

August 2017



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

Welcome Back 2017

The August newsletter and the beginning of fall sports at the high school are telltale signs the start of another school year is fast approaching. The 2017 – 2018 school year promises to be an especially eventful school year for our community.

Looking ahead, the construction projects on our campus will impact nearly every part of our programming during the next 16 months. Most notably, the renovation/addition project at our middle school will continue throughout the school year. Students and staff will literally attend school in a construction site for the entire school year. Also, the work at our football stadium will force the relocation of the home varsity football games to Logan High School. We offer our thanks to the folks at Logan High School for their willingness to help out. Oddly, the Panthers will host Logan for homecoming on Logan’s field! For more information on the various construction projects, see the article following this letter.

In 2017 – 2018 our teaching staff will focus on standards, grading, and assessment. Nationally known expert Ken O’Connor will offer a day-long onsite training on August 24th for all teaching staff – exciting stuff! In addition, our middle school staff will spend the school year preparing for the addition of our 5th grade students and staff in the fall of 2018. Effectively transitioning from a 6-8 middle school to a 5-8 middle school will require advanced planning and staff development. Our high school staff will join the work on standards and grading along with the new state-required Academic and Career Planning program, as well as the district-required use of Redefining Ready as a measuring stick for our graduates.

The district maintenance and custodial staff will have their hands full with the various projects and messes connected to construction. The school nutrition staff is anxiously awaiting a move from the current middle school kitchen/cafeteria into the new facility expected to take place in March. Breathing a sigh of relief, the transportation staff is eagerly anticipating a quiet year as they have settled nicely into their new facility – Hooray!

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In times of change, it is often helpful to be reminded of the bedrock principles and traditions that make our school district so special. We are simply blessed to serve the most amazing students and families – they will be back next month! We enjoy the long-standing support and commitment from a wonderful community – four successful referenda questions in 2016! We have a culture and tradition of high-expectations and achievement – a National Blue Ribbon School nomination! We remain steadfast in living our mission of “serving with passion” to achieve our vision of “igniting creativity, innovation, and excellence” – we can do this!

The 2017 – 2018 school year will be “one for the books.” Rather than fall back to the old adage of “someday we will look back at this and laugh,” I offer soon we will look back and smile with a sense of accomplishment for a job well done.

Building Project Update

The exciting work connected to our many construction projects has begun. It seems as though our campus is torn up from one end to the other! This appears to be a good time for an update.

Elementary School: The work at our elementary school is progressing as scheduled. Crews are preparing the site for additional pavement in front of the school building to create a more efficient, safer bus loading area. The work just north of the school represents the creation of an additional parking lot along with a new hard surface play area for students. Inside the school building, crews are working feverously to renovate the school nutrition serving and preparation areas. Work at the elementary school is expected to be complete by late August.

Middle School: The work at our middle school began with the abatement of asbestos from within the school building. The process will conclude by late July, allowing construction crews to begin work within the building. The work on the exterior included a great deal of soil replacement. Many truckloads of material were removed and replaced with sand from the site just to the north of the soccer complex. Footings are now in place to the west of the school and soon walls will be going up for the new gym, commons, kitchen, and music areas. The same process is underway to the north of the middle school where construction of a two-story classroom addition will soon begin to take shape. The current schedule indicates that middle school students and staff will be using portions of the new additions in March of 2018 with final completion of the entire renovation/addition project set for August of 2018.

Boys and Girls Club: Construction on the areas within our middle school designated for the future Boys and Girls Club will begin in April or May of 2018. Work in these areas requires work in the new additions to be completed first. The new club is scheduled for completion in August of 2018 along with the remainder of the middle school project.

Track and Football Stadium: The project involving our track and football stadium is also underway. Crews have removed the fencing and the rubberized surface from the track. The necessary excavation is taking place to reshape the track and reconstruct the football field. Relocation of the light poles will take place in August followed by an addition to the stadium in September. Please note, the high school varsity football team will play its home games at Logan High School this coming season. Lower level football games will be played behind our elementary school. We expect work in the track/football area to be completed by late fall. We plan to host track meets in the spring and football games will return in the fall of 2018.

New Road, Multi-Purpose Events Center, Tennis Courts, and Ball Diamonds: Work on these items has not yet started. All of the activity currently taking place to the north of the soccer complex is related to soil replacement at our middle school site. Once the site work is completed at the middle school, crews will begin work on the creation of an access road connecting East Hamlin Street with Garland Street near Lakeview Health Center. Construction of the new multi-purpose events center, tennis facility, and softball complex is slated for 2018. These three facilities are scheduled for completion in time for use during the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Mark Street: The work on Mark Street is not a school district project but a Village of West Salem infrastructure project. Those working on this project are hopeful the work will be completed by early to mid August. The reconstruction of Mark Street will be a huge improvement for traffic flow and safety. On behalf of the school district, we offer appreciation to the Village of West Salem for improving and maintaining the roads connected to our campus.

Swimming Pool: Work on the swimming pool was completed in June. After a few weeks of working out the bugs, the new pool facility is operating as designed. Hundreds of people have already enjoyed this newly renovated facility. We offer a special thank you to the teams from Brickl Brothers, Sebesta Pools, and our own maintenance staff, for their hard work in helping us to complete this wonderful project. Dive in!

Calendar of Events August

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

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

**6th grade Orientation - August 23 8:15am-11:30pm

Elementary School Back to School Information

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 Elementary Registration

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Elementary 4K through 5th grade students will start Tuesday, 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.

Elementary School Open House

Open House will be held Wednesday, August 30 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Come and meet your teacher and drop off your school supplies. In an effort to make parking available, the elementary playground parking lots will be open. Parking will also be available at the middle and high school.

Middle School Back to School Information

Middle School Registration

August 14 & 15 at 12 pm-4 pm and 5 pm- 7 pm

Online registration will open up August 1st. If you are unable to register online, computers will be available to complete your online registration Monday, August 14 and Tuesday, August 15. Also, Lifetouch will be here to take student pictures. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending.

High School Back to School Information

Aug 21: Link Crew Leader Training Day 8am-1pm
in HS Mat Room

Aug 22: Link Crew Leader Training Day 8am-1pm
in HS Mat Room

Aug 23: Freshman Orientation 8am-1pm
in HS Gym

Aug 30: Link Crew Leader Training Night

August Band Camp For WSMS Marching Band

Held at WSHS Band Room

Wednesday, August 23

12:30-1:30PM DRUMLINE

1:30-4:30PM FULL BAND

1:00-4:30pm COLOR GUARD

Thursday, August 24

8-9AM DRUMLINE

9AM-12noon FULL BAND & COLOR GUARD

Friday, August 25

8AM-12noon FULL BAND & COLOR GUARD

Fall Performances WSMS Marching Band:

Friday, Sept. 15 5:30-8:30pm BAND NIGHT @ Logan HS

Thursday, Sept. 28 5:30-8:30pm TORCH LIGHT PARADE (LaX)

Friday, Sept. 29 2:00-3:15pm HOMECOMING PARADE

Athletic Events

Friday, August 11, 2017

12:00pm Football: Varsity Scrimmage vs. Baldwin-Woodville Area School District, La Crosse Central, Mauston @ West Salem High School

Saturday, August 12, 2017

TBD Tennis: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Aquinas @ UW-La Crosse

1:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Central @ La Crosse Central High School

Calendar of events continues on next page...

Monday, August 14, 2017

1:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Central @ La Crosse Central High School

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Whitewater @ Whitewater High School

Thursday, August 24, 2017

4:30pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Tomah @ Tomah HS

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. La Crosse Central @ Fields For Kids

5:30pm Football: C-Team Game vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. La Crosse Central @ Fields For Kids

Friday, August 25, 2017

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ La Crosse Logan High School

Saturday, August 26, 2017

10:00am Cross Country: JV/VARSITY Invitational vs. Onalaska @ Maple Grove Country Club School

10:00am Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Prairie du Chien @ West Salem Elementary School

Monday, August 28, 2017

5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. Adams/Friendship @ West Salem HS

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Luther @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Tomah @ Tomah - Veteran's Park Field

5:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Tomah @ Tomah - Veteran's Park Field

6:00pm Volleyball: C-Team Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem HS

6:00pm Volleyball: JV Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

7:30pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

Thursday, August 31, 2017

3:30pm Football: C-Team Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Mauston @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Holmen @ West Salem Elementary School

6:00pm Volleyball: JV/C-Team Match vs. Luther @ Luther High School

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. La Crosse Central @ UW-La Crosse

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Holmen @ West Salem Elementary School

7:30pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Luther @ Luther High School

RUN WALK HONOR OUR BRAVEST



Stephen Siller
Tunnel to Towers
5K RUN & WALK
WEST SALEM

FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF 9/11 HERO, FIREFIGHTER STEPHEN SILLER TO ENSURE THAT WE NEVER FORGET AND HONOR THE SACRIFICES OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY HEROES.



SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH AT 8:46 AM
START LINE AT VILLAGE PARK TO WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL MILL ST. WEST SALEM, WI 54669

REGISTER NOW! #T2TRUN T2TRUN.ORG

All proceeds will benefit the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, including our *Building for America's Bravest* program, which builds specially adapted, custom designed *smart homes* for our nation's most catastrophically injured service members.

Thursday, August 17, 2017

5:30pm Football: C-Team Game vs. Mauston @ West Salem High School

Friday, August 18, 2017

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

Monday, August 21, 2017

5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

9:00am Volleyball: Varsity Tournament vs. Stevens Point (SPASH) @ Stevens Point Area High School

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem Elementary School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem ES

District Announcements



Heider Center

Season Tickets

All tickets for all shows will go on sale August 28th at noon. Call 608-786-2550 to order or stop in at the box office.

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.

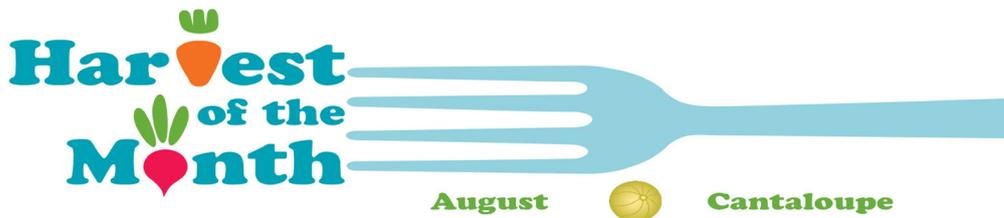
www.heidercenter.org

Freshman Orientation

Our school participates in the nationwide Link Crew Program, an organization whose sole purpose is to help freshman feel more comfortable, as well as help achieve success in their first year of high school.

The Link Crew is inviting all incoming freshman to attend the Freshman Orientation Day on August 23, 2017. A day or two before orientation your freshman student will receive a phone call from her or his Link Crew Leader personally inviting your student to orientation and giving specific details on the time and place.

This is a student-only function so we encourage you to let your child attend on her or his own. This is a great time for our freshman students to meet upperclassmen, and make connections with other students prior to entering freshman year.



August Cantaloupe

Fun Fact: Cantaloupes are related to watermelon, honeydew, cucumbers, pumpkins, and squash.

Attention: Class of 2018

A yearbook deadline to start completing... Each senior needs photos for the following publications:

4 Photos Needed

1. Yearbook/Coulee News - Formal headshot
2. Times of Our Lives - Headshot, may be less formal (May be the Yearbook Headshot)
3. Senior Picture for the Senior Slideshow (May be the Yearbook Headshot)
4. Baby Picture for the Senior Slideshow

Take these Specifications To Your Photographer- You are responsible for making sure you have a photo that meets the yearbook staff's requirements!

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE

SPECIFICS:

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SIZE- Wallet

*Head shot (head and top of shoulders only)

*Standard wallet size

*MUST be in color *No full length

*Must be formal, semi-formal

*No background scenery *No "mistys" *No

hats, props, etc.

*NOTE: Some studios may send a headshot for the yearbook; consult your studio to be sure the yearbook staff will receive your photos.

Photographers may also send your portrait on a cd or via email.

Specify 300 dpi jpeg format.

Email: armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us
Please label all photos for the publication it will be used and PUT IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. (This will ensure that your photos will be returned promptly and together.)
SUBMIT ALL PHOTOS TOGETHER.

Put your photos in the silver box in room 241 (Journalism room)

All Photos due by no later than: Friday, November 10th, 2017

National Honor Society Blood Drive

The National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, August 15 in the high school LMC.

The drive will run from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

West Salem Community Care and Share Food Pantry

Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Serving: Communities of West Salem, Bangor, Rockland, and Mindoro

**Also, Our Savior's Lutheran Church sponsors a FREE summer lunch program for children of all ages, served on Tuesdays and Thursdays until August 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 800 West Ave N #218 (Anderson Trailer Ct) and West Salem Village Park (across the BGC).

6th Grade Orientation Day

August 23, 2017, 8:15-11:30
In the Gym

Wear comfy clothes (no skirts) and don't bring all your stuff...travel light!
The purpose of this orientation day is to make the transition from elementary school to middle school a positive one. Eighth graders will be serving as leaders and mentors to the sixth graders. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner.

Questions? Call (608)786-2090 ext. 4205

We can't wait to meet your child!
The WEB Coordinators,
Heather Jehn, Alyssa Jarosh, & Ben Tashner

District Announcements

SDWS Employment Opportunities

School Bus Driver Substitutes: Seeking quality individuals who like the opportunity to become part of our transportation team. Must have a clean driving record. We will provide training and assistance in obtaining your commercial drivers license with school bus endorsement. Expected hours: 6:15-8:00 a.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. Starting wage: \$18.40

Substitute Custodian: Seeking quality individuals who would like to serve as a substitute custodian during the school year. Applicants must have a strong work ethic, the ability to work independently and with a team. Starting wage: \$10.00

Substitute School Nutrition (cooks): Starting wage: \$10.00

If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, please create an account on WECAN <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/> and apply or you may obtain an employment application online at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us or in person at 405 East Hamlin Street West Salem (district office). Deadline: 7/10/17

2017-2018 School Nutrition Prices

Breakfast

- Elementary - \$1.65
- Middle - \$1.85
- High - \$2.00
- Adult - \$2.50
- Free/Reduced - Free
- Adult - N/A

Lunch

- Elementary - \$2.65
- Middle - \$2.85
- High - \$3.00
- Adult - \$4.25
- Reduced - \$.40
- Adult - N/A
- Elementary Milk Break - \$.35 Ala Carte Milk or Juice - \$.50

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.

Interested individuals 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. Individuals interested may stop in at the district office for an application, or apply online at the district's website.

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.

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.

West Salem Community Fitness Center Hours

- Mon-Fri: 5:00 – 7:00 AM
- Mon-Thurs: 2:00 – 8:00 PM
- Friday: 2:00 – 6:00 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

Fundraiser at The Pizza Oven

The West Salem High School Football Team will be delivering all fresh and frozen pizza orders the night of August 14th at The Pizza Oven. This fundraiser will also be raising money for the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. This foundation builds specially adapted, custom designed smart homes for our nation's most catastrophically injured service members.

School Board Members

- 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

School District of West Salem Regular School Board Meeting Minutes June 26, 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 June 22, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Alexis Brueggen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Josh Mallicoat, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Alexis Brueggen. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jane Halverson, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Davita Molling, and Nate Krien.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Alexis Brueggen reported on:

1. The baseball team placed first at state.
2. The Summer Musical Beauty and the Beast was performed over the weekend.
3. Show choir camp has begun.
4. Band camp ended last Friday

Correspondence

A thank you note from Elaine Clements was read.

A thank you note from Toni Key was read.

Public comments

Kevin and Robin Fitzgerald signed up and will wait to speak when the agenda item is considered.

Building administrators responded to Mr. Clements' question about building happenings.

Written and Oral Reports

TIF District – Mr. Schlimgen explained to the audience what a TIF District is and reported on the meeting that occurred earlier this evening.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield reported on the committee's last meeting.

Staff Relations Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the committee's meeting tonight.

District Performance Initiatives reports by Scott Johnson, Davita Molling and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Middle school students Calista Robaczewski, Shelby Burch and Abi Koch performed part of their state solo and ensemble performance, under the direction of Teachers Ryan Waldhart and Elle Nimn.

High school students Trygve Lebakken and Abby Richardson performed part of their state solo and ensemble performance, under the direction of

Teachers Dave Kies and Kelli Martin.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 22, 2017; the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2017; the invoices to be paid; and to hire Antoinette Key as a .5 FTE high school science teacher. Motion carried unanimously. There were no co-curricular recommendations to act upon.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from the Lions Club for the CNA Lab/Health Careers Pathway class, from Pischke Motors for the Class of 2017, and from the School District of La Crosse for the Health Science Academy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson shared a Human Resources department projection for future staffing needs.

Mr. St. Pierre, Director of Instruction/Technology, shared a needs projection for the technology department.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the middle school and high school WIAA Membership for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #345.5 Graduation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Course Options for the fall of 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Final 17-18 co-curricular schedule. Discussion took place, but no action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to issue contracts to individual district staff and administrators as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the 2017 summer school support staff as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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 the employment and compensation of a professional staff member and a district employee.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to go into closed session at 8:25 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to reconvene into open session at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the retirement of Elementary Teacher Jane Henricks, the resignation of Director of Finance Davita Molling, and the resignation of Middle School Teacher Stacy Rel. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Acting Clerk

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Convene

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Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Ryan Rieber, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representative: Nate Krien. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, Lisa Gerke, and Alexis Brueggen.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Nate Krien reported on:

1. The River City Rage 16-U team played recently in Wausau and students Melanie Weigel and Abby Cavadini helped the team win the State Tournament, earning a spot at Nationals held in Rochester on July 27-30th. The 18-U Team (Emily Steele is on this team) also earned a spot to nationals at their state tourney but will not be attending nationals. The 16-U team actually went up a division this year because the national tournament is closer to La Crosse and they won't need to travel as far.
2. DECA will participate in workshops at the conference in Madison.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Ryan family was read.

A proclamation from the Village of West Salem was read: Honoring West Salem High School Baseball Team as the 2017 WIAA Division 2 State Champions.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Mr. Gunderson's District Performance Initiatives report was reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2017; the invoices to be paid; to hire Anne Griffin as a second grade teacher, Emily Schams as a kindergarten teacher, Ashley Thornton as a fourth grade teacher, Ethan Ringlien as a fifth grade teacher, Tyson Young as an elementary special education teacher, Kaylin Lotspaih as a .4 FTE elementary art teacher, and Heidi Knudson as the Business Assistant; Justin Jehn as high school football head coach, Bob Gorniak, Dieter Antoni, Jim Klug, Scott Johnson, Mark Byom, and Jamie Olson as high school football assistant coaches; middle school coaches – Justin Running as 7th grade football, Tyler Shrake as 7th grade assistant football, Josh Brewer as 8th grade football, Matt Duster as 8th grade assistant football, Shannon Jones as 8th grade volleyball, Sara Jeranek as 8th grade assistant volleyball, Jeremy Hoff as cross country, Ben Tashner as cross country assistant; accept the resignation of Tricia

Mulholland as Business Assistant, Melissa Hlavaka as elementary teacher and Maria Swanke as elementary teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Kerri Feyen, Director of Nutrition Services, shared a Nutrition Services Department project, equipment purchase projection, program high lights, meal cost information, and a year-end report.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to set the 2017-2018 School Nutrition Prices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Breakfast

Elementary - \$1.65
Middle - \$1.85
High - \$2.00
Adult - \$2.50
Free/Reduced – Free
Adult – N/A

Lunch

Elementary - \$2.65
Middle - \$2.85
High - \$3.00
Adult - \$4.25
Reduced – \$.40
Adult – N/A

Elementary Milk Break - \$.35 Ala Carte Milk or Juice - \$.50

Eric Jensen, Director of Pupil Services, presented a history of Special Education Department services and a 5-year projection.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #345.5 Graduation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to adopt academic standards for the 2017-18 school year: Wisconsin Academic Standards. Motion carried unanimously.

The Statement of Values from Market & Johnson for referendum questions #1 and #2 was reviewed.

Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. was set as Special Board Meeting to interview candidates and select the next Director of Finance.

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 the mid-year review of the superintendent and compensation for the Director of Finance.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:52 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

TRANSPORTATION

Just a friendly reminder to all motorists per Wisconsin State Statute 346.48 “The operator of a vehicle which approaches from the front or rear of any school bus which has stopped on a street or highway when the bus is equipped according to s.347.25 (2) and when it is displaying flashing red warning lights, shall stop the vehicle not less than 20 feet from the bus and shall remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the operator extinguishes the red warning lights. This subsection does not apply to operators of a vehicle proceeding in the opposite direction on a divided highway.”

Emergency Radio Stations for school delay or closing information

WIZM - 1410 A.M.
 Z-93 - 93.3 F.M.
 WRQT - 95.7 F.M.
 WKTY - 580 A.M.
 KCLH - 94.7 F.M.
 KQEG - 102.7 F.M.
 WLXR - 104.9 F.M.
 WQCC - 106.3 F.M.

WLFN - 1490 A.M.
 WKBH - 100.1 F.M.
 WFBZ - 105.5 F.M.
 WCOW - 97.1 F.M.
 WKLJ - 1290 A.M.
 WXOW - TV-19
 WKBT - TV-8

DRIVERS AND ASSIGNED VEHICLES

S. Tauscher#2
 A. Tauscher#5
 K. Morgan#7
 C. Freit#8
 R. Erickson.....#9
 B. Schloesser.....#12
 K.Bina#13
 C. Kotek#14
 G.Miller.....#16
 E. Manke#20
 B. Vick#21
 New#22
 D. Tarasewiez.....#23
 B. Hanson.....#25
 B. Kortbein.....#27
 C. Berg#28
 D. Kammel.....#29
 C. BockenfeldPara
 J. Every.....Para

All students catching buses at VILLAGE stops should be at those stops by 7:20. Drop-off in the evening will be carried out by the same bus and will range from 3:20-3:40. For the first few weeks, many changes are possible due to child distribution and other factors. **Please be patient!**

Warnings!

Please! Parents, talk to your child about bus safety and frequently reinforce these cautions.

- Always go 10-12 feet out in front of the gate of the bus to cross the road!!
- Never cross in front of that bus unless the driver has given permission, and then only upon the driver’s directions.
- Tell your children NEVER to crawl under a bus or to duck under gate in front of the bus. If an item is dropped, talk to the driver. Get his or her attention! Wait for his or her instructions! Please, parents, help us protect your children.

School Policy For Students

Food and beverage shall not be consumed on the regular school bus route. This includes ice cream. On special trips and field trips, eating and drinking shall be left to the discretion of the supervising adult.

****NOTE:** If you live in a coulee or on a road where the bus makes a turn-around at the end and again passes by your home, we will pick-up or drop-off in almost all instances on the side of the road your home is on. The only time this may not occur is for a safety reason. Those types of situations will be looked at and evaluated as they come up.

Co-curricular Transportation Policy

We again would like to call attention to a portion of the school policy. When students are on trips of any nature, parents may pick up only their child for the return trip home. State statutes dictate that transporting vehicles must pass a state inspection periodically in order to be licensed to transport students. We allow parents to take their own child, but due to this statute, we cannot release any other student. Also, we emphasize that only parents or legal guardians may transport students, not friends!

STUDENTS RIDING BUSES

#5 - #20 - #21

These buses will be running 2 routes in the A.M. and 2 routes in the P.M., same as last school year.

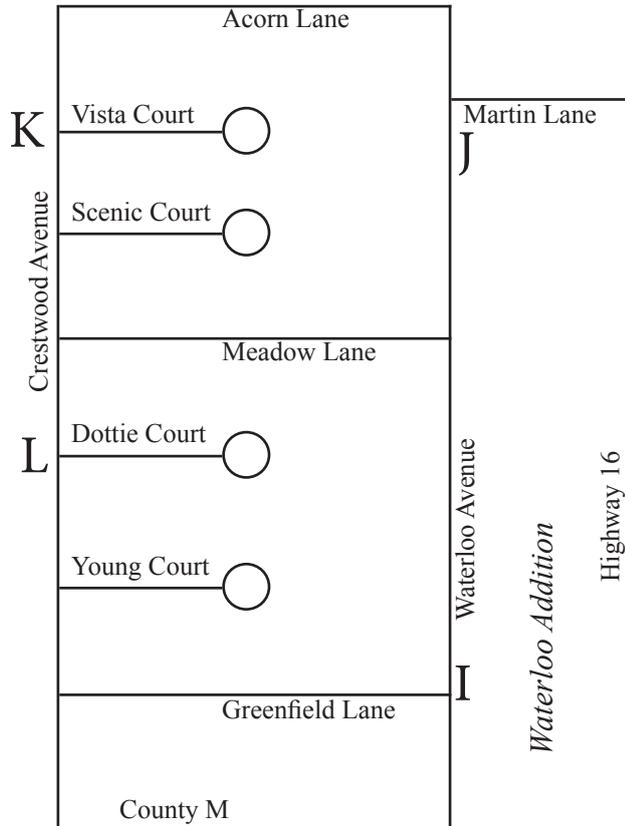
A.M. “Route 1” will be picking up out-of-town students and dropping at school at 7:20 a.m.

A.M. “Route 2” will be picking up in-town students between 7:25-7:35 a.m.

P.M. “Route 1” will be dropping off in-town students between 3:25-3:35 p.m. and then return to school to pick up route 2 students.

P.M. “Route 2” will be dropping off out-of-town students.

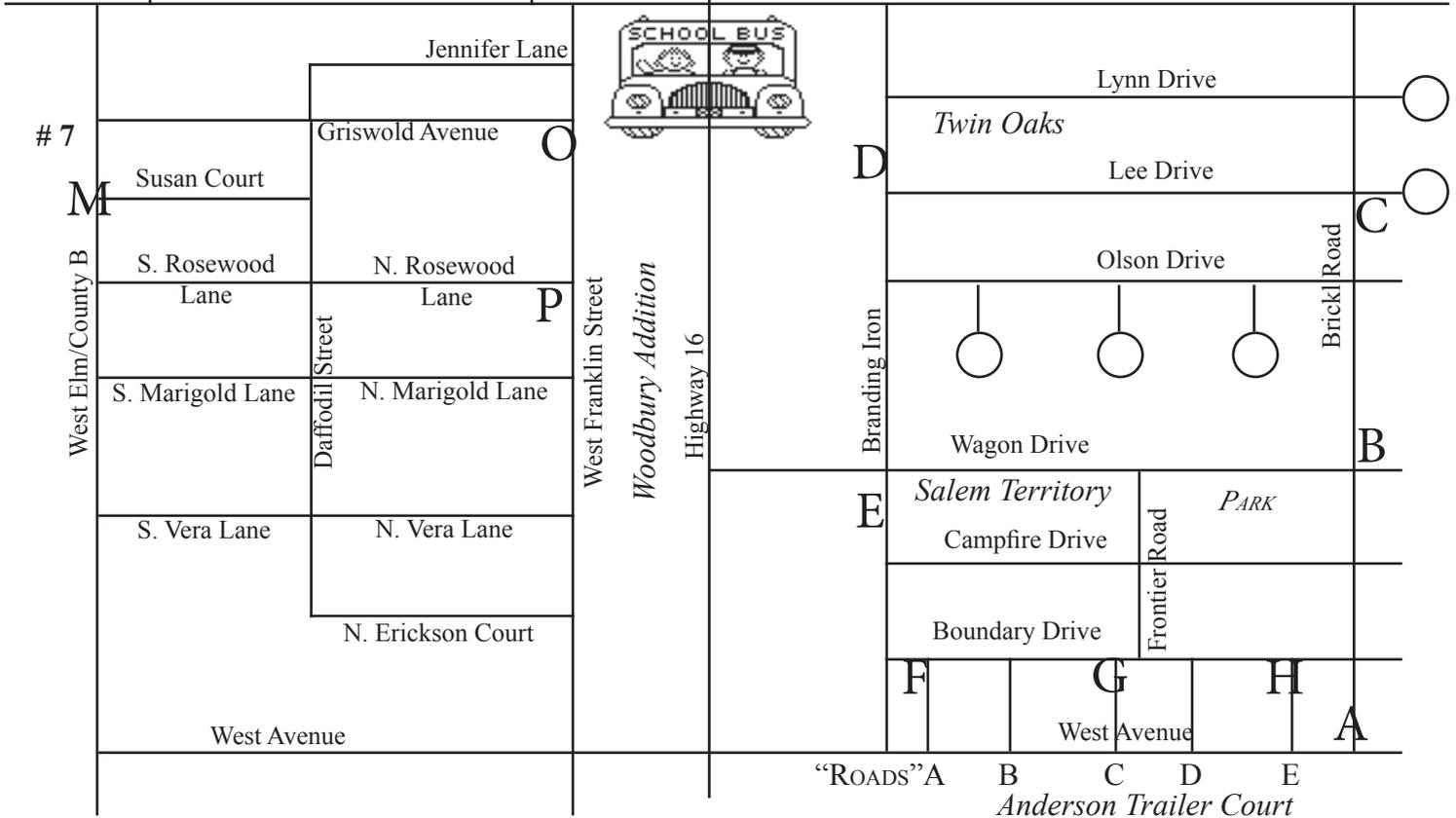
TRANSPORTATION



Village Bus Stops

The stops are as follows: (same stops, different letters)

Stop	Bus #	
A	9	Brickl Road & West Avenue
B	9	Brickl Road & Wagon Drive
C	9	Brickl Road & Lee Drive
D	5	Branding Iron & Lee Drive
E	5	Branding Iron Rd & 1/2 way between Wagon & Campfire Drive
F	5	Boundary Drive & 1st Road (A) through A.M.H.P.
G	29	Boundary Drive & 3rd Road (C) through A.M.H.P.
H	29	Boundary Drive & 5th Road (E) through A.M.H.P.
I	21	Waterloo Avenue & Greenfield Lane
J	21	Waterloo Avenue & Martin Lane
K	21	Crestwood Avenue & Vista Court
L	21	Crestwood Avenue & Dottie Court
M	7	West Elm/CTH B & Susan Court
N	13	West Elm/CTH B & South Vera Lane
O	28	West Franklin & Griswold Avenue
P	28	West Franklin & North Rosewood Lane
Q	28	West Franklin & North Vera Lane
R	20	Rhyme Street & Mill Street South
S	20	Rhyme Street & O'Fallon Court



THIS PLAN WILL BE ON TRIAL FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS AND CHANGES MAY HAVE TO BE MADE.

Stuff the Bus



Saturday, August 5, 2017
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Hansen's IGA West Salem

Drop off your donations and purchase a pork chop/brat sandwich

Thank you for your support. All supplies and books collected will benefit:

- *West Salem School District
- *Christ Lutheran School
- *Coulee Christian School



Did you know your school is a part of the Coulee Region Farm2School program? This program helps connect local farmers with area schools so that fresh, locally grown foods can be served at school meals. In addition, Farm2School encourages children to try new foods & provides opportunities for hands-on nutrition education both in the cafeteria, classrooms and in school gardens. Each month, one local food is selected as the Harvest of the Month. This food is then featured on promotional signage throughout the school, sampled in monthly taste tests featured at cooking classes with area chefs and farmers and of course, served at mealtime! Check out laxf2s.org for family friendly recipes, newsletters and more information!



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