

June 2017



# Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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## Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

Ready, Set, Graduate!

On Sunday, May 28, another class of eager graduates will cross the stage at West Salem High School joining those before them as official members of the “panther for life” club known as WSHS Alumni. Graduation from high school is special day for parents, students and community members as we celebrate the symbolic right of passage that signifies entrance into adulthood. Congratulations Class of 2017!

High school graduation also marks the completion of the educational programming we offer our students and therefore it’s a perfect time to evaluate our performance. In hopes of better “quantifying” the quality of our programming, the school district strategic plan now includes reference to a nationally acclaimed document entitled “Redefining Ready.” In short, the document provides a series of college and career “readiness” indicators easily adapted to local programming. The indicators are the result of several longitudinal studies connecting college and career performance with various

high school accomplishments and experiences. For more information, check out [www.RedefiningReady.org](http://www.RedefiningReady.org).

The college readiness indicators are universal and apply to all forms of post-secondary education not just traditional “4-year colleges.” The indicators include the expected connection to standardized tests and high school grades along with more unique indicators such as completion of courses earning college credit, performance in Algebra II, college academic advising, campus connections, and completion of the FAFSA or Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The career readiness indicators begin with the required identification by the student of a career cluster matching the student’s interest with his/her aptitudes and abilities. The remaining list of supplemental indicators includes attendance, community service, workplace learning experiences, industry credentials, career-related coursework, and co-curricular participation.

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Applying the Redefining Ready criteria to both district programming and the accomplishments of this year's graduates, it is clear members of the Class of 2017 are career and college ready. From Senior Exit Projects and ACT test results to vocational programming and co-curricular success, our high school hits the mark. Looking forward, the imbedding of the Redefining Ready criteria within the district strategic plan will allow for future reporting of an official career and college ready score, and improve upon both the service we offer our students and the readiness of the graduates we provide for our community.

Each year graduation offers the opportunity to celebrate the great work of our students, teachers, families, and community. As we proudly welcome another group of "panthers" into the "real world," we are confident they are well prepared and ready for the road ahead. As we reflect upon our programming, we both celebrate the great work we do and further resolve to continue our work towards even better results.

So, without further adieu....Ready, Set, Graduate!

# Calendar of Events June

## Thursday, June 1, 2017

7 p.m. 8th grade Promotion - Heider Center

## Tuesday, June 6, 2017

11 a.m. Baseball: Varsity Sectional vs. TBD @West Salem High School

2 p.m. Baseball: Varsity Sectional vs. TBD @West Salem High School

5 p.m. Baseball: Varsity Sectional vs. TBD @West Salem High School

### 2017-2018 Elementary Registration

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Elementary 4K through 5th grade students will start August 1st. If you are unable to register online, an in-house registration will be held on Tuesday, August 15th, from noon to 7:00 p.m. Computers will be available to complete your online registration.

Also on August 15th, Lifetouch will be here to take student pictures. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

### 4K Registration

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1st, 2017, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so.

### Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 1st, 2017, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so.

\*\*2017-2018 School Supply List will be posted on the district's website when available.

\*\*Middle School will be CLOSED starting June 12th through mid August

### 2017-2018 Middle School Registration

Middle school registration will take place on Monday, June 14 and Tuesday, June 15.

\*\*WEB Leader Training - August 21 & 22 8am-1pm

\*\*6th grade Orientation - August 23 7:30am-12pm



For information about the summer musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, check out page 5.

# Summer School 2017

Summer school will be held July 17 - August 4, 2017 for incoming kindergartners through eighth graders from 8:30am to 11:40am.

The daily schedule is as follows:

8:00-8:25 Student Drop off

8:25 Bell

8:30-9:20 Class 1

9:20-9:50 Student Break/Snack

9:55-10:45 Class 2

10:50-11:40 Class 3

11:50 Buses Dismissed

If you have any questions regarding summer school, please contact Lisa Gerke, Summer School Administrator at 786-1662 or [gerke.lisa@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:gerke.lisa@wsalem.k12.wi.us)

## 2016-2017 Faculty/Staff Awards

2017 Bearing Wall

Kohl Fellowship

Neshonoc Yearbook Dedicatee

L.N. Distinguished Service Award

Janice Stuntebeck

Mary Czajka

Krista Beron

Elaine Clements &

Bernie Repky

## Years of Service Recognition

### 10 Years

Shelley Addington

Sara Jeranek

Janel Lochen

Davita Molling

Bridget Peterson

Ashley Ranzenberger

Amy Reedy

### 20 Years

Bobbi Barbieur

Teri Lassig

Deb Miller

### 30 Years

Christy Brodsky

Martha Burdick

Mary Czajka

Jean Raymer

Heidi Ebert



# District Announcements



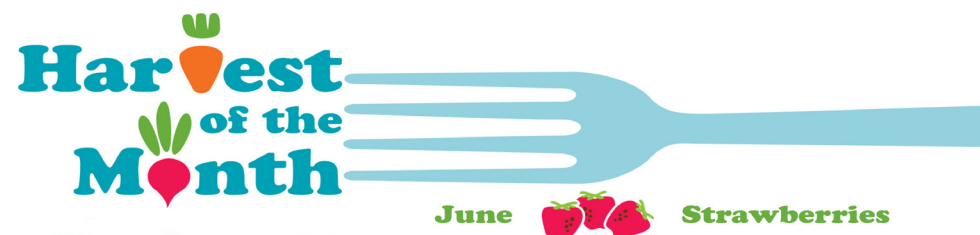
## Heider Center

### Season Tickets

Season tickets for the Heider Center 2017-2018 Season will be on sale from Monday, May 8 through July 14th. Ordering season tickets reflects a 15% discount over ticket prices purchased during the season for single shows.

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)



June Strawberries

Fun Fact: Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside. They average about 200 seeds per strawberry!



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

**Free Lunch served:**  
**11:00 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays,**  
**June 13 - Aug 17**

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

Lunch funded completely by donations.

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

**Special Thanks to our Sponsors:**

*Hansen's IGA, Linda's Bakery, Subway, Alforex Seeds,  
Dairy Families of La Crosse County and  
the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board*

## High School Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Valedictorian  
Kaylee Mulholland



High School Activities: DECA, Student Council, and Youth Frontiers.

Kaylee also mentors a young girl and conducts Bible studies with her. She also enjoys volunteering, baking, reading, and playing and training her dog.

Kaylee will be attending the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in the fall. Her major is currently undecided but she plans on pursuing a career in business or communications. Her ideal job would be working for the International Justice Mission and helping those who have been affected by human trafficking.

Salutatorian  
Isaac Trocinski



High School Activities: Student Council, Link Crew, Health Science Academy, FCA, and Youth Frontiers. Isaac also played basketball, baseball, and soccer all four years of high school. He enjoys fishing, biking, and spending time with family and friends.

Isaac will be attending the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse to major in biology with a biomedical concentration. He hopes to attend physician assistant school, enter the medical field as an Orthopedic PA, and stay in the La Crosse area to give back to the community.

## SEP Showcase

Each year West Salem seniors complete a senior exit project. Topics are selected by the senior, and show academic growth and often give back to the community. Seniors write a paper, create a visual aid, and present to a panel of judges at the end of the year.

This newsletter will feature five projects selected at random to show community members unable to attend the presentations the awesome things our seniors did this year. We wish we had the space to feature every senior's wonderful project!

### Nick Schultz



Nick's SEP was the organization of a local political debate between candidates for the Wisconsin state assembly. Nick selected this project based on his interest in politics. Nick says he learned a lot about managing his time and the inside scoop of a political campaign.

### Emily Trautman



For Emily's SEP she grew a garden and donated the food to the Salvation Army. She wanted to help out the community, specifically the local homeless population. She hopes to continue helping the local community in the future.

# District Announcements

## DECA International Conference

Ben Sharp was a medalist in the Marketing Cluster Exam for Professional Selling. Eric Moen was 6th overall in the Virtual Business Challenge Retailing. Kaylee Mulholland was 3rd overall in the Virtual Business Challenge Accounting and won a \$250 scholarship.



The WSHS Summer Musical presents



Music by Alan Menken

Book by Linda Wolverton

Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

June 22-23, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 24 at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

Reserved seating tickets ~ \$8.00

Tickets available online at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com)

or at the door 1 hour before showtime

Presented with special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
All other authorized rehearsal materials are also supplied by MTI.  
[www.MTIshows.com](http://www.MTIshows.com)



## Hunter Young



Hunter's SEP was to restore a tractor. He is really interested in mechanics and wanted to further his knowledge on the mechanic field. He selected this project because he loves tractors and believed this would help him gain a deeper understanding of mechanics to aid in his future career.

## Kendra Clements



Kendra made four picnic tables out of recycled material that were placed outside the high school for students to eat lunch. She learned about using different materials and building tools. She said she also learned the value of using time wisely.

## Erick Sells



Erick's SEP entailed running 10 miles a day for a week and along each of those routes he picked up trash. Erick learned a lot about keeping our environment safer and cleaner while enjoying a sport he loves-running.

## 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

# 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).

## West Salem Community Fitness Center Hours

Mon-Fri: 5:00 – 7:00 AM  
Mon-Thurs: 3:00 – 9:00 PM  
Friday: 3:00 – 7:00 PM  
Saturday: 8:00 – 12:00 PM  
Sunday: 4:00 – 7:00 PM

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

The West Salem School District prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the Pupil Services Director at (608) 786-0700. To file a complaint of discrimination write to: Pupil Services Director at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669 or call 608-786-0700. The West Salem School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## School Board Members

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

**School District of West Salem**  
**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 24, 2017**  
**Marie Heider Meeting Room**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Syl Clements. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on April 20, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jane Halverson 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 (7:11), Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Davita Molling (7:01), and Lisa Gerke. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Michael St. Pierre, Nate Krien, and Alexis Brueggen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Organization of the 2016-2017 School Board

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to nominate Syl Clements for the office of President. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Syl Clements as President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to nominate Tom Grosskopf for the position of Vice President. Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved to nominate Catherine Griffin for the position of Vice President. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to close nominations. Paper ballots were used. Mr. Grosskopf received three votes and Mrs. Griffin received three votes. Both Mr. Grosskopf and Mrs. Griffin agreed to use a coin toss to select the Vice President. Mr. Mallicoat performed the coin toss and Mr. Grosskopf won the coin toss and will serve as the Vice President of the West Salem School Board.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to nominate

Jane Halverson for the office of Clerk. Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jane Halverson as the Clerk of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Introduction of new student board representatives: Both Nate Krien and Alexis Brueggen were not in attendance. They were on their way to the DECA national competition.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Grosskopf seconded the following:

1. resolution authorizing the Board officers to borrow money for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years per Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3);
  2. select the Union State Bank of West Salem as the bank depository;
  3. authorization of facsimile signatures per Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3);
  4. authorization of the Board officers to invest surplus funds;
  5. to continue with the current schedule to select the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for Regular School Board Meetings and one meeting in December;
  6. appoint Patrick Bahr as the Deputy Clerk;
  7. to have members provide input to the Board President on committees interested in by Monday, May 1, 2017;
  8. select Jane Halverson as the CESA #4 Representative.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

No students were in attendance to provide a report.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Ron Schroeder family was read. A thank you note from Simon Buchanan was read. The following Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction proclamations were read: Money Smart Week Wisconsin, April 22-29, 2017, and School Nutrition Employee Week, May 1-5, 2017.

Public comments

Scott Scafe presented a letter to express his interest in filling the vacancy on the board.

Written and Oral Reports

Staff Relations Committee - Mrs. Halverson reported on the negotiating sessions the committee held with the West Salem School Employees Association and the West Salem

Education Association.

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

Consent Agenda

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

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to deny the Open Enrollment request presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

ILA (Independent Learning Academy) - High School Teachers Jennifer Stenberg and Laura Skemp-Deal along with students Megan Lassig, Emma Deal and Joslyn Hanson were present and updated the board on the ILA course offering.

Health Careers Pathways - High School Principal Josh Mallicoat, High School Teachers Pam Hansen, Jennifer Stenberg and Amy Hanson, and School Nurse Beth Clements were present to provide information on a Health Careers Pathway course offering. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Health Careers Pathway as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Suzie Kaiser and Bill Heinz from Associated Financial Group and members of an insurance committee were present and explained the various health insurance proposals for the 2017-2018 school year

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to set the maximum deficit, out of fund balance as \$380,000 for the 2017-18 budget year. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no resignations/retirements for the Board to act upon.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to hire Marina Tofstad as the 1.0 FTE Middle School Spanish Teacher for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved to fill the School Board vacancy. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded not to fill the School Board vacancy made vacant by the resignation of Greg Brickl. Motion carried. 4-Aye, 1-Nay (Grosskopf), and 1-Abstained (Clements)

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 issuing preliminary notice(s) of nonrenewal, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22□

And (e) deliberating or negotiating or bargaining reasons require a closed session; regarding the base wages with the West Salem Education Association and West Salem School Employee Association for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:41 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. Schlingen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to reconvene into Open Session at 9:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

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

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlingen seconded to approve the West Salem School Employees Association (WSSEA) and the West Salem Education Association (WSEA) wage agreements, and to issue contracts to the school psychologist and teachers for the 17-18 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Halverson, Clerk

**School District of West Salem**  
**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 8, 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 May 4, 2017.

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### Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of item IV. i. miscellaneous wage rates and item V. Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

### Connection with the Community

Nate Krien reported on:

1. The DECA International Career Conference
2. Senior AP Testing
3. SEP Presentations

### Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Lee Bjerke was read.  
A letter of intent to apply for the school board opening from Fred Perri was read.  
A thank you note read and 3D printed samples were shared from Mrs. Ebert's Project and Inquiry students.

### Public comments

Pete Arentz provided handouts and expressed his concerns regarding the facilities project and the contractor selection. Kevin Hennessey expressed his concerns regarding the facilities project and the contractor selection.

### Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee - Mrs. Halverson reviewed the committee's recent meeting.

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, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Board Grant recipient, high school teacher Jordan Gilge, demonstrated and explained what they did with the funds used for Heart Rate Monitors.

Board Grant recipient, middle school teacher Jenny Morgan, demonstrated and explained what they did with the funds used for Exploring Personal Finance Through Board Games.

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2017; the invoices to be paid, and the Open Enrollment requests for the 17-18 school year with the exception to deny one students request to Open Enroll In as recommended by the administration. Motion carried unanimously.

### Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from the following for the Youth Frontiers American Cancer Society fundraiser: Barber Arms, Perkins, The Big E!, Salon Professional Academy, Features, American Cancer Society, Riana Herbold, Gilster family, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dahl Automotive, Union State Bank, and 1st Community Credit Union; and from the West Salem Booster Club for baseball. Motion carried unanimously.

High School Teachers Kelly Rueckheim and Shelly Helland presented a request for the Spanish trip for the summer of 2018, which will include the Ecology Club to Panama. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Spanish trip request as presented for the summer of 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the 16-17 and 17-18 school calendar and the 2014 calendar survey. No action was taken.

School Board committee assignments were reviewed. If any changes, please communicate to President Clements. No action was taken.

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation for a first reading of policies #174 Board Organizational Meeting, #133 Filling School Board Vacancies, #841 Naming School Facilities, and #840 Public Gifts to Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve contracts for bus drivers for the 17-18 school year as presented; to accept the resignations of Public Relations Specialist/Grant Writer Brittany Parry, middle school Special Education Teacher Kevin Anderson and Adaptive Physical Education/Physical Education Teacher Tyler Fish; and to hire 1.0 FTE high school special education teacher Colleen Betita, high school Student Services Administrative Assistant Angela Elsen and 1.0 FTE elementary school Title I Teacher Elaine Mott. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to set a Special Board Meeting for the reviewing of bids for the campus building projects dependent upon when the architect will have the bids ready to approve; first option is Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and the second option would be Friday, June 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

## School District of West Salem

The following board members will attend the high school graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 28, 2017: Tom Grosskopf, Syl Clements, Ken Schlingen, Catherin Griffin, Jane Halverson, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The following board members will attend the 8th grade promotion ceremony on Thursday, June 1, 2017: Syl Clements, Ken Schlingen, Catherin Griffin, Jane Halverson, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Halverson, Clerk

### ANNUAL NOTICE

## Homeless Children and Youth

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth as:

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:
  - sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
  - Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
  - Living in emergency or transitional shelters.
  - Abandoned in hospitals
  - Living in a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
  - Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
  - Migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above

If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children or youth who may qualify according to the above criteria, the West Salem School District provides the following assurances to parents and guardians of homeless children and youth and accompanied homeless youth:

- The child or youth shall be immediately enrolled and allowed to fully participate in school, even if unable to produce records normally required for enrollment (e.g., academic records, immunization and other required health records, proof of residency, or other documentation) or has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.
- Homeless children and youths are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless and have full and equal educational and related opportunities.
- Meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children including special notices of events, parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and access to student records.
- Immediate enrollment and transportation to the school of origin. "School of origin" means the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool.
- Written explanation of any decisions related to school selection or enrollment made by the school, the local educational agency, or the State educational agency involved, including the rights of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal and receive prompt resolution of such decisions.

**Please contact Ben Wopat, homeless liaison for the West Salem School District, at (608) 786-2090 or [wopat.ben@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:wopat.ben@wsalem.k12.wi.us) for additional information about the rights and services described above.**



## School Breakfast Program

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

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



## West Salem High School Fishing Team

The West Salem Fishing Team fished two events this spring. In the first event, Mitchell Hammes and Eli Elsen took 3rd, qualifying them for the national championship in Alabama this June! High water and changing weather conditions made the second event much tougher, but all four teams had a great time out on the water catching fish (even though they were catching walleye and northern pike instead of bass)! Students enjoyed being part of the fishing team and spending time out on the water.



Check out videos and photos of the innovative things happening in your student's classroom at our district Facebook page and Twitter page. Our social media features videos of student activities, teacher features, classroom selfie photos, etc...

Check out our Facebook page  
@SchoolDistrictofWestSalem  
and

Follow us on Twitter

@WestSalemSD



For WSHS athletic events, visit our website:

\*click Calendars and then

\*click Coulee Conference

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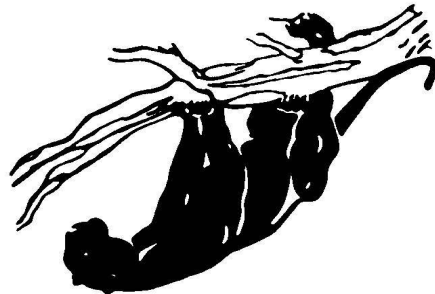
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