

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2025
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 5:30 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on September 25, 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Catherine Griffin, Erik Peterson, Trish Harman, Ben Garbers, Bob Minard and Caitlin Wilson. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Scott Johnson, and Shawn Handland; Recording secretary: Jennifer Larson. Also present were team members from Kraus Anderson and ISG. Excused: Justin Jehn, Ben Wopat, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, Heidi Horton, Lydia Jochen and Zeke Hyer.

Approval of Agenda

C. Wilson moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Kraus Anderson and ISG presented Bid Pack #3 Steel bids for the high school project.

B. Garbers moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve Bid Pack #3. Motion carried unanimously.

Shawn Handland presented 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Adoption numbers. No action was taken.

Scott Johnson presented his request for a LTE Maintenance position.

E. Peterson moved, T. Harman seconded to approve the request to hire an LTE Maintenance position for the 25-26 school year and thru the conclusion of the referendum project (Due to end December 31, 2026.) Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved to nominate Trish Harman for the office of Treasurer. E. Peterson moved, C. Wilson seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Trish Harman as the Treasurer of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the current board vacancy position which resulted from Bob Gollnik moving out of the district. Policy 0142.5 Vacancies was reviewed. The district will advertise the vacancy as soon as possible with submissions due to Mr. Rieber by 3:30 p.m. on October 10, 2025.

Adjournment

B. Garbers moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Wilson, Clerk