

School District of West Salem
Annual Budget Hearing
October 27, 2025
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 6:03 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the La Crosse Tribune on October 16 and October 21, 2025, and posted in the district office on October 23, 2025.

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 2025-26 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, 2025: \$255,862.71

Investment return earned since last annual meeting: \$3,226.50

Total of disbursements made since last annual meeting: \$78,133.50

Name of investment manager if investment authority has been delegated: MidAmerica

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2024-25</u>	<u>Proposed 2025-26</u>
General Fund (10)	28,044,056.00	29,396,641.00
Special Revenue Trust (21, 23, 29)	1,012,463.00	1,143,803.00
Special Education (27)	4,643,708.00	4,723,964.00
Debt Service (38, 39)	3,012,331.00	3,436,134.00
Capital Projects (41, 46, 48, 49)	2,300,000.00	17,393,054.00
Food Service (50)	1,310,951.00	1,21,647.00
Community Service (80)	177,406.00	205,600.00
 <u>Property Tax Levy</u>		
General Fund		9,221,941.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund		3,435,000.00
Community Service Fund		185,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY		12,841,941.00

Call for Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Erik Peterson moved, Ben Garbers seconded to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem
Annual School District Meeting
October 27, 2025
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 6:33 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the La Crosse Tribune on October 16 and October 21, 2025, and posted in the district office on October 23, 2025.

Catherine introduced the board members and administration that were present.

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

Election of Permanent Chairperson

Catherine Griffin called for nominations for a permanent chairperson.

Erik Peterson moved, Ben Garber seconded 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:

Justin Jehn moved, Ryan Rieber seconded to authorize the salaries for the West Salem Board of Education during the 2025-26 school year. (Per State Statute, §120.10(3))
Motion carried.

	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
President	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Student Representative	Hourly (\$20.00/hr)	Hourly (\$20.00/hr)
All others	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00

Ryan Rieber moved, Jennifer Hatz 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.

Erik Peterson moved, Ryan Rieber 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, Jennifer Hatz 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 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Time and Date of 2025 Annual Meeting

Erik Peterson moved, Justin Jehn seconded to approve the date for the 2026 Annual Budget Hearing at 6:00 and Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2026. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Ben Garber moved, Jennifer Hatz seconded to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Acting Clerk