School District of West Salem
Annual Budget Hearing
October 26, 2026
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:00 p.m.

Convene

President Catherine Griffin called the annual budget hearing of the School District of West Salem to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the La Crosse Tribune on October 15 and October 20, 2026, and posted in the district office on October 22, 2026.

There were seven district resident/voting members present at the meeting.

Presentation and Explanation of the Budget and Fund 73 Report

Catherine Griffin called on Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland, who presented a report on the proposed 2026-27 budget, tax levy by municipality, annual levy/mill rate, long-term debt, enrollment, and post-retirement trust account, Fund 73.

Amount in Fund 73 Trust as of June 30, 2026: $327,986.28
Investment return earned since last annual meeting: $3,809.35
Total of disbursements made since last annual meeting: $67,952.78
Name of investment manager if investment authority has been delegated: MidAmerica

Expenditures	Actual 2025-26	Proposed 2026-27
General Fund (10)	30,106,674.29	30,356,124.00
Special Revenue Trust (21, 23, 29)	966,803.80	1,007,629.00
Special Education (27)	4,779,083.90	5,09,793.00
Debt Service (38, 39)	3,204,804.59	3,864,114.00
Capital Projects (41, 46, 48, 49)	15,210,704.81	14,064,225.00
Food Service (50)	1,319,421.60	1,369,590.00
Community Service (80)	219,980.52	181,836.00

Property Tax Levy	
General Fund	10,411,182.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	3,500,000.00
Community Service Fund	185,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	14,096,182.00

Call for Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Ryan Rieber moved, Jennifer Hatz seconded, to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and prepared by:
Jennifer Hatz, Acting Clerk (2026)

Approved by the District Electors/Board of Education on October 25, 2027.

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Jennifer Hatz, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Annual School District Meeting
October 26, 2026
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:30 p.m.

Convene
President Catherine Griffin called the annual budget hearing of the School District of West Salem to order at 6:40 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the La Crosse Tribune on October 15 and October 20, 2026, and posted in the district office on October 22, 2026.

Catherine introduced the board members and administration that were present.

There were nine district resident/voting members present at the meeting.

Election of Permanent Chairperson
Catherine Griffin called for nominations for a permanent chairperson.

Bob Minard moved, to nominate Catherine Griffin and close nominations, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Catherine Griffin. Motion carried.

Director of Finance and Business Operations, Shawn Handland, presented the Treasurer's Report.

Business

Review of Community Service Fund 80.

Electorate Authorizations:
Ryan Rieber moved, Heidi Horton seconded, to authorize the salaries for the West Salem Board of Education during the 2026-27 school year. (Per State Statute, §120.10(3))
Motion carried.

	2025-2026	2026-2027
President	$2,800.00	$2,900.00
Student Representative	Hourly ($20.00/hr)	Hourly ($21.00/hr)
All others	$2,600.00	$2,700.00

Catherine Griffin moved, Nick Walters seconded to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses of board members who travel in the performance of their duties. (Per State Statute, §120.10(4))
Motion carried.

Bob Minard moved, Nick Walters seconded, seconded to authorize the School Board, pursuant to §120.10(5m) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to acquire, by purchase or condemnation under ch. 32, real estate and structures and facilities appurtenant to such real estate necessary for school district purposes, to purchase additional land from owners adjacent to the School District's property as needed, under the terms and conditions to be accepted by the School Board.
Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report.
Superintendent Rieber reviewed items from his letter.

Call for Resolution: (Per State Statute, §120.10(7) (8) (9) (10))
Ryan Rieber moved, Nick Walters seconded, to propose the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education be given the authority to establish the tax levy at $12,841,941 (0.00773671 mill rate) under the State-imposed revenue limits as is necessary to support the District for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Time and Date of 2025 Annual Meeting
Nick Walters moved, Ben Garbers seconded to approve the date for the 2027 Annual Budget Hearing at 6:00 and Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2027. Motion carried.

Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the meeting, Nick Walters moved, Ben Garbers seconded to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and prepared by:
Jennifer Hatz, Acting Clerk (2026)

Approved by the District Electors/Board of Education on October 25, 2027.

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Jennifer Hatz, Clerk