

April 2024



Newsletter

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Celebrating Successes and Looking Forward

As we welcome the arrival of April, it's time to reflect on our students' achievements and express our gratitude to those who contribute to our district's success. This month's newsletter highlights some remarkable accomplishments and important announcements.

We proudly recognize the outstanding achievements of many of our winter season co-curricular participants who continued to see success. Our boys and girls basketball teams again qualified for the state championships. The girls qualified for the second straight year, while the boys qualified for their third consecutive year. Their dedication, teamwork, and perseverance have led them to this pinnacle of success, and we could not be prouder of their accomplishments. Our gymnastics team also showcased their remarkable talent and hard work by securing a second-place finish for the second year in a row at the state championships. All of our winter participants' commitment to excellence and sportsmanship has brought honor to our school. We applaud all of our

winter co-curricular participants and their remarkable performances.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Robin Fitzgerald and Chris Peterson for their invaluable service on our Board of Education. Their dedication, insight, and unwavering commitment have significantly impacted our district and contributed to its continued growth and success. As they conclude their terms, we acknowledge and appreciate the lasting legacy they leave behind.

Changing gears: Standardized testing will occur throughout all buildings in April. These assessments provide valuable insights into our students' academic progress and help us tailor our educational approach to meet their needs better. We appreciate your support in ensuring our students are prepared to excel during this testing period.

While we celebrate the achievements mentioned above, we also want to recognize the many other successes our students, teachers, and staff have experienced. Whether it's academic accomplishments, artistic endeavors, or community service initiatives, each success contributes

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to the vibrant tapestry of our school community. We applaud all those who have contributed to these achievements and encourage everyone to continue striving for excellence in all their endeavors.

As we embark on April, let us carry forward the spirit of unity, excellence, and gratitude that defines our school community. Together, we will continue to nurture a

learning environment where every student can thrive and succeed.

Warm regards,

Ryan Rieber
Superintendent

Panther Pride



Calendar of Events April

Athletic Events

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

- 3:30pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Black River Falls, Cashton, Cochrane-Fountain City, Holmen, Mauston, New Lisbon, Onalaska, Prairie du Chien, Sparta, Tomah & Wonevoc Center @ Holmen High School
- 4:00pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. Tomah @ Tomah La Grange Elementary
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School JV Baseball Field
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School Baseball Field
- 5:00pm Softball: JV Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School Memorial Park Softball Field - North
- 5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School Memorial Park Softball Field - South

Thursday, April 4, 2024

- 3:30pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Black River Falls, Cashton, Cochrane-Fountain City, Holmen, Mauston, New Lisbon, Onalaska, Prairie du Chien, Sparta & Tomah @ Holmen High School
- 4:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Tomah HS @ Tomah Veteran's Park Field Veterans Park Field
- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball vs. Central @ Central High School
- 4:30pm Golf: Boys Varsity Invite vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Holmen, Luther, Onalaska, Tomah & Westby Area High School @
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School
- 6:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Tomah HS @ Tomah Veteran's Park Field Veterans Park Field

Friday, April 5, 2024

- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem HS Softball

Fields

Monday, April 8, 2024

- 5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem HS Softball Fields

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

- 3:30pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Black River Falls, Central, G-E-T, Holmen, Logan, Luther, Onalaska, Sparta, Tomah, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Holmen High School
- 4:00pm Golf: Boys JV Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonevoc Center, Luther, Viroqua, & Westby Area High School @ Arcadia Country Club
- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball vs. Onalaska @ West Salem Middle School
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Middle School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Middle School

Thursday, April 11, 2024

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonevoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Coulee Golf Bowl
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Luther @ West Salem HS Softball Fields
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Logan @ West Salem HS Soccer Fields
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Logan @ West Salem HS Soccer Fields

Friday, April 12, 2024

- 4:00pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Bangor, G-E-T, Logan & Westby Area High School @
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem HS Softball Fields

Saturday, April 13, 2024

- 10:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Game vs. Central @ Central High School
- 11:00am Softball: Varsity Doubleheader vs. Waupun @ Jerry Medema Fields

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4:00pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Baraboo & Onalaska @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts

Monday, April 15, 2024

5:00pm Softball: JV Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School Roo (SB) Field
5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School Park Bowl Softball

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

4:00pm Golf: Boys JV/Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Fox Hollow Golf Course
4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball vs. Holmen @ West Salem Middle School
4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Pacelli @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts
5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School
7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

Thursday, April 18, 2024

4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Arcadia Country Club
4:00pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Eau Claire Regis @ Regis High School
4:00pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Aquinas, Arcadia, Central, Fall Creek, G-E-T, Luther, Mondovi & Whitehall @ Arcadia High School
5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School
5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Aquinas @ West Salem HS Soccer Fields
7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Aquinas @ West Salem HS Soccer Fields

Saturday, April 20, 2024

11:00am Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Prescott @ Firehall Field- Prescott

Monday, April 22, 2024

4:00pm Golf: Boys JV Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Coulee Golf Bowl
4:30pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Logan

@ Logan High School

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

11:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Adams-Friendship, Amherst, Assumption, Baraboo, Black River Falls, DC Everest, Marathon, Marshfield, Mauston, Mosinee, Nekoosa, Newman Catholic, Reedsburg, Sauk Prairie, Stevens Point Area Senior High School, Tomah, Wausau East, Wautoma, Westfield Middle, Wisconsin Dells & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ Sand Valley Golf Resort
4:00pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Central, Holmen, Luther, Onalaska & Providence Academy @ Onalaska High School
4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball vs. Logan @ West Salem Middle School
4:30pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Logan @ Logan High School
4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Mauston @ Mauston High School
5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem HS Softball Fields
5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska Game Field #1 Rider Club Athletic Complex
7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska Game Field #1 Rider Club Athletic Complex

Thursday, April 25, 2024

4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Etrick Golf Course
4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School
5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School
5:00pm Softball: JV Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem HS Softball Fields
5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Sparta @ West Salem HS Soccer Fields
7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Sparta @ West Salem HS Soccer Fields

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Friday, April 26, 2024

- 4:00pm Track: Varsity Invite vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, Cochrane-Fountain City, G-E-T, Logan, Luther, Melrose-Mindoro, Providence Academy, Sparta & Viroqua @ G-E-T High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ Holmen Middle School
- 5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem HS Softball Fields

Saturday, April 27, 2024

- 9:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Baraboo, Central, Cochrane-Fountain City, G-E-T, Holmen, Luther, Marshfield, Onalaska, Osseo-Fairchild, Sparta & Tomah @ Sparta River Run Golf Course
- 9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Altoona, Aquinas & Baldwin-Woodville Area School District @ Baldwin-Woodville High School
- 9:00am Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Adams-Friendship, Aquinas, Arcadia, Ashland, Bangor, Blair-Taylor, Boscobel, Cadott, Cashton, Central, Franklin, Hayward Community Schools, Holmen La Courte Oreilles Ojibwe, Logan, Mauston, Onalaska, Prairie du Chien & Winona Senior @ University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Monday, April 29, 2024

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys JV/Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Viroqua Hills Golf Course

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball vs. Central @ West Salem Middle School
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Central High School @ Field for Kids
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Central High School @ Field for Kids

Band Events

Saturday, April 6, 2024

- All Day District Solo & Ensemble @ West Salem High School

Saturday, April 13, 2024

- 6:25pm Jazz Band Performance @ Stoney Creek Inn
- Jazz I performs @ 6:25 p.m., Jazz II performs @ 8:10 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

- TBA Depart for New York Trip

Saturday, April 20, 2024

- TBA Return from New York Trip

Elementary School Events

Monday, April 1, 2024

- All Day No School-Easter Break

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

- 9:30am 3rd Grade to the OEC Deml & Stevens

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

- 9:30am 3rd Grade to the OEC Allind & Vergin

Thursday, April 4, 2024

- 9:30am 3rd Grade to the OEC Mathison & Smith

Friday, April 5, 2024

- 7:20am Walking School Bus
- National Walk to School Day
- Meet at the corner of N. Tilson & W. Hamlin Streets

Friday, April 12, 2024

- 7:20am Walking School Bus
- National Walk to School Day
- Meet at the corner of N. Tilson & W. Hamlin Streets

Friday, April 19, 2024

- 7:20am Walking School Bus
- National Walk to School Day
- Meet at the corner of N. Tilson & W. Hamlin Streets

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

- 8:30am 4th Grade to the OEC Wegner, Schwartz & Hoff

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Thursday, April 25, 2024

8:30am 4th Grade to the OEC
Steiner, Miller & Ihle

Friday, April 26, 2024

7:20am Walking School Bus
National Walk to School Day
Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &
W. Hamlin Streets

8:30am 4th Grade to the OEC
All Classes

Monday, April 29, 2024

8:20am 3rd Grade to the National Eagle Center -
Wabasha

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

8:30am 1st Grade to the OEC
Chambers & Reedy

Middle School Events

Monday, April 1, 2024

All Day No School-Easter Break

Monday, April 8-Friday, April 12, 2024

All Day 6th & 7th Grade Forward Testing

Monday, April 15-Friday, April 19, 2024

All Day 5th & 8th Grade Forward Testing

Friday, April 19, 2024

All Day Trimester 3 Mid-Term

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

8:00am Trimester 3 Mid-Term Grades Due

High School Events

Monday, April 1, 2024

All Day No School-Easter Break

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

8:00am 3rd Quarter Grades Submitted

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

8:00am Pre-ACT Testing for Freshmen &
Sophomores

Friday, April 19, 2024

8:00am Forward Testing for Sophomores

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

All Day 4th Quarter Mid-Term

Summer School Registration Now Open!

Register via Skyward April 1-14
Classes run July 8-26
**Course Info available on our
website**



Youth Art Month State Qualifiers

Congratulations to the following students who had their artwork selected to be displayed at the Wisconsin Art Education Association's State Youth Art Month display at the East Towne Mall in Madison on March 22nd! Our art teachers selected five pieces from each school to be on display at the West Central Regional art show which was held at the Heider Center and then only three of each of these pieces were selected to go on to state, which is a huge honor! From West Salem Elementary School: Reese Iverson, Reagan Yarolimek, and Everly Stewart, from West Salem Middle School: Piper Jambois, Mackenzie Mack, Landon Rieber, and Owen McKinney, and from West Salem High School: Leah Beyer and Madelyn Dovenberg.



WSMS Teacher Awarded Tools 4 Schools Grant!

West Salem Middle School Special Education teacher Kris Marquez was recently awarded the Tools 4 Schools Grant from WXOW for the month of February! Mrs. Marquez works with students with intellectual disabilities, many of whom can struggle when they become overstimulated. She plans to use the money to purchase an autism sensory steamroller and a trampoline for therapy. The steamroller will help the students by applying pressure and the rhythmic motion of jumping on the trampoline will also help to satisfy their sensory needs .

“This is really going to help me,” said Marquez. “It’s hard as a teacher, and as my peers in there are watching my students struggle when we know there’s something we can do. Now, we’re getting a nice piece of equipment that’s really going to be helpful to them.” Thank you to WXOW, Dependable Solutions, the Board Store Home Improvements, River Bank, and Ryan Schultz and Associates for your donations that make this grant possible!



District Announcements



Putting on Their Chef’s Hats

Students taking the Advanced Culinary class at WSHS have been learning about combination foods recently and they were challenged to put their sandwich

skills to the test by conceptualizing recipes for their own signature grilled cheese! Students let their creativity flow, coming up with recipes featuring cheeses from mascarpone to mozzarella and unique ingredients like Nutella, cranberry sauce, and pesto. They prepared their creations for some staff volunteers who offered up their judging abilities to determine which grilled cheese would be champion.



They judged the sandwiches on creativity, taste, and presentation and ultimately named the “Brown Angel” featuring angel food cake slices, Nutella, mascarpone, strawberries and bananas the winner from third hour and the “Philly Grille” featuring grilled peppers and onions, ribeye, muenster and provolone on toasted sourdough the winner from fourth hour. Way to go, Panthers!



School Board Members

- Catherine Griffin, President ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf, Vice President ~~~~~ 386-0168
- Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk ~~~~~ 792-4130
- Sean Gavaghan, Treasurer ~~~~~ 797-3585
- Erik Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 792-5370
- Chris Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 385-3103
- Bob Minard, Director ~~~~~ 786-9998

**Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday*

District Announcements

Heider Center



Sweet Seasons-A Celebration of Carole King
Friday, April 12th
7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$26/\$24/\$10

A Celebration of the Music and Life of Carole King is the smash hit returning audiences nationwide to the generation shaped by the songs of the legendary, two-time Hall of Fame inductee, Carole King. Twenty-six year old lead singer and piano prodigy Michelle Foster brings a vibrant and nuanced sound to the material you know and love.



Art Gallery
 West Salem High School Senior Art Show
 Runs April 17-May 19
Reception
 Thursday, May 2nd
 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Box Office Hours
 (608) 786-2550
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Thank You, Presenters!

The Elementary School held its annual Environment Day on March 27th. We would like to thank all of the people and agencies that assisted by presenting a variety of topics to our students. We are very fortunate to have so many great resources in our area. Our students always look forward to this fun filled day of learning!

Thank you to-
 Kathy Kakaitas & Sarah Winn from the Coulee Region Humane Society
 Brian Baker and his WSMS students
 Cristina Dahl from Midwest Fisheries Center
 Charlotte Roberts & her UWL students
 Katie Julian & Steve Bodovinitz from the Upper Miss River Na Fish and Wildlife Refuge
 Maggie Schultz from the Kickapoo Valley Reserve
 Dana Schelling from the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge
 Joey Ricciotti from the National Weather Service
 Bob and Mary Vethe from the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge
 Eric Pederson & his Viterbo students
 Erica Rasmussen from Genoa National Fish Hatchery
 John Sullivan WSSD Outdoor Education Director
 Lee Schwier from the Village of West Salem Water Dept
 Nick Schloesser from USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences
 Brian Brecka & Ryan Olson from the DNR
 Kelly Ruckheim and his WSHS students

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. Navigate by going to "Schools" > "High School" > "Students" > "Student Services" > "Transcripts."

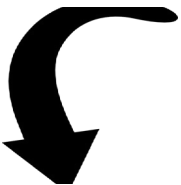
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

Open Enrollment for 2024-2025

Open Enrollment into the School District of West Salem runs February 5-April 30, 2024. Open Enrollment is for any nonresident student that wishes to attend our schools. Students that are currently open enrolled do not need to reapply.

All open enrollment information can be found by going to our website www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and clicking on "Enrollment" at the top of the page and then "Open Enrollment" on the right hand side. If you have questions, please call the District Office at (608)-786-0700.

Looking for Important Dates?



The district school year calendar, as well as individual building events and athletic events can all be found on our district website. Go to www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and navigate to the top right corner and click on the calendar icon. From here, you can view the school year calendar, Coulee Conference Athletic calendar, Mississippi Valley Athletic calendar, and individual building events.



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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 March 8, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Robin Fitzgerald led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Erik Peterson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Alex Hubing, and Alyssa Harlan; Student representatives: Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf and Mike Malott.

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Superintendent's Cabinet Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

CESA #4 Board of Control – No report given.

Teaching & Learning Committee – R. Fitzgerald reported on the agenda items: mid-year data review and update on building-level action plans.

Business Operations Committee – S. Gavaghan and Superintendent Rieber reported on the agenda items: Special Education and other staffing, and district property boundaries and educational impact.

Connection with the Community

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Juniors take the ACT tomorrow.
2. NHS Blood drive was Thursday, March 7. A total of 50 units were collected. The goal was 49 units so we made our goal and a little over!
3. NHS is also putting on PTO science night where kids get the chance to see neat displays put on by the science department.
4. Girls' basketball qualified for state for the second consecutive year. They lost to Pewaukee but had a great season.
5. Boys' basketball played in sectionals last week. Thursday they won against Fox Valley Lutheran and Saturday they played River Falls and won. They will be heading to state for the third year in a row.
6. Track and field began regular practices this past week.

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Softball started their regular practices this past week.
2. CCLR Day and March Madness; senior vs. staff basketball game and the seniors won.
3. Auditions for Mama Mia were Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. That performance will be this summer on June 13, 14, 20, 21.
4. The gymnastics team are back-to-back state runners-up. The team beat the school record for high score at the state meet. Additionally, Morgan Seikert place 5th in the all around, 2nd on floor, and 6th on vault. Hailey Ives also

placed 5th on beam. In total, 11 medals were earned and a state runner-up trophy.

5. Auditions for the next show choir season are today and tomorrow.

6. Band and choir also had a meeting for their New York City trip tonight.

7. Senior Panther Portfolios are due next Monday.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Carrie Johnson was read.

A proclamation from the Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Music, Art, Dance, and Theatre in Our Schools Month, was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024;
 - b. invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept the resignations of 5th Grade Teacher Martha Burdick, Speech & Language Pathologist Ruby Kerkman and Social Studies Teacher Randy Hughes;
 - d. the administration's co-curriculars for volunteer softball coach-Mariah Wick, Michelle Babiash, Paige Smudde, Jeanne Babiash, and head 7th grade softball coach-Lauren Lovely, head 8th grade softball coach-Katie Fink, and middle school assistant softball coach; and
 - e. to accept donations from WXOW's February Tools for Schools Grant from the following businesses: River Bank of Stoddard, Board Store, Dependable Solutions, and Ryan Schultz and Associates for Middle School Resource Teacher Kris Marquez, from TDS Telecom for the high school fishing club, from the La Crosse County Pork Producers for the high school Family & Consumer Science Department.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Superintendent Rieber provided an update on the Traffic Study. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rieber provided information on Human Resources Staffing updates. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rieber provided information on a situation with the district's boundaries and educational impact to the district and the four-year-old kindergarten program. No action was taken.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. No action was taken.

Live Streaming of the Board Meeting ended, as noted on the Public Meeting Notice.

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

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School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 25, 2024 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 March 21, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Chris Peterson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Robin Fitzgerald recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Tom Grosskopf, Chris Peterson, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Alex Hubing, Mike Malott (7:24) and Alyssa Harlan; Director of Human Resources Crystal Becker; Director of Transportation Rick Kline; Student representatives: Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Erik Peterson, Bob Minard, Heidi Horton, and Shawn Handland.

Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Directors' Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Human Resources Update: the retirement of Inger Michael-school nutrition.

CESA #4 Board of Control – C. Griffin reported on the Board of Control's agenda.

Bearing Wall Committee – Mike and Lorie Zwonitzer are the 2024 recipients of the Bearing Wall Award, and Bob Vick is the recipient of the La Verne Nuttelman Distinguished Service Award.

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: staffing for 24-25, and district property boundaries and 4K educational impact.

Connection with the Community

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The NHS volunteered at the Park and Rec Egg Hunt that happened on Saturday.
2. Track and field had an indoor meet at UWL on Saturday. The boys placed 5th and the girls placed 4th as a team. Carter Walter in the 55, Carter Quackenbush in the mile, and Drew Anderson in the 800 were the highest individual finishers for the boys and Mia Olson in the mile and the 4x800 relay team (Mallory Long, Maria Cannon, Gretchen Lysne and Faith Minard) were the highest female finishers.
3. The choir and band concert had a wonderful, combined concert on March 22. The band and choir sang 2 combined numbers to end the concert. Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on
 1. Winter sports wrap up - boys basketball concluded West Salem's winter sports season. They lost in the State Semifinals against Pewaukee 89-69. Both Tamarrien Henderson and Megan Johnson were selected as a part of the All-State Team for Division 2.
 2. Spring sports are in full swing - golf and boys' tennis started today but have

practices inside; softball was supposed to have its first game today but it was canceled due to the weather; girls' soccer and baseball started last week and don't have regular games until next week.

3. Seniors begin in class Panther Portfolio Presentations next week on Tuesday.

Correspondence

Information from the Wisconsin Challenge Academy was shared.

A thank you note from retiring teacher Mike Lang was read.

A thank you note from Julie Athnos and her family was read.

Public Comments – None.

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speaker was Stephanie Sharp.

Consent Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024;
 - b. the invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept the resignation of Middle School Counselor Mike Lang;
 - d. to accept the administrations co-curricular recommendation for Kendall Sheldon-JV softball coach, Noah Maliszewski-pool director, Lexi Hinker-middle school assistant softball coach;
 - e. to accept a donation Kreibich Landscaping for the elementary school, from David & Cathy Leibl for Sydney Laursen's Panther Portfolio Project, from Jane Halverson for the Jane Doe Fund, and from Sam Stenberg's Panther Portfolio project for the football program; and
 - f. the memorial request from the elementary school for an engraved rock to go with the Kreibich Landscaping donation in memory of Emerson Small.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Senior Project Manager from WSB Erik Seiberlich provided information and recommendations from the traffic study that was taken this past fall. No action was taken.

C. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation for staffing requests for the 24-25 school year:

- 2 hours per day for a 12-month position to either be added on to a 6-hour position, or to a position that would not go over 5.75 hours per day
- .5 FTE elementary school math interventionist paraprofessional
- 1.0 FTE middle school reading interventionist teacher
- 2 middle school success center paraprofessionals
- .4 FTE high school math interventionist teacher
- 1.0 FTE Educational Interpreter for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- 1.0 FTE School Social Worker (grant funded)
- Increase the OEC Coordinator to .43 FTE (teacher)

Motion carried unanimously.

College, Career and Life Ready (CCLR) video scholarships were awarded to Payton Greer-\$250, Sareece Sackett-\$250, Sam Stenberg-\$500, Brennan Garbers-\$750. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Early College Credit/Start College Now requests for the fall of 24-25 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. No action was taken.

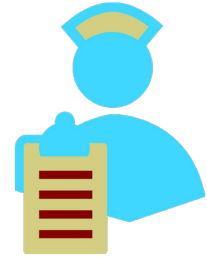
Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, C. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are already excited for the 2024-2025 school year! Please note that there have been changes to the immunization requirements that became effective for the 2023-2024 school year.



Compliance is required by the 30th day of school. Compliance means that the immunization has been administered (with documentation) or a signed personal or religious waiver has been signed and submitted.

The Wisconsin Student Immunization Law requires students starting grades K-6th grade during the 2024-2025 school year to have the below list of vaccines, or a waiver on file. (Many students receive these prior to entering Kindergarten).

- **4 DTP** – diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) one dose must be received on or after the fourth birthday (4 days or less before fourth birthday is acceptable). If a student receives the 3rd dose after their 4th birthday a fourth dose is not required.
- **4 Polio** - If a student receives the 3rd dose after their 4th birthday a fourth dose is not required (4 days or less before fourth birthday is acceptable).
- **2 MMR** –Measles, mumps, rubella (German measles) the first dose must be received on or after the first birthday. Lab evidence of immunity is also acceptable.
- **3 Hepatitis B** - Lab evidence of immunity is also acceptable.
- **2 Varicella** – Chicken pox. Chickenpox disease history verified by a qualified healthcare provider (parent-reported cases are no longer accepted) or evidence of lab immunity is also acceptable.

The Wisconsin Student Immunization Law still requires students entering 7th grade during the 2024-2025 school year to have the below vaccine, or a waiver on file:

- **1-Tdap** - an adolescent tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis combination vaccine. If a student received a dose of tetanus-containing vaccine, such as Td, within five years before entering 6th grade, the student is compliant and a Tdap is not required.

The school will need a record of all the immunizations your student has received if they were received outside of Wisconsin. A Student Immunization Record/Waiver Form will be available from the school for you to fill out. It is also available [online](#). If you are vaccinating your student, you are encouraged to make this appointment as soon as possible to avoid the late summer rush at vaccination clinics. Vaccines are available through your regular clinic. Some vaccines are available through the La Crosse County Health Department. Dial 211 for help finding additional clinic locations and for information on the Vaccines for Children program providing no or low-cost vaccines for those that are eligible.

We look forward to serving your student(s)!

In partnership,

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Engineering Excellence

A group of our 8th grade students recently had the opportunity to visit Trane Company for Engineering Day. Students got to learn about what an engineer is and the many types of engineering jobs there are out there. They also toured the facilities, seeing a mechanical room, chemistry room, sound room, and electrical room among others. After the tour, they were able to participate in a STEM activity with the engineers

where they had to build a car out of Legos and write instructions for a robot to build the same car. They were then put to the test, with the Trane engineers acting as the robot and building a second car based on the student directions. To finish, they even got to race the cars and see whose car went the furthest. What a great day of learning and career exploration!



Did You Know?

“Super green” refers to dark green vegetables that contain extra amounts of key nutrients like vitamins A and C, potassium, and dietary fiber!

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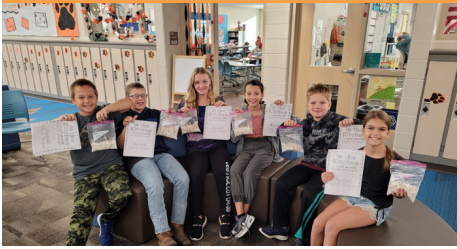
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