February 2020



# Newsletter

**School District of West Salem** 

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# Letter from Superintendent

# **Troy Gunderson**

#### Winter in Wisconsin

Monday, January 20th marked the unofficial "dead of winter" meaning we are soon to consider weather forecasting that includes groundhogs and shadows....

Any discussion about winter weather eventually includes talk of school closings and delays. Conversations about school cancellations often include wondering about how, why, and by whom these are decisions made. In the School District of West Salem, and in most school districts, the final decision is made by the superintendent.

In managing this responsibility, I rely heavily on our transportation director and his team to evaluate road conditions. I review data offered to me from the National Weather Service in La Crosse. The weather service offers regularly updated forecasts to school superintendents when weather conditions warrant. I also refer to local broadcast television and the NWS web site for a local analysis. Armed with meteorological information and road condition updates, I begin communication with area superintendents who share information from their various sources including updates from township snowplow drivers and those working at the National

Weather Service.

This combination of scientific data, professional judgment, and test drives eventually results in a decision regarding the need to cancel school. Details connected to the decision are communicated via email, social media, local television, radio, and the district website. We do our best to keep everyone safe.

We are so accustomed to well-cleared roads that we take winter travel for granted. We offer our appreciation to the county and township snowplow drivers as they work to keep our roads clear. We are wise to remember that the winter driving season requires caution and patience. The timely reminder to allow a "few extra minutes" for travel is good advice.

As we "plow" through the second half of the winter season take a moment to enjoy the beauty of Coulee Region and to appreciate the changing seasons in Wisconsin. After all, in six short months, it will be the "dead of summer" and school will be canceled until fall.

Thank you for reading and thank you for your continued support of public education.

Sincerely,

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

# Calendar of Events February

#### **Athletic Events**

Saturday, February 1, 2020		
10:00am	Gymnastics: Varsity Invitational	
	vs. Multiple Schools @ Performance	
	Elite Gymnastics - La Crosse	
11:30am	Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Bangor	
	@ Bangor High School	
11:30am	Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs.	
	Bangor @ Bangor High School	
1:00pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs.	
1	Bangor @ Bangor High School	
1:00pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Bangor	
Y	@ Bangor High School	
1:00pm	Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game	
Y	Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs.	
	Sun Prairie @ Omni Center	
1:00pm	Swimming: Boys Varsity Central/Logan	
1.00pm	WS vs. Multiple Schools @ Middleton	
	High School	
2:00pm	Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs.	
2.00pm	Hayward Community Schools	
	@ Panther Den	
2:30pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs.	
2.30pm	•	
2.00nm	Bangor @ Bangor High School	
3:00pm	Ice Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/	
	Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Sun Prairie  @ Omni Center	
Monday Fahr		
Monday, February 3, 2020		
6:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Mondovi	
7 15	@ West Salem High School	
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs.	
T 1 F 1	Mondovi @ West Salem High School	
Tuesday, Febr		
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Black	
	River Falls @ West Salem Middle School	
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Black	
<b>7</b> .00	River Falls @ West Salem High School	
7:00pm	Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs.	
	Baraboo @ Baraboo - Pierce Park	
	Hockey Rink	
7:15pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Black	
	River Falls @ West Salem High School	
Thursday, February 6, 2020		
5:00pm	Ice Hockey: Boys JV Scrimmage vs.	
	Tomah @ Tomah Ice Center	

Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Black

	River Falls @ Black River Falls
	High School
6:00pm	Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Ona/WS/Hol/
	Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. River Falls @ Omni
	Center
7:00pm	Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs.
	Tomah @ Tomah Ice Center
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Black
	River Falls @ Black River Falls
	High School
7:15pm	Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs.
-1/-	Holmen @ Holmen High School
Friday, Febru	ıary 7, 2020
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs.
	G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau
	High School Gym South
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. G-E-T
-	@ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau
	High School Gym North
6:30pm	Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Meet West
•	Salem Co-op vs. G-E-T @ West Salem
	High School
7:15pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. G-E-T
1	@ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High
	School Gym North
Saturday, Fel	bruary 8, 2020
10:00am	Wrestling: Varsity Conference
	Tournament vs. Black River Falls
	@ Black River Falls High School
2:30pm	Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Ona/
	WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Stoughton
	@ Stoughton - Mandt Hockey Arena
6:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Altoona
1	@ Altoona High School Gym
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs.
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Monday, Feb	ruary 10, 2020
5:30pm	Wrestling: JV Conference Tournament
o to op an	vs. Multiple Schools @ Aquinas MS
Tuesday, Feb	ruary 11, 2020
4:15pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Tomah
	@ Tomah HS
5:45pm	Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs.
3.13pm	Tomah @ Tomah HS
6:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. G-E-T
0.00pm	@ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High
	School Gym North
6.30nm	Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Meet West
6:30pm	Salem Co-op vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia
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	High School Gym
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6:00pm

School	District of West Salem
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. G-E-T
	@ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High
	School Gym North
7:15pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs.
1	Tomah @ Tomah HS
Thursday, Fo	ebruary 13, 2020
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Westby
1	Area High School @ West Salem
	High School
7:15pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs.
1	Westby Area High School @ West Salem
	High School
Friday, Febr	uary 14, 2020
2:00pm	Ice Hockey: Boys JV/Varsity
_	Tournament vs. Multiple Schools
	@ SWCRC
5:30pm	Ice Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/
	Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. University School
	of Milwaukee @ Omni Center
6:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Westby
	Area High School @ West Salem
	High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs.
	Holmen @ West Salem Middle School
7:00pm	Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/
	WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. University
	School of Milwaukee @ Omni Center
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs.
	Westby Area High School @ West Salem
	High School
Saturday, Fe	bruary 15, 2020
10:00am	Ice Hockey: Boys JV Tournament vs.
	Multiple Schools @ SWCRC
1:45pm	Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Tournament
	vs. Multiple Schools @ SWCRC
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	Multiple Schools @ SWCRC
1:45pm	Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Tournament
	vs. Multiple Schools @ SWCRC
Monday, Febr	ruary 17, 2020
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman Game vs.
	Logan @ West Salem Middle School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys C-Team Game
	vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Arcadia
	@ Arcadia High School Wanek Center
	Arena
7:15pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs.
•	Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

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	Arcadia @ Arcadia High School	
	Wanek Center Arena	
Thursday, February 20, 2020		
4:45pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman Game vs.	
	Cashton @ Cashton Elementary School	
5:45pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Sparta	
	@ Sparta High School	
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs.	
	Sparta @ Sparta High School	

Friday, February 21, 2020		
6:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Viroqua	
	@ West Salem High School	
6:30pm	Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Conference	
	Tournament West Salem Co-op	
	vs. Multiple Schools @	
	Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School	
	Gym North	
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs.	
	Viroqua @ West Salem High School	
Thursday, February 27, 2020		
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs.	
-	Virogua @ Virogua High School	

Viroqua @ Viroqua High School EL Gymnasium 6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School HS Gymnasium 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School HS Gymnasium

#### **Band Events**

Monday, February 3, 2020		
6:45pm	Girls Basketball Game vs. Mondovi	
	Orange Pep Band	
Thursday, February 13, 2020		
6:45pm	Boys Basketball Game vs. Westby	
	Black Pep Band	
Friday, February 21, 2020		
6:45pm	Girls Basketball Game vs. Viroqua	

Orange Pep Band

	Elementary School Events	
Wednesday, February 5, 2020		
12:20pm	Early Release	
	Students dismissed at 12:20pm	
	Buses depart at 12:30pm	
Monday, February 10-Thursday, February 13, 2020		
10:30am-	Book Fair Open in ES Assembly Room	
12:00pm		
Tuesday, February 11, 2020		
2:30-	Book Fair Open in ES Assembly Room	
7:00pm		
3:30-	Parent-Teacher Conferences	
7:00pm		
Thursday, February 13, 2020		
All Day	Jump for a Cause	
2:30-	Book Fair Open in ES Assembly Room	
7:00pm		
3:30-	Parent-Teacher Conferences	

Friday, February 14, 2020

All Day No School

Monday, February 17-Friday, February 21, 2020

10:30am- Book Fair Open in ES AssemblyRoom

12:00pm

**Middle School Events** 

Monday, February 3, 2020

8:30am Mr. Ringlien's Class (5th Grade) to the

OEC

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences

7:00pm

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

8:30am Mrs. Czajka's Class (5th Grade) to the

OEC

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

8:30am Ms. Fink's Class (5th Grade) to the OEC

12:20pm Early Release

Students dismissed at 12:20pm

Buses depart at 12:30pm

Thursday, February 6, 2020

8:30am Mrs. Lassig's Class (5th Grade) to the

OEC

Friday, February 7, 2020

8:30am Mrs. Kjos's Class (5th Grade) to the

**OEC** 

MathCounts Regionals @ Omni Center

Thursday, February 13, 2020

8:30am- Winter Wellness Day Field Trips

3:00pm

Friday, February 14, 2020 All Day No School

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

6:30pm Freshmen Registration Night

for Current 8th Graders @ Heider

Center

**High School Events** 

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

12:20pm Early Release

Students dismissed at 12:20pm

Buses depart at 12:30pm

Friday, February 14, 2020 All Day No School

Friday, February 21, 2020

All Day 3rd Quarter Mid-Term

Monday, February 24, 2020

6:30pm Spring Sports Meeting @ Room 247

(Upstairs Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

All Day 3rd Quarter Mid-Term Grades

Submitted

Thursday, February 27, 2020

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences

7:00pm

### **Bus Safety Reminders**

The Transportation department would like to remind all parents and students to be careful during the morning commute. It is dark outside during this time of the morning, so motorists should keep their eyes out for students waiting for the bus, or students walking to school. The roads are very slippery at times, so advise your student(s) to be alert for motorists. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!

### **Volunteers Needed**

If you are a Band or Choir parent interested in volunteering for our annual solo/ensemble day on April 4, please email Kelli Martin at martin. kelli@wsalem.k12.wi.us. Thank you!



# **Community Events**

Announcement!!!

# **PROM 2020**

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE JUNIOR/ SENIOR PROM DATE FOR 2020 HAS BEEN MOVED FROM MAY 2ND, 2020 TO MAY 9TH, 2020. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



 $\label{eq:contact} If you have any questions, please contact Kim Volden \\ at <math display="block"> \underline{volden.kimberly@wsalem.k12.wi.us}.$ 

Thank you for your flexibility and cooperation!





### 3 Year Old Child Development Days

If you have a child who will be three by September 1, 2020 please plan on bringing your child to one of the free developmental screening clinics at the West Salem Elementary School. Early childhood staff and a speech therapist will be available to interact with your child while looking for specific developmental milestones. They will have you fill out a questionnaire regarding your child's development and take the time to discuss all of this with you. Please plan on the whole process taking approximately 45 minutes. Please call Amber Clark at 786-1662 ext 3117 to let us know which date works for you.

Thursday, February 27 from 3:30-5:30pm OR Friday, February 28 from 9-11am

### Freshman Registration Night

All current 8th grade parents & students should attend to select courses for their Freshman year. Mrs. Arentz and Mrs. Tripp will be available to help guide students and parents through this process, as well as to answer any questions.

Mark your calendars for the following date!

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 6:30 p.m. at the Heider Center



## **District Announcements**



#### **DECA Takes on Districts**

On Saturday, January 11, West Salem DECA students competed at the District 1 competition at UW-Stout. This competition is the first step towards competing at the state competition followed by the international competition in Nashville. Students competed in a variety of categories including Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Hospitality Services, Buying and Merchandising, Restaurant Management, Business Law and Ethics and much more. They had an excellent day, taking home 66 medals, three third-place finishes, nine second-place finishes, and eight first-place finishes! In total, 34 students will go on to compete at the State DECA competition in Lake Geneva in March. Congratulations to all of our qualifiers!

### 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

# 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 and click on "Enrollment" at the top of the page or call the District Office at (608)-786-0700.

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#### **School Board Members**

Syl Clements~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	1491
Jane Halverson ~~~~~~~~~ 786-	1067
Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~~~~~ 786-4	1382
Catherine Griffin ~~~~~~~~~ 769-1	1714
Tom Grosskopf ~~~~~~~~ 386-0	)168
Robin Fitzgerald~~~~~~~~792-4	4130
Sean Gavaghan~~~~~~~~~797-	3585

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

# **District Announcements**

# Heider Center



Legendary Ladies of Country Music Sunday, February 9, 2020 7:30 p.m.

Billy McGuigan's "Rock Twist" Friday, February 14, 2020 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$24/\$22

Don't miss our Valentine's special where wine and chocolates will be served at intermission!





#### **Art Gallery**

Pink, Purple and Periwinkle: A Love Affair by Ashton Hall and Rosemaling by Steven and Donna Leis Runs January 16-February 28, 2020

Art Reception

Thursday, February 13, 2020 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

# WSHS Art Student of the Month

The West Salem High School Art
Department is proud to announce that
Emma Deal is the Art Student of the Month
for February. Emma is an artist who has
experience in both traditional and digital
media. Her art tends to be more conceptual
in nature, and she likes to focus on creating
ideas with her pieces. When working with
paint, she likes to use color to create contrast
and tell a story. Her photography also
contains story elements while being a bit
more concrete. When taking photos, Emma
likes to focus on the little things such as
lights or small objects.

Emma's work is on display in the Marie W. Heider Gallery from January 15th until February 28th, with a reception on Thursday February 13th, from 6-7:30pm. Congratulations to Emma on all of her hard work!

### **Student Art on Display at Valley View Mall**

Students from West Salem Elementary School, West Salem Middle School and West Salem High School currently have their artwork on display at Valley View Mall for the Wisconsin West Central Youth Art Month Exhibit.

The exhibit showcases the work of students from CESA 4 and CESA 10, and students have a chance to have their artwork selected for display at the Capitol in March. The display will be open to the public in the "Launch Local" storefront through February 15. Students whose work was selected include Hattie Wulf, Elijah Olson, Alexander Gutierrez Nunez, Skylar Osborne, Addyson Knebes, Arianna Nelson, Emma Olson, Jovey Morrison, Zoe Coder, Meghan Hansen, Ali Lovejoy, Emma Deal and Morgan Lance. Great job exercising your creative muscles!













#### School District of West Salem Special Board Meeting Minutes December 10, 2019 Marie Heider Meeting Room 6:00 p.m.

#### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 December 3, 2019. This meeting was at the request of a Board Member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

#### Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Mike Malott, and Justin Jehn. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin

#### Approval of Agenda

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

Mrs. Halverson welcomed the motion for closed session: Closed session, under exemption provided for in WI Statutes 19.85(1)(a) Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasijudicial trial or hearing before that governmental body; and pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; and pursuant to Wis. Stat. S. 120.13(1)(c) to discuss, consider and take action, if appropriate, regarding recommendation for pupil(s) expulsion and to review and discuss confidential pupil(s) records under 118.125.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 6:02 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Closed Session

#### Adjournment

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 16, 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 December 12, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

#### Roll Call

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

#### Approval of Agenda

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

#### Connection with the Community

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:

- 1. Prom committee is having their first meeting this Wednesday to discuss 2020 prom.
- 2. All three schools are having holiday-themed dress-up days this week.
- 3. Pep club is selling Candy Cane grams during both lunches this week. Students can send their friends a note and a treat for 25 cents and will be delivered on Friday during lunch.
- 4. The District 9 SkillsUSA competition was held on December 9 at the high school. Sam Quam placed 1st in her job interview, Tyler Mathison and Keagan Solberg placed 3rd in team engineering, Ryan Nickles placed 3rd in automotive service technology, and Allie Sedlmayr placed 3rd in job skill demonstration.
- 5. Jade Turnipseed, a senior, had a successful blood drive for her SEP in the library on December 10.

Correspondence - None.

Public comments - None.

#### Written and Oral Reports

- $1.\ CESA$  #4 Board of Control Mrs. Halverson was unable to report on the meeting.
- 2. District Strategic Initiative updates from the Superintendent's Cabinet Team, the Business Operations Team, and from the superintendent were reviewed.
- 3. Shawn Handland, Director of Finance, reviewed a summary of the referendum projects.
- 4. Eric Jensen, Director of Pupil Services, explained special education student and paraprofessional demographics in regards to staffing.

#### Consent Agenda

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

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2019 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2019;
- b) invoices to be paid;
- c) donations from Reedy Concrete Construction, Inc. for Taylor Feyen's Senior Exit Project, W.D. Larson Companies Ltd, Inc for the high school career academy, from the Barre Co-Ed Lions Club for the three school buildings, from Roger Fish for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe fund, from an anonymous donor and in the memory of Dorrene Heider for the Middle School Random Acts of Kindness fund, from Thorp Round Table Book Club for the elementary LMC, and from the UW-L Cooperating Teacher Appreciation Mini-Grant for Amy Tischler, Elementary Physical Education Teacher;
- d) co-curricular recommendation for Makenzie Becker as the 7th grade girls' basketball assistant coach;
- e) the hiring of David Reeck as the district account;

#### School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 16, 2019 continued... Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

f) the resignation of Kerri Mallicoat as the Director of School Nutrition. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the high school administration's request for a new psychology course. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the administration's request for a part-time student school nutrition position/worker as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

#### Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk



#### **School District of West Salem Location and Hours of Polling Place** ALL POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

At the Spring Election to be held on April 7, 2020, in the County of La Crosse, the following polling place locations will be used for the Municipalities and Districts

MUNICIPALITY	LOCATION
BANGOR	Town Hall – N4400 State Rd 162
BARRE	Town Hall – W3541 County Road M, La Crosse
BURNS	Town Hall – W1313 Jewett Rd, Bangor
FARMINGTON	Town Hall – N8309 County Road C Mindoro
GREENFIELD	Town Hall – N1800 Town Hall Rd, La Crosse (St. Joseph's Ridge)
HAMILTON	Town Hall – N5105 N Leonard St,. West Salem
MEDARY	Town Hall - N3393 Smith Valley Rd, La Crosse
SHELBY	Town Hall – Annex – 2801 Ward Ave, La Crosse
WASHINGTON VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM	Town Hall – Newburgs Corner Hwy 33 Community Center – 175 South Leonard Street, West Salem

The School District of West Salem Board of Education Candidates are Thomas Helgeson, Erik Peterson and Catherine Griffin. Vote for not more than 2.

### ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

https://myvote.wi.gov/ to see if you are registered to vote, locate your polling place, and to find your district.

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. §7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

More information, including a candidate's checklist, and required filing forms can be found by visiting our website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

### **WSMS Students Compete in Geography and Spelling Bees**

On January 6 and 7, students at West Salem Middle School competed in a school-wide geography bee and a school-wide spelling bee. To participate in the Geo Bee, students in 5th-7th grade competed in classroom level rounds, followed by a grade level round, ending up with two students from 5th and 6th grade and three students from 7th grade. Students in 8th grade only participated in classroom rounds as participants are picked based on who has the most questions correct. Brennan Garbers was the winner

of the school Geo Bee and will take a written test this month and then await word to see if he is one of the top students in the state that will be invited to participate in the state competition in April. To determine our finalists for the Spelling Bee, students in 6th-8th grade competed in classroom and grade level rounds, with five students from each class qualifying for the school spelling bee. Molly Ames, Leah Beyer, and Makinlee Marshall were our top three spellers and will move on to the regional bee. Congrats to all!







#### **Did You Know?**

The Irish called the potato a "spud, after the spade used to dig them, called a "spudder!"

Check out videos and photos of the innovative things happening in your student's classroom at our district Facebook page and Twitter page. Our social media features videos of student activities, teacher features, classroom selfie photos, etc...

Check out our Facebook page
@SchoolDistrictofWestSalem
and
Follow us on Twitter
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