,047.82
LIABILITIES	$ -	$ -	$ -
FUND BALANCE	$ 240,871.77	$ 281,047.42	$ 281,047.82
REVENUE	$ 9,906.34	$ 54,115.39	$ 11,000.00
EXPENSE	$ 17,698.18	$ 13,939.74	$ 11,000.00
POST EMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND (73)			
ASSETS	$ 1,591,962.63	$ 1,691,567.97	$ 1,691,567.97
LIABILITIES	$ -	$ -	$ -
FUND BALANCE	$ 1,591,962.63	$ 1,691,567.97	$ 1,691,567.97
REVENUE	$ 478,622.00	$ 401,866.82	$ 616,934.00
EXPENSE	$ 603,253.92	$ 302,261.48	$ 516,934.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (80)			
ASSETS	$ 88,265.50	$ 77,036.80	$ -
LIABILITIES	$ 3,245.18	$ 13,199.72	$ -
FUND BALANCE	$ 85,020.32	$ 63,837.08	$ -
REVENUE	$ 125,335.30	$ 169,176.29	$ 125,710.00
EXPENSE	$ 103,019.44	$ 190,359.53	$ 120,537.00

2017-18 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

	Actual 2016-17	Proposed 2016-17
GENERAL FUND (10)	$ 5,746,989	$ 5,253,857
NON-REFERENDUM DEBT SVC (38)	$ 84,874	$ -
DEBT SERVICE (39)	$ 1,900,000	$ 1,975,000
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (80)	$ 109,500	$ 109,500
TOTAL	$ 7,841,363	$ 7,338,357
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY RATE	0.00942	0.00820

*The General Aid calculation reflected is an estimate subject to final enrollment numbers and official state certification. Updated property valuations will be available and the final mill rate calculated at that time, and subsequently approved at the October 23rd Board Meeting.

West Salem Athletics Booster Club Sponsorship Form

490 North Mark Street, West Salem, WI 54669

The West Salem Athletics Booster Club provides a valuable service to our athletic programs by providing equipment needs to each program to keep our athletes safe and competitive. All athletic programs are supported by the Booster Club. The Sponsorship drive is one way the Booster Club raises money to support the athletic programs.

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Yearly Family Sponsorship-$25.00

(2017-2018 School year)

Memorials-$75.00 minimum

With each sponsorship you will receive a
Panther Pride yard sign to proudly display

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Make check payable to WS Athletics Booster Club and
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Becoming a sponsor of the Booster Club does not require you to attend meetings but you are always welcome. Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Contact a board member for location.

West Salem Elementary named a National Blue Ribbon School!

On Thursday, September 28th, West Salem Elementary was honored to be named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. This award celebrates school excellence, turn around stories, and the ability to close achievement gaps. WSES is one of only nine schools throughout the state of Wisconsin to receive this award.

WSES received this award as one of the state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between subgroups of students, and all students over the past five years. We are the only public elementary school in the area to have received this award, and we consider it a wonderful accomplishment.

Principal Ryan Rieber issued the following statement: "This recognition is humbling, knowing that we are one of 342 schools across the country to receive this award. This truly is a community award. We would not be able to have the community that we have without our schools, and our schools are what they are because of the support throughout the West Salem community. This recognition is not solely reflective on the staff and students that are currently at West Salem Elementary, but this recognizes all of those that have worked here over the years. Without everyone's help, support, and commitment raising the achievement levels of all students would not have been possible. Thank you to all of our staff, students, parents, and community supporters for providing us the opportunity to reach for excellence on a daily basis."

Did You Know?
The heaviest squash ever recorded was 1234 pounds!

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