

August 2019



# Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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## Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

### Let's Get Fired Up for Excellence!

Our campus comes alive in August as activity abounds throughout the district. Custodial and maintenance workers rush about to complete their summer tasks, high school students return to begin fall activities, and various staff return for training and preparation. The anticipation of another school year provides a stirring mix of nervous energy and hopeful aspiration. Welcome back!

Over the past few years our conversations, including many of these newsletters, were dominated by the “business of our business.” We worked together to reach consensus regarding facilities, budgets, and taxes. It was a necessary, and sometimes frustrating process, that engaged a great many district residents and produced wonderful results for our community – well done!

Our goal for the upcoming school year is to focus the conversation on our vision of “Igniting Creativity, Innovation, and Excellence.” How will we leverage updated facilities and additional tax revenue to achieve our vision? Can a determined focus on excellence, including data reporting in the form of scorecards, offer better results? Time will tell.

I will offer the same message to you as I will to our employees when they return later this month: “We are now fortunate to experience the greatest opportunity for excellence our school district has ever known. We are literally faced with no limitations on our ability to achieve our vision. It is time for each one of us to summons the courage necessary to reach for excellence! We live at a time when generosity, preparation, and hard work have combined to form a moment when excellence is at hand. Achieving excellence will require a commitment to succeed, a willingness to admit our current failings, and the discipline required for improvement. The time is now for us to deliver. Our community expects it. Our children deserve it.” There has never been a better day to be a Panther!

Legendary Green Bay Packer Coach Vince Lombardi is often quoted as saying, “Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we will catch excellence.” Our district vision statement of “Igniting Creativity, Innovation, and Excellence,” clearly identifies excellence as a goal. So, in honor of the upcoming Panther football season, and memory of Coach Lombardi, I suggest we get fired-up, start chasing perfection, and “ignite excellence.”

Sincerely,

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

# Calendar of Events

## August

### Athletic Events

#### Friday, August 16, 2019

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

#### Saturday, August 17, 2019

9:00am Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Quad vs. Aquinas, Black River Falls & Luther @ UW-La Crosse Tennis Courts

#### Monday, August 19, 2019

9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Central, Logan, Middleton & Verona @ Central High School

#### Tuesday, August 20, 2019

9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Game vs. Fort Atkinson, Westosha Central & Whitewater @ Whitewater High School  
1:00pm Tennis: Girls JV Match vs. Holmen @ West Salem Elementary School

#### Thursday, August 22, 2019

10:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Baldwin-Woodville Area School District, Chippewa Falls, East Troy, Mondovi & Whitewater @ Altoona High School Gym  
5:30pm Football: Boys C-Team Game vs. G-E-T @ G-E-T High School

#### Friday, August 23, 2019

9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Baldwin-Woodville Area School District, Chippewa Falls, East Troy, Mondovi & Whitewater @ Altoona High School Gym  
7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School

#### Saturday, August 24, 2019

9:00am Tennis: Girls JV Invitational vs. Logan, Luther, Reedsburg, Sauk Prairie, Stevens Point Area, Tomah & Viroqua @ Tomah La Grange Elementary  
10:00am Volleyball: JV Scrimmage vs. Altoona, Cochrane Fountain City, Eau Claire North, La Crosse Central & Logan @ Eau Claire North High School

10:00am Volleyball: Varsity Scrimmage vs. Altoona, Central, Cochrane Fountain City, Eau Claire North & Logan @ Altoona High School

#### Monday, August 26, 2019

5:30pm Football: Boys JV Game vs. G-E-T @ G-E-T High School

#### Tuesday, August 27, 2019

9:00am Volleyball: JV Invitational vs. Cochrane Fountain City, Onalaska & Westby Area High School @ Omni Center  
4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Mauston @ West Salem High School  
5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Game vs. Mauston @ Mauston High School  
7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Game vs. Mauston @ Mauston High School

#### Thursday, August 29, 2019

9:30am Volleyball: Varsity Invitational vs. Baldwin-Woodville Area School District, Blair-Taylor, Boscobel, Cochrane Fountain City, Cuba City, Cumberland, G-E-T, Iowa-Grant, Ladysmith, Middleton, Mineral Point, Northwestern, Onalaska, Phillips, Richland Center, Sparta, Stratford, Webster & Westby Area High School @ Omni Center

#### Friday, August 30, 2019

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

#### Saturday, August 31, 2019

10:00am Cross Country: JV/Varsity Meet vs. Aquinas, Boscobel, Central, G-E-T, Holmen, Luther, Onalaska, Providence Academy (WI), Sparta & Wisconsin Dells @ Onalaska

### Pool's Last Day

The pool will be closing for the 2019 season on August 23rd at 8:30 p.m. Please remember to check the lost and found for any items you may have left behind this summer. All items left will be donated or thrown away. Thanks for a great season! We'll see you next year!

# 2019-2020 Registration Information- and Reminders

## Elementary School

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Elementary 4K through 4th grade students will start August 1st. If you are unable to register online, an in-house registration will be held on Tuesday, **August 13th**, from noon to 7:00 p.m. Computers will be available to complete your online registration.

On August 13th during in-house registration, Lifetouch will be here to take student pictures. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

### 4K

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1st, 2019, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so. There is a morning and an afternoon session of 4K offered Monday through Thursday each week.

### Kindergarten

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 1st, 2019, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so.

## 4th Grade Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for all 4th grade parents to go over iPad use on Wednesday, **August 28th** at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. This meeting is **mandatory**, as we will be going over important internet and cyber safety tools we have implemented for our district devices to keep your child safe.

## Middle School

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Middle 5th-8th grade students will start August 1st. If you are unable to register online, in-house registration will be held on Monday, **August 12th** and Tuesday, **August 13th**, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Lifetouch will also be available to take student photos at this time. Please plan on attending! Computers will be available to complete your online registration. Students will be able to pick up their locker info, and 6th-8th grade students will receive their schedules at this time as well.

## Band & Colorguard Camp

For all students enrolled in 7th or 8th Grade Band or Color Guard, our required August Marching Camp is coming soon. No registration required. By enrolling in the class, you are automatically on the roster for camp. Camp will be held at WSMS on the following dates and times:

**Wednesday, August 21st** - Class Color Day  
(8th Grade=Red / 7th Grade = Blue)

Percussion 12:15-1:00pm

Full Band & Color Guard 1:00-5:00pm

**Thursday, August 22nd** - Beach Day

Full Band & Color Guard 8:00am-12noon

**Friday, August 23rd** - Panther Pride Day

Full Band & Color Guard 8:00am-12noon -  
March-off at 11:15am!!!

Participants should bring their working marching instrument, a bottle of water, and a pencil. Please dress comfortably for the weather and be creative for the theme days. Please be school appropriate. Prizes will be awarded to best dressed each day! Students are required to wear athletic shoes with socks. No sandals, flip flops, crocs, etc. This is for your safety and to promote proper marching techniques.

# 2019-2020 Registration Information- and Reminders

## Middle School Orientation

**5th Grade - August 21st, 8:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

In the Middle School 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.

We can't wait to meet your child!

The WEB Coordinators,

Heather Jehn, Alyssa Jarosh, & Ben Tashner

## Online Fees & Payments

We provide an easy way to add money to your student's food service account and to pay for school-related fees. These payments can be made through Skyward Family Access. We are contracted with RevTrak, a national credit card payment processor, to provide a secure site for making payments. Parents can make payments online while on their home or work computer, anytime of the day. Avoid waiting in long lines at registration and pay your fees online! As a bonus, throughout the month of August, all transaction fees are waived when using RevTrak.

If your student's food service balance is low, it only takes a few minutes to add money to it by using your VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card. Payments are made through the student's Skyward Family Access account.

Payments made through Family Access will immediately be posted to the student's food service account. All credit card statements will show the payment has been made to the West Salem School District.

## High School

High school registration and laptop distribution will be held Tuesday, **August 13th** from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the high school commons. Lifetouch will also be here to take school photos during registration. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending!

Freshman orientation will take place on Friday, **August 23rd** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will be followed by their day at the school forest on Thursday, **August 29th** from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from middle school to high school a positive one. Seniors and juniors will be serving as leaders and mentors to the freshmen. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. Students should wear comfortable shoes and clothing, as this will be an active day! Lunch will be served at this event. Students are expected to attend and stay for the duration of the event.

Link Leader training will take place **August 21st** and **22nd** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the HS Mat Room with Follow-Up Training on **August 28th** at 6:30 p.m. in the HS Commons.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Link Crew Coordinators: Andrea Armstrong ([armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us)), Missy Haas ([haas.melissa@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:haas.melissa@wsalem.k12.wi.us)), Jamie Olson ([olson.jamie@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:olson.jamie@wsalem.k12.wi.us)).



# 2019-2020 Health Information and Reminders

## Medication at School

Pink medication forms, which are available at all clinics and will be available at registration, are required for the following:

- All prescription medications that need to be given during school, including inhalers carried by students (must be signed by the parent and the physician).
- All over the counter medications that may need to be given during school (must be signed by the parent)

State statute and school district policy do not permit any prescription medications to be given at school without a written statement signed by the physician and the parent or guardian. This includes the use of inhalers for students with asthma. (Students may not use or carry an inhaler without written permission from their physician.) Medication needs to be in its original container and properly labeled. Please do not send medication in a baggie or an unlabeled bottle, as it cannot be given.

A new medication form is needed each time the medication is changed, and a new one is needed for each school year. New this year, during online registration, you will be able to sign off on as needed medications. For scheduled, daily medications, a signed medication form is needed for each medication and for each child. This form must be signed by a parent and the prescribing provider. A separate medication form is needed for each medication and for each child. If you feel your child may need any over the counter medication during the school year, it must be supplied by the parent/guardian. Substances that are not FDA approved (i.e. natural products, food supplements) will require the written instruction of a medical practitioner and written consent from the student's parent or guardian.

## Student Immunization Law Age & Grade Requirements 2019-2020 School Year

### 2 Years through 4 years:

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 3 polio, 1MMR, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella\*

### Grades K and 1:

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella\*

### Grades 2 through 5 and 7 through 12:

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR, 3 Hep B

### Grade 6:

DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR

\*Varicella is the chickenpox vaccine. Chickenpox disease history is also acceptable.

Any student not up to date by the 30th day of school may be excluded from school by state statute. What you need to do to avoid exclusion is:

- Provide school with month, day and year of the required immunizations
- Have your child immunized
- Sign a waiver (available from School Nurse office)
- In the event of a communicable disease outbreak, such as measles, children who are not vaccinated are often required to stay home from school and school-related functions until the outbreak ends or they get vaccinated.

# 2019-2020 School Nutrition Information

## 2019-2020 School Nutrition Prices

Breakfast	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$1.65	FREE
Middle	\$1.85	FREE
High	\$2.00	FREE
Adult	\$2.25	N/A

\*Extra Entrees are offered at the Middle and High Schools only - \$1.55. Extra Entrees are not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and require funds in the account in order to purchase.

Lunch	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$2.75	\$0.40
Middle	\$2.95	\$0.40
High	\$3.10	\$0.40
Adult	\$4.25	N/A

\*Extra Entrees are offered at the Middle and High Schools only - \$2.55. Extra Entrees are not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and requires funds in the account in order to purchase.

Milk Break	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$0.35	FREE

\*Milk Break is not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and requires funds in the account in order to purchase.

Ala Carte Milk or Juice	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
	\$0.50	\$0.50

\*ala carte milk or juice is not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and requires funds in the family food service account in order to purchase.

## 2019-2020 Free & Reduced Application Information

Free and Reduced Meal Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are now being accepted.

Applications can be downloaded from the District website at [www.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us), by going to "Our District" > "School Nutrition" > "Free & Reduced Info." They may also be picked up at any building main office, or mailed/emailed to your home by contacting the Director of Nutrition Services, Kerri Mallicoat at the District Office at 608-786-3078 or [mallicoat.kerri@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:mallicoat.kerri@wsalem.k12.wi.us)

Applications are also available online by accessing Skyward Family Access - Food Service tab. Income guidelines do apply. Those on FoodShare with valid case numbers and those receiving Badgercare may qualify automatically. Letters for qualifying families are mailed to the Parent/Guardian(s) on file.

## Remember to Use Our Menu App, Nutrislice!

The School District of West Salem provides an easy way to access your child's school menu information any time of the day through the Nutrislice app! Simply download the app from the App Store or the Google Play Store, select either West Salem Elementary, West Salem Middle, West Salem High or all three, and see the breakfast and lunch menus for the entire month! The app is free and easy to use, and you no longer have to worry about your child remembering to bring home a paper copy every month. Questions? Please contact Nutrition Services Director Kerri Mallicoat at [mallicoat.kerri@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:mallicoat.kerri@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or call (608)-786-3078.

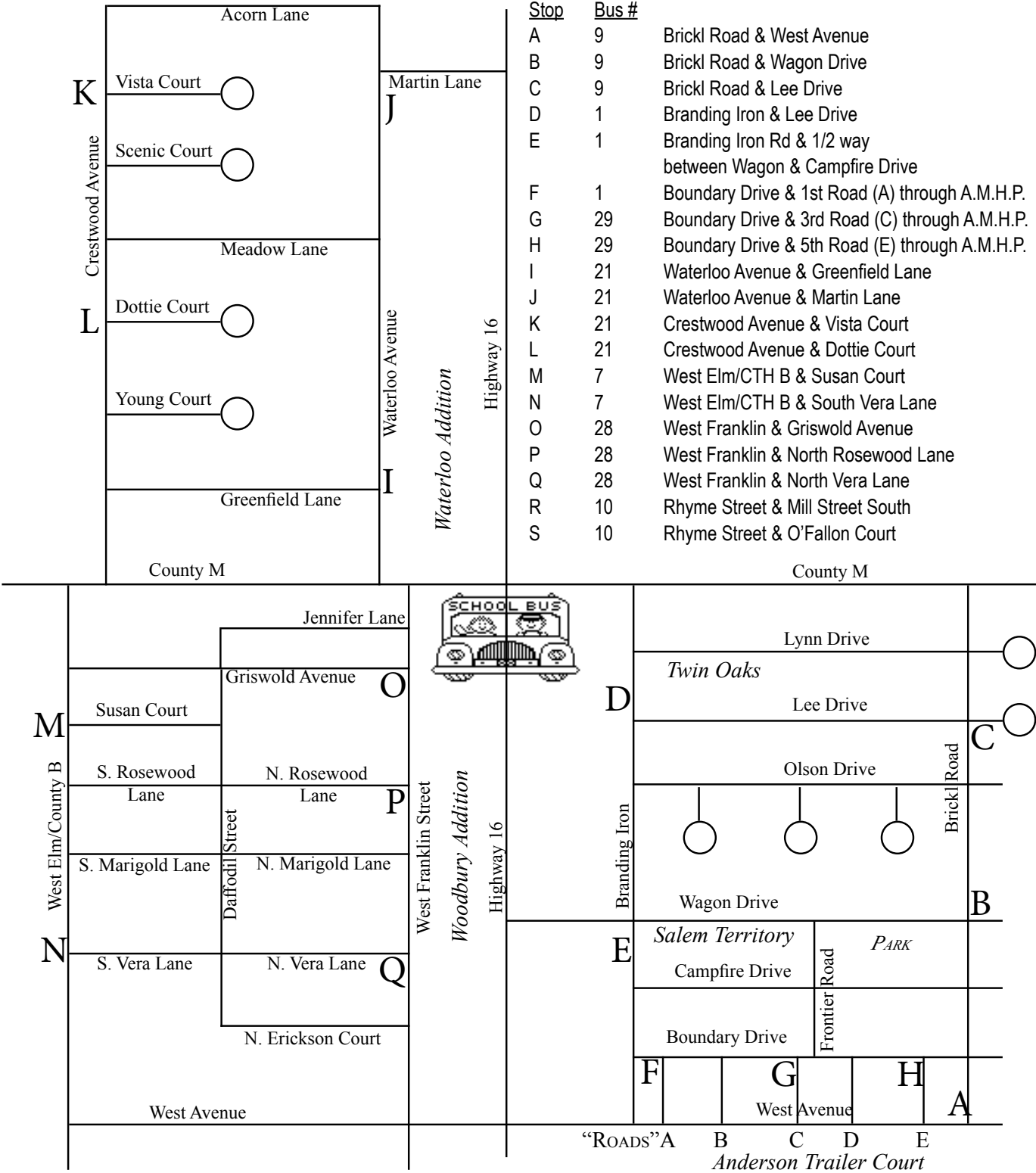


TRANSPORTATION

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	1	Branding Iron & Lee Drive
E	1	Branding Iron Rd & 1/2 way between Wagon & Campfire Drive
F	1	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	7	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	10	Rhyme Street & Mill Street South
S	10	Rhyme Street & O'Fallon Court



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

DRIVERS AND ASSIGNED VEHICLES

- A. Tauscher .....#1
- S. Tauscher .....#2
- K. Morgan .....#7
- R. Erickson.....#9
- E. Manke .....#10
- C. Friet .....#11
- G. Lafky .....#12
- K. Bina .....#13
- C. Kotek .....#14
- J. Hentges .....#20
- B. Vick .....#21
- B. Hanson.....#24
- V. McVey.....#23
- C. Norman.....#25
- B. Kortbein.....#27
- C. Berg .....#28
- T. Lord.....#29
- C. Bockenfeld .....Para
- J. Every .....Para

All students catching buses at stops listed 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!**



Emergency Radio Stations for school delay or closing information

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| WIZM - 1410 A.M.  | WLFN - 1490 A.M.  |
| Z-93 - 93.3 F.M.  | WKBH - 100.1 F.M. |
| WRQT - 95.7 F.M.  | WFBZ - 105.5 F.M. |
| WKTU - 580 A.M.   | WCOW - 97.1 F.M.  |
| KCLH - 94.7 F.M.  | WKLJ - 1290 A.M.  |
| KQEG - 102.7 F.M. | WXOW - TV-19      |
| WLXR - 104.9 F.M. | WKBT - TV-8       |
| WQCC - 106.3 F.M. |                   |

Evening Pick-up

Coulee Christian School	Bus #8	3:00
Christ-St. John’s Lutheran School	Bus #1	3:00

School Times

	Start	End
Elementary	8:00	3:08
		3:10
		3:12
Middle	7:50	3:10
High	7:50	3:10
Christ-St. John’s Lutheran	8:00	2:55
Coulee Christian School	8:10	3:00
Logan High School	7:40	3:20
Luther High School	7:50	2:50

2019-20 ~Bus Loading at Elementary



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All K-12 students that plan on riding a bus different from their own MUST have a Rider Permission Form, shown below, signed by their parent or guardian to give to the bus driver. This ensures the safety of all of our students. Students that do not have the form will not be allowed to ride a different bus.

If you need additional forms, they are available at each school, as well as on the website at the following link: <http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/our-district/district-information/transportation/forms-resources>  
Thank you for your cooperation!

Bus Rider Permission Form

On \_\_\_\_\_ I give permission to my child,  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Full Name) (Grade)

To ride bus # \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student they are riding with)

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

Bus Rider Permission Form

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(Date)

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(Student's Full Name) (Grade)

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(Student they are riding with)

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

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(Student's Full Name) (Grade)

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(Student they are riding with)

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

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(Date)

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(Student's Full Name) (Grade)

To ride bus # \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student they are riding with)

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

## Krista Beron Art Gallery Dedication

On Monday, July 23, the West Salem School Board and school administrators formally dedicated the Krista Beron Art Gallery at West Salem Middle School. This gallery is named after WSMS art teacher Krista Beron, who passed away in 2017 after her battle with breast cancer. Ms. Beron not only shared her love for art with her students, inspiring them to create but was also always there with a listening ear. As many shared last night, "Krista was an artist, but perhaps her greatest work... was in helping create other artists." Her memory will live on forever in this gallery created to showcase the work of the students for whom she had so much passion. A special thanks to all involved in creating this beautiful space, as well as to Krista's family for donating some of her artwork.



## District Announcements



### A Trip Along the Ice Age Trail

For the second year in a row, a group of seventeen incoming 8th graders, along with Mr. Jones, Mr. Baker, and Mrs. Clements, embarked upon a 35 mile hike along the Ice Age Trail in northern Wisconsin as part of summer school. They left bright and early on a Monday morning, and spent four days in the wilderness completing their journey. They had to carry all their gear through mud holes, across rivers, and through beautiful forests leaving them with sore muscles and a lot of blisters, but they stuck it out and made it all the way! They were rewarded with pizza at Marti-no's in Stanley, WI, and also left with some great memories that they will be able to take with them for a lifetime! This is such a great opportunity for our students to learn outside of the traditional classroom, and we are so thankful for our excellent staff members that are willing to implement these unique ideas.

### 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](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us)

### 2019-2020 New Student Enrollment

Enrollment for new students can be completed at the District Office, 405 E. Hamlin St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit our website at [www.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us) or call the District Office at (608)-786-0700.

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: Eric Jensen, 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.

### School Board Members

Syl Clements ~~~~~ 786-1491  
Jane Halverson ~~~~~ 786-1067  
Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~ 786-4382  
Catherine Griffin ~~~~~ 769-1714  
Tom Grosskopf ~~~~~ 386-0168  
Robin Fitzgerald ~~~~~ 792-4130  
Sean Gavaghan ~~~~~ 797-3585

*\*Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of every month\**

# District Announcements

## Heider Center



### Individual Show Tickets

Tickets for all Heider Center Mainstage and Mainstage Plus shows go on sale to the public Monday, August 26th at noon.

You will also be able to purchase show tickets online 24/7 at our website, [www.heidercenter.org](http://www.heidercenter.org)

#### Art Gallery

Backpack Full of Sunshine:

Original Oil Paintings by

Sue McLaughlin

Runs September 1-October 14,  
2019

#### Display Cases

Woven Works by Phyllis

Schoen

Runs September 1-October 14,  
2019

#### Art Reception

Thursday, September 12, 2019  
6:00-7:30 p.m.



Box Office (608) 786-2550  
Monday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Noon to 4:00  
p.m.  
Friday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
[www.heidercenter.org](http://www.heidercenter.org)

## We're Getting a New Website!

Our technology and communications teams have been hard at work this summer preparing and creating a brand new district website! The new website will have a fresh, modern look and we hope you enjoy it as much as we do. We hope that it will be easy to use and a source of information for all district students, parents and residents. Look for it to go live shortly before school starts.

Coming  
Soon!



## Attention: Class of 2020

A yearbook deadline to start completing... Each senior needs photos for the following publications: The 2020 Neshonoc Yearbook, the Coulee Courier, the Times of Our Lives, and 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!

4 Photos Needed:

1. Yearbook/Coulee Courier (formal headshot)
2. Times of Our Lives (headshot—less formal)
3. Senior Picture for the Senior Slideshow
4. Baby Picture for the Senior Slideshow

#### YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SPECIFICS:

- \*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](mailto: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.)

Put your photos in the silver box in Room 242 (Ms. Armstrong's Room).

## Changes to the BoxTops Program

The BoxTops for Education program is changing! Instead of clipping out BoxTops and sending them in, you can now utilize a mobile app to scan your receipt within 14 days of making a purchase and earn money for schools! While the new program is being implemented, the original BoxTops are still being accepted, but they will be phased out. The BoxTops app can be downloaded on the App Store as well as the Google Play Store. Be sure to select West Salem Elementary as your school! Thank you for your support!







WEST SALEM ATHLETICS  
BOOSTER CLUB  
Sponsorship Form

490 North Mark Street, West Salem, WI 54669

The West Salem Athletics Booster Club provides a valuable service to our athletic programs by providing equipment needs to each program to keep our athletes safe and competitive. Some recent examples include: football equipment shed door, wrestling mats, Soccer Hudl program, Girls Basketball Hudl program, and State Championship banners in the gymnasium. The Booster Club supports all athletic programs. This Sponsorship drive is one way the Booster Club raises money to support the athletic programs.

**Board Members include:**

Bryan Novy - President  
Kim Dummer - Vice President  
Emily Rogge - Secretary  
Therese Novy - Treasurer  
Members: Matt Quick, Brent Brigson, Mark Ziegler

**Yearly Family Sponsorship-\$25.00**  
(2019-2020 School year)

*With each sponsorship you will receive a  
Panther yard sign or a Panther window cling to proudly display.  
Please put a check mark next to your selection. \_\_\_\_\_ Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Cling*

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Make check payable to WS Athletics Booster Club and  
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Becoming a sponsor of the Booster Club does not require you to attend meetings but you are always welcome. Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Contact a board member for location.



# Community Events

## BLOOD DRIVE

*Be a Beacon of Hope*

**August  
13**  
Tuesday  
10AM-4PM

West Salem High School-  
405 E. Hamlin Street, West Salem

Age 16 needs a parental consent form. Please bring a photo id or donor card. All donors will receive a t-shirt.

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## Stuff The Bus with school supplies

Saturday, August 17, 2019  
Hansen's IGA West Salem  
9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Drop off donations and  
purchase a Pork Chop/Brat Sandwich



Thank you for your support.  
All moneys donated are used to purchase  
supplies in bulk at a school rate.

Any moneys left goes into "Random Act of Kindness"  
account which School Counselors can use to purchase  
supplies or other needs students may have  
throughout the school year.

All donations benefit:

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

School Supply List - alphabetical order

Baby Wipes  
Bags of Flour  
Colored Pencils  
Dry Erase Markers  
Earbuds  
Elmer's Glue  
Erasers  
Food Coloring  
Glue Sticks  
Highlighters  
Instant Chocolate Pudding  
Markers (thick & thin)  
Paper Plates (big & small) uncoated  
Pencil Boxes  
Pencil Cap Erasers  
Pencils  
Pens (other than black & blue)  
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Scissors  
Sharpies Fine Point  
Shaving Cream  
Sticky Notes  
Table Salt  
Twistable Colored Pencils  
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PRESENTS

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 22  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23  
7:00 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24  
2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

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WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL



# School District of West Salem

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2019 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, 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 13, 2019.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Summer Houck led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Liam Sjoquist recited the District Mission Statement.

### Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ben Wopat, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Summer Houck and Liam Sjoquist. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Connection with the Community

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on: Josie Hanson's SEP project, this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

The dance team held a car wash at Jim Dandy's.

### Correspondence

A thank you note from Sandy Mattie was read.

A thank you note for the Board Grant from Elementary Music Teacher Lisa Jones, was read.

Public comments – None.

### Written and Oral Reports

Mr. Schlimgen reported on the following meeting agenda items: policies #454, #456, #456-Rule, and the communications specialist position.

Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the CESA #4 Board of Control meeting.

District Strategic Initiative updates by the Business Operations Team and the superintendent were reviewed.

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2019;
  - invoices to be paid;
  - hire Pamela Hansen as a .50 FTE high school science teacher, and Kimberly Eick as a 1.0 FTE high school special education teacher;
  - accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to hire Thomas Fell as a high school boys' soccer assistant coach;
  - accept donations from Greg Wegner for the high school and from the West Salem Elementary PTO for the elementary school;
  - set the July 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting to be held in the middle school;
  - accept the administration's recommendation to sell 1 bus and 1 van.
- Motion carried unanimously.

### Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the

administration's recommendation for co-curricular revisions and requests for the 19-20 school year: boys' tennis head coach-8%, boys' tennis assistant coach-5%, cheerleading head coach-5%, stipend for attending the Odyssey of the Mind World Competition-\$500, Clay Target League head coach-8%, middle school assistant drama-2%, and increase the middle school unit leader to 8%. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the miscellaneous wage rates for the 19-20 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #452 Local Wellness Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Policy/Communication & Engagement Committee's recommendation to change the communications specialist position from half-time to a full-time position. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adopt the budget adjustments for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

### Board Development

Mr. Gunderson led the discussion of Chapter 5 in The School Board Field Book: Leading with Vision by Mark Van Clay and Perry Soldwedel.

### Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 8, 2019 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Syl Clements. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, 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 July 3, 2019.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

### Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Robin Fitzgerald. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Michael Johnson, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Justin Jehn, Ryan Rieber, Lisa Gerke, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Summer Houck and Liam Sjoquist. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Sean Gavaghan and Jane Halverson.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Connection with the Community

# School District of West Salem

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 8 2019 continued... Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Summer softball played Caledonia in a double header on June 26 and won both games.
2. Summer baseball had a successful fish fry last Friday.

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The trap shooting club has 2 teams going to the national trap shooting competition this week taking place in Mason, Michigan from July 10 to July 14.
2. The summer musical had 3 great performances of "Annie" on June 20-21-22.
3. The dance team kids camp starts next week, July 15th through the 17th, following up with a performance at the fair with the kids on the 18th.

### Correspondence

The West Salem Middle School was recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and received a Silver Level in Reading.

Letters from Bev Bockenhauer and Bob Nelson from the class of 1959 were read.

Public comments – None.

### Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the following meeting agenda items: bleachers for the Panther Den, part-time custodian, part-time grounds/maintenance, auto lab financing and 18-19 budget close-out.

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

Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of Colette Schockman as a paraprofessional, the hiring of Gary Lafky as a bus driver, the hiring of Rhonda Schmidt and Laura Johnsrude as paraprofessionals.

Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland gave a presentation regarding the McClintock and Heider Funds.

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the consent agenda items:

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2019;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) the resignation of high school science teacher Pamela Hansen;
- d) the hiring of Colette Schockman as a .5 FTE 4K teacher;
- e) accept donations for the Special Trust/HS General Account, and from Peter Thomson and the La Crosse Tribune for the district;
- f) and the Open Enrollment requests for the 19-20 school year as presented.

### Discussion/Action Items:

Nutrition Services Director Kerri Mallicoat presented information on the school nutrition program. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the recommendation for lunch prices as presented: elementary school at \$2.75, middle school at \$2.95 and high school at \$3.10. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the recommendation to have the morning milk program remain at the same cost of \$0.35 for full pay families and to offer free milk to the families that qualify for free/reduced lunch. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Elementary School Student and Parent Handbook as amended. Motion carried unani-

mously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #454 Child Abuse and Neglect and #456 Student Assistance program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve to delete policy #456-Rule Student Assistance Program Guidelines from the District's policies. Motion carried unanimously.

The Policy Committee recommendation to have WASB assist with updating the District's policies was discussed. No action was taken.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the administration's request for an additional part-time middle school custodian and for an additional part-time grounds/maintenance position. Motion carried. 4-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adopt the academic standards for the 19-20 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The sports/activities list: spending/participants was reviewed. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the middle school and the high school for membership into the WIAA for the 19-20 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

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

### Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 22, 2019 West Salem Middle School LMC 7:00 p.m.

### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, 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 July 18, 2019.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Schlimgen recited the District Mission Statement.

### Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Liam Sjoquist. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Summer Houck

### Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Connection with the Community



# School District of West Salem

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 22, 2019 West Salem Middle School LMC 7:00 p.m.

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Summer Legion baseball started regionals this past Friday and end today, all home games. They had their last games today.
2. The 14-youth baseball team won the state championship last night in Middleton.
3. The dance team held a kids camp last week and performed at the fair on Thursday. The dance team also held a fundraiser at Uptown Cycle on Saturday.

### Correspondence

A thank you note from the Orin Nyseth family was read.

Public comments – None.

### Written and Oral Reports

District Strategic Initiative updates by the Business Operation's team and the superintendent were reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of bus mechanic Roger Auna, and the hiring of Mary Gallagher as a nutrition services employee.

Mr. Schlimgen provided an update on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in West Salem.

### Consent Agenda

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the consent agenda items:

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2019;
- b) invoices to be paid;
- c) resignation of baseball coach Chuck Ihle, Middle School Associate Principal Michael Johnson, and special education teacher Meghan Adams;
- d) Open Enrollment requests for the 19-20 school year as presented;
- e) middle school coaches, Kayla Wegner-8th grade volleyball head coach, Amber Coe-8th grade volleyball assistant coach, Sam Schmitz-7th grade volleyball head coach, Julie Arentz-7th grade volleyball assistant coach, Jes Schomberg-cross country assistant coach, Matt Duster-football assistant coach; Jason Raasch-wrestling head coach high school coaches, Laura Deal & Justin Stakston as co-cross country assistant coaches, Scott Johnson, Ben Wopat, Craig Reid-football volunteer assistant
- f) hiring Antoinette Key as 1.0 FTE high school science teacher;
- g) setting the Special Board meeting for Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Discussion/Action Items:

High school student Abbie Cavadini presented a request to seek permission to allow advertising. No action was taken.

Director of Transportation Rick Kline was present to answer questions regarding the bus routes for the 19-20 school year. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the 19-20 bus routes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from the West Salem Hockey Association to extend bleachers in the Panther Den. No action was taken.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the high school student and parent handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the middle school student and parent handbooks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #454 Child Abuse and Neglect, and #456 Student Assistance Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO BORROW \$500,000 FROM THE UNION STATE BANK OF WEST SALEM ON A THREE-YEAR GENERAL OBLIGATION LOAN WITH NO PENALTY FOR PRE-PAYMENT. REPAYMENT TO BE REMITTED ANNUALLY TO INCLUDE PRINCIPAL, PLUS INTEREST WITH THE FIRST PAYMENT. PURPOSE OF THE LOAN IS FOR CLOSE OUT OF THE AUTO LAB ADDITION. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the request to use McClintock Funds as presented (\$21,180). After a lengthy discuss, Mrs. Griffin called for the question. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 2-Nay (Schlimgen & Grosskopf)

Request for part-time paraprofessionals. No action was taken.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO APPOINT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Halverson 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 a mid-year evaluation of the superintendent and superintendent compensation for the 19-20 school year.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:38 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### Closed Session

### Adjournment

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk



## SEP Brings Together All Grades for a Great Cause

WSHS senior Josie Hanson decided to use her SEP to bring together students of all ages, while learning business skills and raising money to help others. For her project, she directed a production of the Lion King Kids. She began by holding auditions, making casting decisions and then having her high school members begin memorizing their lines before rehearsals. In just one week of rehearsals, the crew blocked and choreographed the show, organized all of the costumes, and created all of the set pieces. The

next week they were joined by 57 elementary and middle school students who learned all of their lines, music, and dances during four days of camp and had two performances on July 18 and 19. From camp registrations, ticket sales, and donations, they have raised nearly \$2,500. All proceeds will be donated to ELCA Good Gifts to provide educational opportunities for women and girls in third world countries. Josie credits and thanks her peers for all of their hard work in helping with her project. Way to go!



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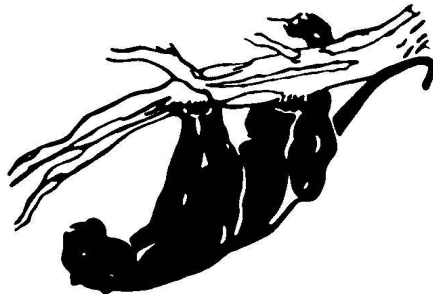


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