

June 2021



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Opportunities

I think we will all agree that this school year has been one of the challenges, changes, controversy, and adaptations, but I hope that we all take a moment, put disagreement aside, and reflect on the opportunities that we were able to provide for our students and community over the course of this most unusual year. The end of the year provides the opportunity for reflection, and as we reflect on this school year, there is a lot to be proud of.

As the District prepared for the year in collaboration with other area districts, we ventured into virtual learning and provided the Coulee Region Virtual Academy as an alternative for our families. This provided families an at-home option and consistency in an inconsistent environment during the first part of the year. The district took opportunities in September and October to get our students back in our buildings and have our students participate in school activities. During a time when the only thing that was consistent was the inconsistency of weekly updates, we found the opportunity to get our students in our buildings and in

front of our high-quality staff. When the local conditions had the District transition from in-person learning to online learning, we looked into what was going on in other districts across the state and country that were in session. We then took the opportunity to get our students and staff back in our buildings in January. This was followed by having all of our students back on campus full-time before the end of January. Since that point, we have not looked back, and I am so proud of what our students, staff, and district have accomplished. This did not happen without challenges but, with innovation and hard work, we provided opportunities to our students and community that were not available a year ago.

As we are now concluding what may go down as one of the most challenging and controversial times in our lives, everyone can look back and learn from the opportunities that we have faced and grow going forward. When I reflect on the 2020-2021 school year, it has been a year of opportunities. As a school district, I believe that it is our responsibility to provide these opportunities for growth and choice with a keen eye for continuous improvement.

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School District of West Salem

There has never been a better time to focus on making each day our masterpiece and being better tomorrow than we are today.

I am excited about the opportunities that we have going forward, but in order for us to reach our full potential, we will all need to pull together as a team. The days of difference and divide need to be days of the past as we move forward together for our students, families, and community. Remember, we are better together! The more we work together, the more we will accomplish together. We can do this and--knowing our

community--we will achieve this. We have many great opportunities in front of us. Although the school year is just coming to an end, the District is already anxiously waiting to see the faces of our students and staff again very soon!

Thank you for all that you do, thank you for all of your support and sacrifices over the course of the last 15 months, and wishing you all a brighter summer!

Ryan G. Rieber
Superintendent

Fun at Field Day

After a year's hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, West Salem Elementary's annual Field Day was back and better than ever on Wednesday, May 26th. The weather was perfect for a day of enjoying a variety of fun outdoor activities including tug of war, ultimate rock, paper, scissors, relay races, crate ball, and more! Students from all grade levels had a chance to participate in stations led by the West Salem Elementary School MAPL staff. MAPL stands for Music, Art, Physical Education, and Library Media Center and students attend one of these classes each day at WSES. Field Day is a great collaboration between our grade level staff and our MAPL staff that gets students outside to enjoy physical activity and learn cooperation and teamwork!

All of our students had a blast playing and competing with their classmates and we were so glad to be able to continue this tradition this year. We'd like to give a special thank you to all of our MAPL staff, but especially our Physical Education staff, Mr. Merrill, Mrs. Meyers, and Ms. Tischler for all of their hard work organizing the day and making it a success for students!



SWARTHOUT POOL



OPENING DAY | JUNE 10

Pool Hours Monday through Friday

Early Risers: 6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
Adult Lap Swim: 12:45 p.m.-1:30 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.

**We ask that you please wear a mask in the
locker rooms and in the front desk area.**

Swim Team Meeting

June 4th at 5 p.m. at the pool
for students ages 6-18

**WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA & MUSIC DEPARTMENTS
PRESENT**



YOU'RE A
Good Man,
**CHARLIE
BROWN**
THE MUSICAL

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17 & FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021
7:00 PM**

MARIE W HEIDER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

AUDIENCE SIZE DETERMINED CLOSER TO THE PERFORMANCE - TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

ON-STAGE 2021

Summer Drama Camp for Kids in Kindergarten-8th grade

August 16-19, 2021

9 am - noon Cost: \$30.00

Includes t-shirt, snacks, script & rehearsal CD

Performances:

Thursday, August 19 @ 7:00 pm

Friday, August 20 @ 7:00 pm

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts



Join us on the Heider Center stage this summer as we produce *Seussical Kids*! All camp participants will be cast in various roles and will learn songs and choreography for the performance. ALL camp participants will be cast and allowed to perform in at least 1 show. Please list your preference below.

We will audition for smaller speaking roles and vocal solos the first day of camp.

Students do not need to prepare anything for this audition.

Rehearsal materials will be distributed at the first rehearsal on Monday, August 16.

Camp is open to students from ANY school district, so INVITE YOUR FRIENDS and FAMILY and join us for the 2021 On-Stage Summer Drama Camp for Kids!!!

**Covid safety protocols established by the county and school district will be followed.*

This may include wearing masks and social distancing for the camp & performance.

If the camp and performance are unable to occur due to Covid 19, a full refund will be issued.

Sponsored by the WSHS Drama Club!

Registration deadline: Friday, August 6 (t-shirts not guaranteed for late registrations)

Please make checks payable to West Salem High School and mail with registration form to:

WSHS Drama Dept. Attn. Rhonda Andres 490 N. Mark St., West Salem, WI 54669

REGISTRATION FORM

Student's Name _____ Grade (2021-2022) _____

Home address _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Name and phone # of emergency contact _____

Email address for registration confirmation _____

Allergies or medical conditions _____

T-shirt Size (circle one) Youth 6/8 Youth 10/12 Adult Sizes: Small Med Lg XL XXL

Which performance is your 1st preference? ___Thurs, Aug. 17 @ 7 pm ___Fri, Aug. 18 @ 7 pm

Is your child available for the other night's performance, too? ___yes ___no

SUMMER FOOD SUMMER FUN!



Healthy meals for kids and teens. **FREE!**

No need to sign up or apply—just show up and enjoy!



Who: Anyone is welcome! Breakfast and lunch will be FREE to anyone 18 years of age or younger. Adults can purchase a breakfast for \$2.50 or a lunch for \$4.25.

What: Guests will come through the serving line and will have the option of hot lunch and a grab-and-go breakfast. Due to safety concerns, meals will not be consumed inside the building. Menus will be available on the school website.

When: June 9th - August 13th (Monday - Friday); 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. We will be closed Monday, July 5th for the holiday.

Where: West Salem Elementary School - Enter through door E by the north parking lot

Contact: Emily Klunk, klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us

If you reside in district boundaries and have extenuating circumstances where transportation is absolutely not an option please contact Angie Hemker the week prior at hemker.angie@wsalem.k12.wi.us.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Summer Food Service Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

West Salem Mobile Pantry

  **Friday, June 25th**
11:00 am to 1:00 pm*  

Heider Center Parking Lot
405 E Hamlin St
West Salem, WI 54669

***all families in line by 1 will receive food.**

This is a drive-through food distribution.

Pre-registration and proof of income not required.

**There will be an abundance of frozen & dry goods
available to all attendees so that everyone can have
access to wholesome food!**

**Open to all individuals and families earning 300% or less
of federal poverty guidelines
(\$78,600 annual income for a family of 4)**



District Announcements

Congratulations 2021 Neshonoc Dedicatee, Kathy Hilby!

Every year, our journalism staff selects an individual that has made a positive impact on the senior class and embodies the yearbook theme to honor as the Neshonoc Yearbook Dedicatee. This has been a long-standing tradition at West Salem High School since 1947. It is with great pleasure that we announce the 2020 Neshonoc Yearbook Dedicatee, Kathy Hilby!

Kathy has deep roots in West Salem. She is an alum of WSHS and began her career as a business teacher in 1996 before becoming the district technology integrationist in 2012. As many who nominated her said, she has truly been someone that all staff and students could count on this past year. She was essential in the district's ability to transition to virtual learning, putting in endless hours to ensure that everyone had what they needed to keep teaching and learning. WSHS science teacher Kelly Rueckheim said, "Much of our success in the virtual model of teaching can be directly attributed to the hard work she has put in to help both students and staff alike be successful this year." She is always looking for ways to make technology easier for others and never fails to help with a smile on her face. Thank you Kathy for all that you do and congratulations!



As the Romans Do...

Mrs. Jeranek's 6th grade social studies classes have been busy learning about Ancient Roman history to wrap up the year. To put what they've learned into action, students researched an Ancient Roman topic of their choice and then began creating models to represent their topic. They did an excellent job creating detailed representations of everything from Mt. Vesuvius' destruction in Pompeii and aqueducts to Roman gardens and baths and Ancient Roman schools and medicines.

Transcript Information

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

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

The West Salem School District prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the Director of Pupil Services at (608) 786-0700. To file a complaint of discrimination write to: Eric Jensen, Director of Pupil Services at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669 or call 608-786-0700. The West Salem School District is an equal opportunity provider.

Summer School Info

Summer School for incoming grades K-8 runs July 19-August 6 from 8:30 a.m.-11:40 a.m.. Online Summer School registration has ended. If you need to register your child for summer school, please email Stephanie Williams at williams.stephanie@wsalem.k12.wi.us or call the Elementary School at 608-786-1662. You may also go to our website for more info.

School Board Members

- Catherine Griffin, President ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf, Vice President ~~~~~ 386-0168
- Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk ~~~~~ 792-4130
- Sean Gavaghan, Treasurer ~~~~~ 797-3585
- Ken Schlimgen, Director ~~~~~ 786-4382
- Erik Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 792-5370
- Chris Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 385-3103

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

District Announcements

Celebrating Our Staff

After a year unlike any other, filled with lots of ups and downs and adaptations, it was more important than ever for us to celebrate the amazing staff members we have in West Salem during Staff Appreciation Week. Their hard work and dedication to their students and each other has been unmatched and they deserve so much appreciation for all they have done this year. Mr. Rieber visited each of our buildings during the week of May 3 to spread a little joy and appreciation to our amazing staff, including our teachers, paraprofessionals, administrative assistants, cooks, custodians, maintenance personnel, and all of our district staff. He distributed bags filled with certificates and goodies from local businesses for everyone to enjoy. We'd like to give a special thank you to Oma Cafe, Empower Nutrition, Linda's Bakery, Pappi's Taqueria y Mas and Kwik Trip for helping us to celebrate our employees!



The Kindergarten team would also like to thank the West Salem Elementary School PTO and the local businesses for the gift certificates that were donated to teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you PTO for all your support, dedication, and volunteering your time and talents to help our school! We appreciate you as well! Thank you!

W.E.B. 5th Grade Orientation

Wednesday, August 18th in the BGC Gym
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (includes lunch)
Please enter through the side door from the front of the middle school.
DO NOT enter through the BGC, as they will be open for child care.

We want you to come! We need you to come! It won't be the same without you!

WEB is a program of 8th graders who will be there for YOU throughout the year!

Wear comfortable clothes, don't bring all your stuff, and you won't need your cell phone ... travel light!

We are excited that you are joining us at West Salem Middle School!
If you have any questions, you can email Mrs. Jehn, Mr. Tashner, or Mrs. Jarosh

Save the Date! 2021-2022 Registration

Online registration will be available for all students, but if you do not have access to a computer, in-house registration will take place on the following dates. Students will also have the opportunity to have their photos taken by Jostens on these days.

Elementary School
Tuesday, August 17
12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Middle School
Tuesday, August 17
Time TBD

High School
Tuesday, August 10
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Special Board Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2021

Marie Heider Meeting Room

6:00 p.m.

As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: *Board members may participate via remote access. The room will be open to limited spectators. Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page. Face coverings were required to be worn when attending the meeting and social distancing measures should be followed.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on April 22, 2021. This meeting was at the request of a Board Member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Sean Gavaghan and Robin Fitzgerald

Approval of Agenda

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

Mrs. 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 the employment of a new Director of Pupil Services. The Board will interview final applicants. The Board may select and possibly make an offer to a candidate or hire for the position of Director of Pupil Services.

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

Closed Session

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to reconvene in open session at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. E. Peterson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve for a second reading of Neola Policy #2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, and the second reading of Neola Policy #8510 – Wellness. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Schlimgen, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: *Board members may participate via remote access. The room will be open to limited spectators. Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page. Face coverings were required to be worn when attending the meeting and social distancing measures should be followed.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on May 6, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Rachel Stein. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen, Ben Wopat and Krish Patel.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Prom in the Panther Den was May 1
2. Dress-up week
3. A la carte selling coffee
4. Spring sports meets/games have started
5. NHS Induction was May 2
6. SEP presentations are on May 12
7. Jesse Logging shots a perfect 50 out of 50 and wins first place at Area Youth Shoot on May 1
8. Boys golf at Fox Hollow: scored 169 points, Max Goetz was an individual medalist with 36 points, Kevin Schams leading the JV with 52 points, JV placed 3rd overall
9. Esports team is going to state
10. Girls soccer game against Holmen: varsity won 2-1, JV won 4-3
11. Band Concert-May 23, Choir Concert-May 16
12. Show Choir was at Bloomington on May 8 and took 4th runner up, Anja Clauson won Showstopper Award

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Janet King (Wendy Kaiser's mother) was read.

Public Comments

The following citizens commented on masking at school: Steve Martin, Pat Pallardy, Shannon Torrance, Rachel Pierce, Mike Mesmer, Sheri Grass, Rachel Brothen, and Kristina Sage.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: CLOCworks; Wages for the support staff, district staff, administration, and co-curricular for the 2-22 school year; and replacement of mower and adding additional equipment.

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7:00 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda

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

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021;
- b) invoices to be paid;
- c) accept donations from Brenengen Auto, River Bank, Dependable Solutions, and The Board Store for Laura Skemp-Deal, April Tools for Schools Grant Recipient; from the West Salem Panther Booster Club for the high school; and from the La Crosse Area Autism Foundation, Inc. for the special education department;
- d) the resignations of Adaptive Physical Education Teacher Makenzie Turner and Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher Madeline Kiehm;
- e) hiring Brittany LaMere as an elementary school special education teacher, 1.0 FTE.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve setting the wages for the support staff, district staff and co-curricular for the 21-22 school year. Motion failed. A roll call vote was taken Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Nay; Mr. E. Peterson, Abstain; Mr. C. Peterson, Abstain; Mrs. Griffin, Abstain; Mr. Grosskopf, Nay; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. (Mr. E. Peterson did not participate in the discussion nor the vote due to a conflict of interest.) Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve setting the wages for the support staff, district staff, administration, and co-curricular for the 21-22 school year. 5-Aye, 1-Nay (Schlimgen), 1-Abstain (E. Peterson) (Mr. E. Peterson did not participate in the discussion nor the vote due to a conflict of interest.)

Live Stream Ended

Board Development Session

Mr. Rieber led a review of chapters 1-4 of The Governance Core: School Boards, Superintendents and Schools Working Together.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

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

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2021
Marie Heider Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.

Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on May 20, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Sean Gavaghan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Erik Peterson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Krish Patel. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ben Wopat and Rachel Stein

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. SEP presentations were May 12
2. Students who took AP classes had AP Testing the second week of May
3. LINK Crew is taking applications for members to help with freshman orientation
4. Boys' tennis won at Mauston on May 13
5. The baseball team won at home against Viroqua on May 21
6. Juniors turned in SEP proposals by May 14 to be eligible for a summer project
7. Choir concert was on May 16
8. Dance team tryouts were May 20-22
9. Band concert was on May 23

Correspondence

A thank you note from Kelly Schneider was read.

Public Comments

The following citizens commented on masking at school: Mike Mesmer, Kevin Hintz, Brad Lebakken, Rachel Brothen, Deb Rucinski, Kortney Getter, Sheri Grass, and Kristina Sage.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Griffin reported on the events of their May meeting.

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Business Operations Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Human Resource updates: the resignations of bus driver Curt Berg, custodian Rick Carvalho, paraprofessional Brienna Langrehr, and the retirement of cook Julie Meier.

Mr. Rieber make a statement regarding end of the school updates.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) the resignations of special education teacher Justin Running, head boys' basketball coach Steve Kastenschmidt, Speech and Language Pathologist Carly Anderson, School Psychologist Gina Hundt, four-year-old kindergarten teacher Colette Schockman, and special education teacher Ben Tashner;
- d) request to borrow sports equipment during the summer for football and baseball; and
- e) accept the donation from the La Crosse Community Foundation from Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund and the Dr. Frank Furlano Family Fund.

School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 24, 2021 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Griffin announced the following Hearing: Public hearing as required by State Statute 118.38 (1) (b): The School District of West Salem is seeking waivers from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for certain requirements as described in Wisconsin State Statutes 121.02 (1) (f), 121.006(2)(a), 120.12(15), and 121.02(1)(j). Specifically, the District seeks:

Waiver of the requirements of Hours of Instruction, to meet Wis. Stat. §§ 121.02(1)(f) and 121.006(2)(a) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding requiring school districts to annually schedule at least 437 hours of direct pupil instruction in kindergarten, at least 1,050 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 1 to 6, and at least 1,137 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 7 to 12. Specifies what may and may not be included in scheduled hours. Instructional hours for students for the 2020-2021 school year only due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

Waiver of the requirements for the Length of the school day requiring school boards to establish rules for scheduling hours in a normal school day, to meet Wis. Stat. § 120.12(15) for the 2020-21 school year only due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Waiver of the requirements for school districts to ensure that instruction in elementary and high schools in health and physical education, art, and music is provided by qualified teacher, to meet Wis. Stat. §121.02(1)(j) for the 2020-21 school year only due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was no public input.

Mr. Schlimgen Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adopt the following resolution: SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION FOR THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN SCHOOL BOARD OR SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. §§ 118.38(1) AND (1m)

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §118.38(1) authorize school boards to request the Department of Public Instruction to waive any school board or school district requirement in Wis. Stat. chs. 115 to 121 or in the administrative rules promulgated by the Department under the authority of those chapters; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(b) requires that, before requesting a waiver, a school board shall hold a public hearing in the school district on the request for a waiver of any requirement in Wis. Stat. chs. 115 to 121; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 118.38(1m) requires that “the school board shall specify in its request for a waiver its reason for requesting the waiver,” which includes the mandated state-wide closure of schools in response to the COVID-19 health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. On May 24, 2021, the Board of Education held a public hearing, in satisfaction of Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(b), concerning requests for waivers of the requirements identified herein; and
2. In compliance with Wis. Stat. §§ 118.38(1) and (1m), and for the reasons set forth herein, the Board of Education hereby directs the District Administrator or his/her designee to apply, on behalf of the Board, to the Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction (OSPI) for the waiver of the following:

a. Waiver of the requirements of Hours of Instruction, to meet Wis. Stat. §§ 121.02(1)(f) and 121.006(2)(a) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding requiring school districts to annually schedule at least 437 hours of direct pupil instruction in kindergarten, at least 1,050 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 1 to 6, and at least 1,137 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 7 to 12. Specifies what

may and may not be included in scheduled hours. Instructional hours for students for the 2020-2021 school year only due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

b. Waiver of the requirements for the Length of the school day requiring school boards to establish rules for scheduling hours in a normal school day, to meet Wis. Stat. § 120.12(15) for the 2020-21 school year only due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

c. Waiver of the requirements for school districts to ensure that instruction in elementary and high schools in health and physical education, art, and music is provided by qualified teacher, to meet Wis. Stat. §121.02(1)(j) for the 2020-21 school year only due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board of Education’s approval of this action and of the authority granted herein at a duly-noticed meeting of the Board held on May 24, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the nutrition Services Management Agreement with the School District of Bangor for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve the open enrollment requests, except for the for students noted on the list provided. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve a high school paraprofessional for 5.75 hour per day for the high school at-risk program for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the administration’s request for the 2021-2022 school year, to split a full-time cook’s position and make 2 positions, a 5.75 and a 5.5 hours per day. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. C Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities

The Board of the School District of West Salem does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education program or activity and is required by Title IX and its implementing regulations not to discriminate in such a manner. The requirement not to discriminate in its education program or activity extends to admission and employment. The District’s Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator(s) is/are:

Eric Jensen
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Any inquiries about the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations to the District may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator(s), the Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, or both.

The Board has adopted a grievance process that provides for the prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints alleging any action that is prohibited by Title IX and/or its implementing regulations. The grievance process is included in Policy 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, which is available at: www.wsalem.k12.wi.us. The grievance process specifically addresses how to report or file a complaint of sex discrimination, how to report or file a formal complaint of Sexual Harassment, and how the District will respond.

Tiny Home Modeling

Have you ever heard of a tiny home? They are homes designed to help people “downsize” and they are typically less than 600 square feet, but include the necessities like a bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, and living area. Many are even portable or may be on wheels! Mrs. Weber’s 7th grade math students recently put their geometry skills to use to design and create their own 3-D tiny homes. Students began by creating a floor plan using grid paper, measuring

out the different areas and making sure to include required pieces such as a kitchen, sleeping area with a bed, windows, a bathroom, a closet, as well as other things they might enjoy inside their home like a TV, computer desk, and wall art. Then they had to measure and cut out their design before assembling the finished product. The students designed some unique spaces and did a wonderful job practicing their skills!



Did You Know?

Peas are sweetest right off the vine!

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...

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