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Newsletter

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

The Power of One More

I am currently reading the book *The Power of One More* by Ed Mylett. “One More” in the title comes from “the willingness to do one more rep, make one more phone call, get up one hour earlier, build one more relationship, or do one more thing for whatever your situation in life calls for.” The premise is that people can find their best lives by doing “one more” thing than the world expects from them. Reading this book now that we have concluded “one more” year provided an excellent opportunity to reflect on this past year.

Ed Mylett states, “Successful people know they belong in their dreams. They are not hallucinations. They are a preview of what is possible.” This year we had several successful people and teams! According to our 2022 State Report Card, the West Salem School District ranked #1 compared to our regional cohorts with the overall report cards for our district and our middle school report cards. Our overall district math scores also were first compared to our regional cohort. West Salem ranked second in the

areas of our district ELA scores and ACT scores.

Athletically, this was a year unlike any other! As of the writing of this newsletter, we have had ten sectional qualifying teams, seven state qualifying teams, three state runner-ups, and six conference players of the year. We also had several of our student-athletes qualify individually for state wrestling, tennis, and track competitions. Justin Jehn & Mark Wagner were La Crosse Tribune coaches of the year in football and basketball, and we had three La Crosse Tribune players of the year (Brett McConkey & Luke Noel - Football, Carson Koepnick - basketball). Brett McConkey was also one of sixteen WIAA scholar-athletes from across the state. In his writing, Ed Mylett says, “Winning is more fun than fun is fun.” We can all agree that the winning done inside and outside the classroom this year was fun! It is unlikely that we will have One More year like this one!

Speaking of One More year, I sincerely thank Mr. Troy Gunderson for his time, effort, and commitment spent as our interim elementary principal. Tony Robbins said, “The more you understand what somebody wants, needs

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and fears, the more you can figure out how to add value.” During the 2022-23 school year, Troy found how to add immense value to our elementary school and passionately served our students and staff! Thank you, Troy, for giving the School District of West Salem one more year!

West Salem Elementary School also provided one more experience for Mr. Roger Fruit. Roger and Troy collaborated this past year as our interim elementary principals. Roger worked directly with our staff in providing feedback on their classroom practices to help the growth of our elementary staff. Like all our administrators, Roger helped our teachers see their contributions and how they made a difference. Neither Troy nor Roger are ordinary people, and they stepped in and continued to provide leadership, guidance, and support for our students and staff!

As we conclude our school year, I want to provide one more acknowledgment to our district team and administrative staff. Every year brings successes and learning experiences. I appreciate all that my team has done over the year and the growth that we have had together. One

of our team members, Mrs. Deanna Wiatt, will be leaving us next year as she will be the next superintendent of the Melrose-Mindoro School District. We wish Deanna the best in this new opportunity!

In July, the District will send a postcard requesting your feedback on our district and request your input on our future. This postcard will provide you with a link to complete a community survey. This survey and your input are part of our continuous improvement efforts for our students, staff, families, and community. To be effective partners, we need to make sure that we listen. The District last conducted a community survey in the summer of 2020. More details will come, but the District would greatly appreciate your time in completing this brief survey!

Thank you for a wonderful school year, and have a wonderful summer!

Ryan Rieber
Superintendent

The West Salem High School Drama & Music Department
presents

THE WIZARD OF OZ



Tickets - \$10 adults
\$5.00 4K-12th grade students
Pre-school aged - FREE

June 22-23-24, 2023 @ 7:00 pm **Sun, June 25 @ 2:00 pm**
Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts - tickets available at Box Office or at the door!

SWARTHOUT POOL



OPENING DAY | JUNE 5

Pool Hours Monday through Friday

Early Risers: 6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Adult Lap Swim: 12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

Open Swim: 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Pool Hours Saturday and Sunday

Open Swim: 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Swimming Lessons Still Open!

For admission and membership prices, visit the district website at www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us and then go to "Community" > "Swarthout Pool"
Other Questions? Call the pool at (608) 786-5309



SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

Registration is still open!

Summer school for grades K-8 will be held July 10-July 28 8:30 a.m.-11:35 a.m.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

The school district will again be offering swimming lessons. There are still some spots open!

For more info and to register for classes and lessons, go to the district website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and then go to "Schools" > "Summer School"



CLASS OF 2024: IT IS YOUR TIME

Senior year is finally here! We have an important yearbook deadline to keep in mind. Each senior needs to submit the following photos:

1. Yearbook Portrait

This photo is a traditional, formal head and shoulders pose. You may use this same portrait for everything if you would like.

***No full-length poses, hats, props, “misty” filters, or distracting backgrounds.**



3. Baby Photo

This photo will be used to morph into the “big kid” photo for the Senior Slideshow. The best morphs are created using baby photos where the baby’s face is the dominant part of the photo.



2. Times of Our Lives

This may be less formal.



4. Senior Photo for Slideshow

This photo will be the photo that the baby photo morphs into for the slide show. It can be the same photo used for the Yearbook or Times of our Lives if you would like.



Photos due:
Friday, Nov. 17,
2023

Submit **300 dpi jpeg** photo(s) via email to armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us
Please label photos with the student name and publication - ex. JoeSmithYearbook.
Labeled hard copy photos can be dropped off to room 241 - silver box.

Horton Honored with Rising Star Award

School District of West Salem Director of Pupil Services Heidi Horton was recently presented with The Rising Star Award from the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services was presented to Heidi Horton at their yearly conference in May. We'd like to thank Heidi for her tireless commitment to our students and staff and congratulate her for all of her work with our special education staff!



Learning New Skills

Our 9th grade students in the Independent Learning Academy class at WSHS recently completed demonstration speeches in which they were able to teach their classmates some new skills! From saddling horses to launching rockets to making balloon animals, the speeches have been so much fun and a great learning experience for all!



District Announcements



Taking To the Water

The West Salem Middle School Healthy Living team recently received a school board grant that allowed them to purchase paddle boards to use in their classes. The boards were purchased from Xplor Boards, a company based in Fort Wayne, Indiana, that was created to provide a safe paddleboarding option for kids and teenagers. The boards will be used by Mr. Brewer and Mr. Reader to teach students in our school year Healthy Living classes as well as our summer school Outdoor Education class how to paddle board on Lake Neshonoc. The Outdoor Education class was held for the first time last summer and was a huge hit with our students! Our teachers are really trying to embrace all of the amazing movement opportunities our community has to offer. We can't wait to teach more students how to safely paddleboard and enjoy the wonderful outdoors we have in the area!



School Board Members

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

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

District Announcements

Heider Center



2023-2024 Season Tickets

Season Tickets for the 2023-2024 Heider Center Mainstage Series are now on sale through June 30th. To order season tickets, please contact the box office at: (608)786-2550.



Art Gallery & Display Cases
Community Art Show
Runs May 2-June 13, 2023

Art Reception
Thursday, June 1, 2023
6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

8th Grade W.E.B. Leader Training

August 14th & 15th
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
MS New Gym

Meet in the gym at 8:00 each morning with your water bottle, a pen or pencil, and some light snacks (no nuts or peanut/peanut butter allowed). Wear comfy clothes (no skirts) for the activities we will do and learn.

You will receive information about expectations such as report time and attire for the 5th grade orientation day, August 16th, during your training. ***Please don't drop off your student early, as there will be no supervision***

5th Grade Orientation Day

Wednesday, August 16th
8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (includes lunch)
MS New Gym

Wear comfortable clothes, don't bring all your stuff, and you won't need your cell phone ... 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 fifth graders. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. Students will be eating a school-provided lunch with their leaders that day.

If you have any questions, you can email Mrs. Jehn, Mrs. Jarosh, or Mrs. Coe.

Transcript Information

Are you transferring to a different college or do you need a copy of your high school transcript?

WSHS graduates that need a transcript can request one online, or print out an official transcript request form by going to the Student Services page on the district website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us. Navigate by going to 'Schools' > 'High School' > 'Students' > 'Student Services' > 'Transcripts.'

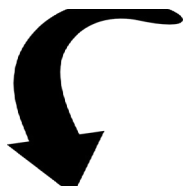
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

Enrollment for 2023-2024

Are you new to the district and looking to enroll your students for the 2023-2024 school year?

All enrollment information can be found by going to our website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and clicking on "Enrollment" at the top of the page. Here you can learn more about our district and print off the required enrollment forms. Once completed, you can bring them to the District Office to complete registration. If you have any questions, please call (608)-786-0700.

Looking for Important Dates?



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



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School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 27, 2023 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on March 23, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Brennan Kennedy led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob Minard recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Bob Minard, Catherine Griffin, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Charlie Alexander, Crystal Becker, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Robin Fitzgerald and Tom Grosskopf.

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – S. Gavaghan reported on the agenda item cash defeasance.

Bearing Wall Committee – Mr. Rieber reported the Carol Brown was selected as the Bearing Wall recipient and Anita Jagodzinski as the LaVerne Nuttelman Distinguished Service Award recipient.

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

Human Resource updates: the resignations of Amy Jorstad-assistant nurse; Anna Molling-paraprofessional; the retirement of Kathy Beshensky-paraprofessional; and the hire of Megan Rheame-paraprofessional, Teresa Stendalen-assistant nurse.

Mr. Rieber presented an update to the Marketing Plan.

Connection with the Community

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Softball had their first game against Holmen last week and brought home a win
2. Boys' and girls' track had a meet at UWL this past Saturday - girls took 3rd overall and boys took 6th overall
3. Girls' soccer game was canceled for tomorrow so their first game will be Thursday at 5:00 in Arcadia
4. Boys' baseball will have their first game this Friday at Central at 4:30
5. Boys' tennis started today
6. The robotics team will be competing at the 7 Rivers Regional Competition at the La Crosse Center March 29th-April 1st

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. CCLR - job shadows, adulting
2. The communications class will host a March Madness for the last session

(CCLR)...this will consist of basketball games where each grade level will compete against staff in some sort of basketball activity...it will end with a staff vs. senior basketball game...and there will be intermissions between each basketball activity including Mr. Brown singing while Hailey Puent paints, the history department minute to win it challenge, student talents, and more.

3. NHS members will be helping with the PTO science night, Easter egg hunt, and school clean-up in the next couple of weeks

4. Our high school Odyssey of the Mind team placed first with a high score despite the low competition at the state event a couple weeks ago earning a trip to Worlds.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Vern Dahl was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2023, the Special Board Meeting of March 14, 2023, and the Special Board Meeting of March 21, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the Administration's co-curricular recommendation for Jamee Houchins-volunteer softball coach, Leslie Hehli-assistant tennis coach, Emily Palmen-assistant girls soccer coach, Josh Iliff-assist girls' soccer coach, Shaun Borre-assistant boys' golf coach, and Tyler Woodke-assistant boys' golf coach;
- d. to accept the donations from Marlene & John Martin for the Mike Lyga Memorial Fund and from Peg Lyga for the Mike Lyga Memorial Fund.
- e. to accept the resignations of special education teacher Kristen Meyers and boys' soccer coach Ammar Sabar.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

College, Career, and Life Ready video scholarships will be reviewed, and selections made by B. Minard, E. Peterson, and S. Gavaghan or R. Peterson.

B. Minard moved, C. Peterson seconded to move forward with the cash defeasance for 2022-2023 process. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Pupil Services Heidi Horton provide information on how the third school psychologist would benefit the district. C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to accept the administration's request to make the third school psychologist position a permanent full-time position. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Board Development

The administrator hiring process was reviewed by Director of Human Resources Crystal Becker and Mr. Rieber.

Adjournment

S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Minard, Acting Clerk

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on April 6, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Madison MacRogers led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Brennan Kennedy recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Chris Peterson, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, and Charlie Alexander.

Approval of Agenda

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion rescinded. R. Fitzgerald moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda moving the Student and Board Member Acknowledgements item and the Art Department Presentations item to prior to the Written and Oral Reports section. Motion carried unanimously.

Student and Board Member acknowledgements were presented to Brennan Kennedy and Madison MacRogers.

Student art selections to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year were presented by Allen Schroeder, Kaylin Staebell, Angie Hemker, and Quenten Brown, District Art Teachers.

Written and Oral Reports

Workforce Engagement and Development Committee – S. Gavaghan reported on the agenda items: benefits and West Salem Education Association negotiations preparations.

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

High School Teachers Kimberly Volden and Ryan Nelson shared with the Board the Senior Exit Project (SEP) modifications beginning with the 23-24 school year.

Connection with the Community

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Boys' and girls' track have a meet in Holmen tomorrow as well as a meet at home this Friday
2. Baseball had a great start to the season last week with a win against Westby and they have a home game tomorrow at 5:00 against GET
3. Softball has been doing well this season and have a game tomorrow in Black River Falls at 5:00
4. Girls' soccer had a great start to their season with a win against Arcadia and Reedsburg and then play tomorrow at fields for kids against central at 7:00
5. Boys' tennis have a quad this Saturday
6. The golf team has a match this Thursday

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The trap team spring season has started. For this season, they have 68 student athletes participating from grades 6 - 12. Conferences were just announced (on Thursday) and they are competing in Class 2A conference 5, in the largest conference
2. Ecology club and interact club are both planning fun events for Earth Day including highway cleanups and Earth week
3. NHS have also elected their new officers, President Taylor Burch, Vice President Celia Mitchell, Secretary Danica Brenengen, and Treasurer Elliott Sjoquist
4. This is Brennan and I's last board meeting so we would just like to say thank you for being so welcoming and teaching us both so much, Thank You

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. the Regular Board Minutes of March 27, 2023;
 - b. the invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for volunteer golf coaches-Joshua Shrake, Aaron Kupinski, Zach Elliott, volunteer track coach-Tanner Gibbons, and volunteer Odyssey of the Mind Coach-Heath Byrnes;
 - d. to accept the donations from the Game Getters Bow Hunting Club for the high school trap team, from the Game Getters Bowhunting Club to the Game Getters Bowhunting Club Scholarship Fund, from an anonymous donor for the Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund;
 - e. to accept the resignation of Matt Hatzinger as the head high school hockey coach; and
 - f. to hire Claire Schrader as a 1.0 FTE 5th Grade Teacher and Mason Berndt as a 1.0 FTE School Psychologist.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

T. Grosskopf moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for Early College Credit/Start College Now requests for the fall of 23-24 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Fitzgerald moved, B. Minard seconded accept the administration's recommendation to approve the CESA #4 Contracts for the 23-24 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Board Development

Mr. Rieber led a discussion on Long-Range Facility Plans and Capital Projects. No action was taken.

Adjournment

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

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April 24, 2023

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on April 20, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Charlie Alexander, Crystal Becker, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Sam Stenberg and Payton Greer. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Bob Minard

Approval of Agenda

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

Reorganization of the 2023-2024 School Board

S. Gavaghan moved to nominate Catherine Griffin for the office of President. E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Catherine Griffin as the President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved to nominate Tom Grosskopf for the office of Vice President. S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tom Grosskopf as the Vice President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved to nominate Robin Fitzgerald for the office of Clerk. C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Robin Fitzgerald as the Clerk of the West Salem Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved to nominate Sean Gavaghan for the office of Treasurer. T. Grosskopf moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sean Gavaghan as the Treasurer of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Introductions of the new student board representatives Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg were made.

T. Grosskopf moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded a resolution to authorize the Board officers to borrow money for the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 school years per Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3). Motion carried unanimously.

T. Grosskopf moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to select the Union State Bank of West Salem as the bank depository. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Grosskopf moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to authorize the use of facsimile and digitized signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Grosskopf moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to authorize the Board officers to invest surplus funds. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to set December 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. as the only December Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Grosskopf moved, E. Peterson seconded to continue with the current schedule to select the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for Regular School Board Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to set Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. as the second Board Meeting in May of 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Deputy Clerk and Shawn Handland as the Deputy Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members should provide their input to the Board President regarding committee assignments by April 28, 2023.

S. Gavaghan moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to select Catherine Griffin as the CESA #4 Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

Workforce Engagement and Development Committee – S. Gavaghan reported on the agenda item: negotiations with the West Salem Education Association.

Teaching & Learning Committee – R. Fitzgerald reported on the agenda items: St. Croix Central debrief and the mid-year data check-in.

Policy/Communications and Engagement Committee – E. Peterson reported on the agenda items: three policies for a first reading and policies with technical changes.

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

Human Resource updates: the hiring of Thomas Cunningham as a middle school limited-term cook; the retirements of high school custodian Ellen Hendricks, elementary school paraprofessional Kelly Schneider, elementary school paraprofessional Tracy Sell; and the resignations of elementary school custodian David Carlson, nurse Laurie Nelson, and elementary school LMC paraprofessional Sara Oldenburg.

Connection with the Community

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. NHS school clean up happened this past weekend. It went very well. The members picked up garbage all around the schools.
2. NHS induction will be this Sunday night, April 30.
3. Senior art show reception was Thursday, April 20, it was a great success.
4. Forensics team had state this past weekend in Madison and the whole team qualified for it.
5. Madison MacRogers, Noah Stewart, Ben Holter, Mr. Holter are at ICDC right now in Orlando, Florida
6. Brett McConkey was selected one of 16 WIAA Scholar Athletes in the state for the 22-23 school year.

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Ecology Club Earth Week was celebrated with different activities every day.
2. SEP Presentations Coming up. In-class presentations are currently happening.
3. Spring sports are at a standstill because of the weather.
4. Baseball had a game on April 21 against Luther in which they won, and

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7:00 p.m.

and Saturday they played Belleville and won.

5. Dance Team tryouts are coming up this week for the 2023-2024 team.

6. Prom is coming up May 6.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

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

a. the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2023;

b. the invoices to be paid;

c. to accept the administration's recommendation for co-curricular contracts for volunteer baseball coach-Adam Helgeson, volunteer track coach-Brady Niemeier, volunteer Odyssey of the Mind advisor;

d. to accept donations from Kelly Schneider and Charity Tofte for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund; from Peg Lyga for the Mike & Peg Lyga Scholarship fund, from Noodlehead Inc., to the Tiny Orchard Scholarship Fund, from the La Crosse Area Autism Foundation for the Special Education Department, from Keenan's Cherryland, Ltd., Midwest Well Services, Inc., Ronco Engineering Sales Inc., Dahl Automotive, and Morrie's La Crosse for the High School Odyssey of the Mind Team.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

T. Grosskopf moved, C. Peterson seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to change the contract for the School Nurse from 190 to 220 days. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Peterson moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the teacher and school psychologist contracts for the 23-24 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved. T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the contracts for vehicle drivers for the 23-24 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Fitzgerald moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #8600 – Transportation, #8660 – Transportation by Private Vehicle, and #0175.1 – School Board Conference, Conventions, and Workshops. Motion carried unanimously. There was no action needed on policy #3460 – Programs for Students with Disabilities.

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

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

Closed Session

C. Griffin 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 professional staff

employee.

R. Fitzgerald moved, S. Gavaghan seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:58 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; and T. Grosskopf, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to reconvene into open session at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

The board, if appropriate, will return to open session following the closed session to take action on the items discussed in the closed session.

C. Griffin announced the retirement of High School Spanish Teacher Shelly Helland.

Adjournment

R. Fitzgerald moved, C. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

FREE SUMMER LUNCHES



Starts 6/6

Tuesdays and Thursdays

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Meals can be picked up at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
359 Leonard St. N (use East Ave. door)

Free meals for kids 18 and under

For more info, check the Feed Our Children - West Salem
Facebook page.

Sharing About Science

Several of our 7th grade students chose to participate in a science fair project during their Panther Time this spring. Students designed experiments, and followed the scientific method by collecting data, and creating displays to share at the UW-L Science Expo. Sadly the Science Expo was cancelled for this year, but they were still able to share their projects by presenting them to the 2nd grade classes! Some of the projects were “What’s

the best chess opener?, How long does gum last?, Which small animal goes through a maze the fastest? and Which brown sodas taste most like Coca Cola?” The 7th graders had a ton of fun sharing their projects with the younger students and got them excited about science!



Did You Know?

Peas are seeds! There are three main kinds of peas that we eat; green peas, sugar snap peas, and snow peas!

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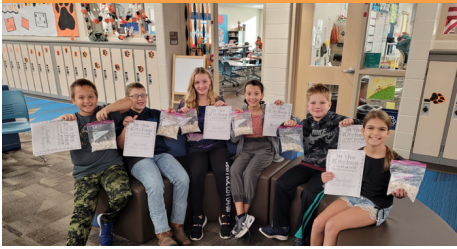
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