



# Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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## Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

### Once a Panther, Always a Panther

During the past few weeks I was again reminded of the role high school graduation plays in establishing one’s roots, reminding one to give back to our community, and providing a lifelong answer to the question of “where are you from?”

At the annual West Salem Alumni Hall of Fame induction ceremony on May 17th our hearts swelled as Gary Schomburg, brother of 2019 inductee Richard Schomburg who was honored for his community service, shared how he and his family were raised to take care of each other and take care of the land in order to leave the world a better place for the next generation. Duane Kniefl, also a 2019 inductee, said if you’re from West Salem “we got your back.” Duane was honored for a lifetime of work leading the West Salem First Responders. Duane and his team have literally “had our backs” for more than thirty years. The final inductee, Dr. Michael Quinn honored for his professional accomplishments and service to others, offered a heartfelt thank you on behalf of his parents for providing the Quinn family such a wonderful place to raise their

children. He and his siblings credit West Salem for providing their family with unlimited opportunities and support.

I attended the annual graduation ceremony at West Salem High School on May 26th. On a personal note, it was the 25th time I was fortunate enough to be part of this remarkable tradition. The student speakers thanked the community for providing a wonderful educational experience. One spoke of “being shaped by these walls” while another expressed comfort in knowing “this place was home.” Principal Malott encouraged the graduates to make a difference in the world, offered a standing invitation to return for a visit, and reminded them they are now “Panthers for life!”

Following the ceremony, I greeted a number of the graduates and their families in the receiving line. I spoke with families for whom I attended the graduation ceremony of both parents “back in the day,” and now of their children today. I received an emotional handshake from a grateful grandfather who thanked me for offering his children, and now his grandchildren, a wonderful educational experience. I talked with families who are new to our community. They expressed wonderment and gratitude for the chance

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to be part of our school district. As I left the parking lot, I reflected on just how lucky I am to be part of this special place.

State report cards and school district data indicate our graduates are career, college, and life ready. More importantly, as offered by the Schomburg family, we believe our graduates are prepared to leave the world a better place. We trust, like the Quinn family, the graduates are grounded in knowing “where they are

from.” We take comfort in the words of Duane Kniefl in knowing the graduates are confident “we have their backs.” And, best of all, we celebrate with all members of our community in knowing West Salem is a special place to be “from,” and that our graduates are “Panthers for Life.” Congratulations to the Class of 2019.

Sincerely,

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

## Congratulations WSHS Class of 2019!



# Calendar of Events June

## Band Events

### Saturday, June 1, 2019

- 12:00pm June Dairy Days Parade  
Concert Band & Wind Symphony
- 2:00pm June Dairy Days  
Jazz Band @ Gazebo

## Elementary School Events

### Monday, June 3, 2019

- All Day 4th Grade to Prairie du Chien

### Tuesday, June 4, 2019

- 9:00am All 2nd Grade Classes to the OEC
- 9:30am All Kindergarten Classes to Myrick Park
- 11:00am Family Picnic @ ES for All Grades

### Wednesday, June 5, 2019

- 9:30am All 1st Grade Classes to Myrick Park

### Friday, June 7, 2019

- All Day All 1st Grade Classes to Pineview Park
- 12:20pm Last Day of School  
Students dismissed at 12:20pm  
Buses depart at 12:30pm

## Middle School Events

### Saturday, June 1, 2019

- 12:00pm June Dairy Days Parade

### Sunday, June 2, 2019

- 6:30am Depart from WSMS for 8th Grade  
D.C. Trip

### Tuesday, June 4, 2019

- All Day 5th Grade Fish & Wildlife Service & La  
Crosse Queen Field Trip  
Kjos, Czajka & Lassig

### Wednesday, June 5, 2019

- All Day 5th Grade Fish & Wildlife Service & La  
Crosse Queen Field Trip  
Ringlien, Burdick & Fink

- All Day 6th Grade to the OEC

### Thursday, June 6, 2019

- All Day 6th Grade Jellystone Field Trip

### Friday, June 7, 2019

- 8:00am 5th Grade Vets Park Field Trip
- 12:20pm Last Day of School  
Students dismissed at 12:20pm  
Buses depart at 12:30pm
- 11:00am-1:00pm 8th Grade Returns from D.C. Trip

## High School Events

### Tuesday, June 4-Thursday, June 6, 2019

- All Day Semester Exams for 9th-11th Grade

### Friday, June 7, 2019

- 12:30pm Last Day of School  
Students dismissed at 12:30pm

## Shout Out to Sponsors of the WSHS Class of 2019 Celebration!

On graduation night (May 26, 2019), the parents of the graduating class of 2019 organized a graduation night lock-in at Features Sports Bar in West Salem. Graduating seniors reported to Features about 10 pm and were “locked-in” for an evening of food and games. This special event sent a clear message to all graduates that we, as a school district and community, care about their safety. We’d like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses and individuals who helped sponsor this celebration:

- AC Docs
- Altra Credit Union
- B’s Place
- Ben and Susann Wopat
- Brenengen Chevrolet
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Burrachos
- Carlos O’Kellys
- 1st Community Credit Union
- Features Sports Bar
- Hansen’s IGA
- Jacobsen Dental
- Jim Dandy’s
- Kelly and Brad Ostrem
- Kwik Trip
- La Crosse Loggers
- Lost Island Wine
- Mainstream Boutique
- Mayo Clinic Health System
- Moxy Salon (Barry Hughes)
- Oma
- Orange Thumb
- Panera
- Parents of seniors
- Pizza Oven
- Pizza Villa
- Scott Davis State Farm
- Runde Metal Recycling
- Texas Roadhouse
- Tina Hemmersbach
- World’s Finest Chocolates

THANK YOU

*from the*

**CLASS  
OF  
2019**



Also a huge thank you to those that helped make the senior picnic on Friday, May 24th a tremendous success.

- Bakalars
- Hansen’s IGA
- Kwik Trip
- Sipha Olson
- The Fleming Family
- The Hutchinson Family
- West Salem Fire Department
- West Salem Senior Parents

# Community Events



**FREE SUMMER LUNCHES**

Starting 6/18  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Village Park & Anderson Mobile Home Park #218  
Free meals for kids 18 and under  
Served by Feed Our Children from Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## ON-STAGE 2019

Summer Drama Camps for Kids in Kindergarten-8th grade  
OFFERING 2 SEPARATE CAMPS & SHOWS THIS SUMMER!

### LION KING KIDS - July 15-16-17-18, 2019

9 am - noon Cost: \$30.00

Includes t-shirt, snacks, script & rehearsal CD

Performances - Thursday, July 18 @ 7:00 pm,

Friday, July 19 @ 7:00 pm,

@ Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

Registration deadline: Friday, July 5



### FROZEN JR - August 19-20-21-22, 2019

9 am - noon Cost: \$30.00

Includes t-shirt, snacks, script & rehearsal CD

Performances - Thursday, August 22 @ 7:00 pm, Friday, August 23 @ 7:00 pm,

Saturday, August 24 @ 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm @ Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

Registration deadline: Friday, August 9.

Registration forms available at [www.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us)

West Salem High School  
Drama and Music Departments  
present



**Thursday & Friday, June 20-21, 2019**  
7:00 pm

**Saturday, June 22**  
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

**Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts**

Tickets available at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com)  
Or at the door 1 hour before show time.

## 2nd Annual WSHS Alumni Hall of Fame Induction

On Friday, May 17, Richard Schomburg, Duane Kneifl and Dr. Michael Quinn were inducted into the West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Mr. Schomburg was a devoted farmer, community member and former Chairman of the Town of Hamilton dedicated to keeping West Salem's history and landscape in place, Mr. Kneifl is a well-known member of the West Salem First Responders and an advocate for community volunteering, and Dr. Quinn is a renowned podiatrist at Mayo Clinic in La Crosse as well as a highly respected former member of the Boy Scouts of America. To read more about our Alumni Hall of Fame and these honorees, please visit our website at the following link: <http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/our-district/west-salem-high-school-alumni-hall-of-fame>

Nominations are accepted each year, with a deadline of December 15 for consideration into the following year's induction class. They can also be found at the web page above, or by stopping by the District Office.



# District Announcements



## Softball Team Makes History

The West Salem High School softball team made history this month as they took home the regional championship and qualified for the Division 2 sectional semifinal for the first time in nearly 20 years. They finished their regular season with a 22-3 record, earning the Coulee Conference championship for the second year in a row. In their first regional game, they beat Logan 3-0, and then moved on to compete against #1 Ellsworth, where they competed well, but were beat 3-1. The Panthers are led by head coach Brian Babiash, and assisted by Rod Hamilton, Ethan Giese, Rob Hansen and Brittany Hodgson. Senior pitcher Sam Thompson finished off an excellent season with four strikeouts and no walks. Congratulations ladies!

## Transcript Information

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

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

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

## Summer School Info

Students should have received info about summer school from their teachers the week of April 23rd, however, registration information is also available by going to our website and clicking on "Families" > Summer School. Please note, if your child does not attend our schools, you will have to register in person or by calling (608)-786-1662 for K-4 or (608)-786-2090 for 5-8.

## School Board Members

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

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

# District Announcements

## Heider Center



### 2019-2020 Season Tickets

Tickets for the 2019-2020 season are on sale now through July 12, 2019. To purchase tickets, please call the Box Office at the number listed below, or stop by during our open hours.

### Individual Show Tickets

Tickets for all Heider Center shows for the 2019-2020 season will go on sale Monday, August 26th at noon. You may purchase tickets by calling the box office or online at [www.heidercenter.org](http://www.heidercenter.org)



Box Office (608) 786-2550  
Monday: Noon to 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
[www.heidercenter.org](http://www.heidercenter.org)

## Summer School Reminders

Summer school for students K-8 starts Monday, July 22 and ends Friday, August 9. Classes for all students run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. each day.

Buses for summer school will run on main roads only. As a reminder, there will also be no swimming lessons during summer school.

If you have any questions, please contact one of our Summer School Administrators: Grades K-4, Lisa Gerke at [lisa@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:lisa@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or (608)-786-1662 and Grades 5-8, Michael Johnson at [johnson.michael@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:johnson.michael@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or (608)-786-2090

## HOSA Students Moving on to Nationals

Throughout the school year, three of our seniors, Madison Dutton, Anna Go Throughout the school year, three of our seniors, Madison Dutton, Anna Gorski, & Samantha Thompson have been preparing for their HOSA competitive event: Community Awareness. HOSA stands for Health Occupations Students of America, a group that was started for students with an interest in the health care field and their advisor is Mrs. Hansen. The topic they chose to raise awareness about is autism. For their project, they held several fundraisers including a miracle minute at a gymnastics meet, a bake sale at parent-teacher conferences, and a back-pack day at the high school. They also received money personally donated from staff members! The money raised was donated to the Trane All Abilities Park in La Crosse. They raised awareness by arranging to have autism facts posted on the district social media pages, coordinating a bulletin board at the high school, reading facts during our morning announcements, & hosting a gymnastics meet where the competitors wore puzzle ribbons. These girls took their project to the HOSA Regionals competition, where they qualified for the State level competition in April. The girls competed extremely well against the best teams in the state & placed in the top three, earning an automatic bid to the HOSA International Leadership Conference this summer in Orlando. Congratulations ladies on a job well done!



## 2019-2020 Elementary Registration Info

Online registration through Skyward for 4K through 4th grade students will start August 1st. If you are unable to register online, an in-house registration will be held on Tuesday, August 13th, from noon to 7:00 p.m. & computers will be available. Lifetouch will also be here on August 13th to take student pictures. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1st, 2019, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child for 4K, if you have not already done so.

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

## School District of West Salem Regular School Board Meeting Minutes April 22, 2019 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by 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 April 17, 2019.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

### Roll Call

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

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Organization of the 2019-2020 School Board

Mr. Clements moved to nominate Mrs. Halverson for the office of President. Mr. Schlimgen seconded to nominate Mr. Grosskopf for the office of President. Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Paper ballots were used. Mrs. Halverson received five votes and Mr. Schlimgen received two votes.

Mrs. Griffin moved to nominate Mr. Clements for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Griffin moved and Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Syl Clements for the office of Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved to nominate Mrs. Fitzgerald for the office of Clerk. Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Fitzgerald for the office of Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved to nominate Mr. Schlimgen for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Clements moved to nominate Mrs. Griffin for the office of Treasurer. Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Paper ballots were used. Mr. Schlimgen received two votes, Mrs. Griffin received five votes.

Introduction of the new student board representatives Summer Houck and Liam Sjoquist.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded a resolution to authorize the Board officers to borrow money for the 2018-2019 and

the 2019-2020 school years per Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3). Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to authorize the use of facsimile signatures per Wisconsin State Statute 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to authorize the Board officers to invest surplus funds per Wisconsin State Statute 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Griffin 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 and one meeting in December. Also moving the May and June dates and setting the December date: May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17, and December 16. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Deputy Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members should provide their input to the Board President on Committees interested by the end of the week.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to select Jane Halverson as the CESA #4 Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

### Connection with the Community

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Band and choir members got back from the New York trip last Thursday.
2. DECA is taking 16 students to Orlando, Florida this Friday for the international DECA competition. The team consists of Ryan Schlimgen, John Glassmaker, Aaron Bahr, Kylie Wright, Carissa Hass, Dani Miller, Kate Fitzgerald, Julia Krien, Kendra Ames, Abby Sharp, Rayna Dressel, Max Schumacher, Josie Hanson, Julia Stoleson, Garrett Lord, and Dagan Hemker. Max Schumacher and Julia Stoleson will be representing Wisconsin DECA as a whole as they were elected State Officers at the State competition in March.
3. HOSA members Madison Dutton, Anna Gorski and Samantha Thompson all placed in the top 3 at their state competition and qualified for the national competition this June in Orlando, Florida.
4. The NHS induction ceremony will be held on May 5 with 28 new students to be accepted into NHS.

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The high school visual arts classic team took first at their state competition on April 12, and were the first team ever from West Salem to do so. The team consisted of 13 students including Anna Johnson, Claudia Dorado, Abby Sharp, Abby LeDoux, Ada Hage, Matthew Baldwin, Megan Lassig, Samantha Quam, Kendra Davidson, Alyssa Szewczyk, Mahli Fleckenstein, Emma Deal and Morgan Lance.
2. The dance team has tryouts on April 27.
3. Skills USA has 11 students that will compete at the state competition on April 30 and May 1 in Madison.
4. Softball is having a great season and are currently undefeated in the Coulee Conference.

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### Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Terry Miller was read.

A thank you note from the family of Sonny Lord was read.

### Public comments

Kevin Feyen, Beth Jacobson and Samantha Thompson signed up to speak on behalf of the softball team and parents.

### Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee: Mrs. Griffin reported on the events of the meeting held earlier tonight.

District Strategic Initiative updates by the Business Operations Team and the Superintendent were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignations of Peggy Winters and Mike Winters, commons supervisors, and the hiring of Dave De Bernardi as a 4-hour custodian at the middle school which will be shared with the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Gunderson reported on the following topics from his Superintendent Spring Conference: orange frog, School Perceptions, leading for equity, board governance, and managing underperforming employees.

### Consent Agenda

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019; the invoices to be paid; the Open Enrollment Requests for the 18-19 school year, the resignation of Alicia Lokken; the hiring of Rose Wrobrink as an Odyssey of the Mind Worlds Volunteer Coach, the hiring of fall 2019 head coaches: LeRoy Krall-cross country, Justin Jehn, football, Ammar Sabar-boys' soccer, Julie Kamla-girls' tennis, Brett Thompson-volleyball. Motion carried unanimously.

### Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donation from the 4th grade class for the elementary school 4K book program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #345.5 Graduation, #830 Facility use, Excluding Center for the Arts and #830-Rule Facility Use Requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #830-Exhibit, Fee Schedule as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the health insurance bid from Quartz and to offer dental coverage to all employees who qualify for health insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson provided a 19-20 budget and staffing update. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded the following Resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$2,500,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from April 26, 2019 until June 21, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the list of to do items/information requests. No action was taken.

### Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

## School District of West Salem Regular School Board Meeting Minutes May 6, 2019 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 May 6, 2019.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

### Roll Call

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

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Connection with the Community

#### Correspondence

Proclamation by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Carolyn Stanford Taylor proclaiming May 3, 2019 as School Lunch Hero Day was read.

### Written and Oral Reports

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

Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of Amanda Payne as a driver and the resignation of Teresa Kerrigan as a middle school paraprofessional.

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2019; the invoices to be paid; the resignation of high school special education teacher Nickolas Brandt; to accept the donation from Eric & Caitlin Wilson for the 4k Book of the Month program. Motion carried unanimously.

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## School District of West Salem Regular School Board Meeting Minutes May 6, 2019 continued... Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

### Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to issue contracts to the school psychologists and teachers for the 19-20 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to issue contracts to the bus drivers for the 19-20 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding issuing final notice(s) of nonrenewal to professional staff, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22; and Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (e) deliberating or negotiating or bargaining reasons require a closed session; for the purpose of discussing the employee compensation with the West Salem Education Association for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:11 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### Closed Session

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to reconvene into Open Session at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

### Open Session

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Clements seconded to issue final notice of non-renewal to high school Pamela Hansen as a result of a reduction in the number of scheduled sections in science at our high school, and to Emily Rose who was on a one-year contract for the 18-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

### Board Development

Chapters 3 & 4 in The School Board Field Book: Leading with Vision by Mark Van Clay and Perry Soldwedel. No action was taken.

### Adjournment

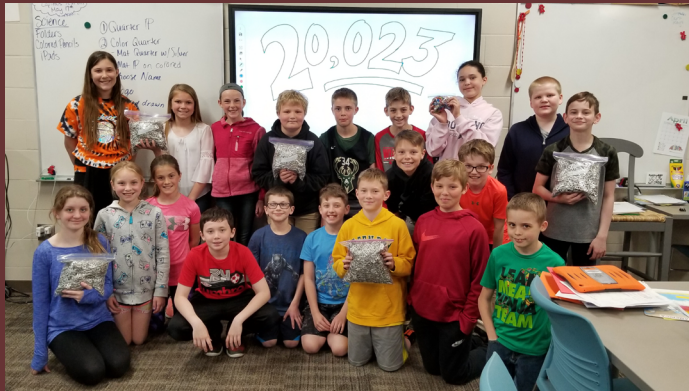
Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

## Collecting for a Cause

From May 13-17, our middle school homeroom students collected pop tabs for a competition organized by Student Council to support the Ronald McDonald House in Madison, WI. The Ronald McDonald House keeps families together and close to the care they need at the UW-Madison Hospitals. The money raised will help the Ronald McDonald House continue to lessen the financial burden of families, so that they can focus on the healing of their child in the hospital. Students could bring in silver pop or soup tabs for pos-

itive points, and colored tabs to sabotage other homerooms with negative points. They blew us away with their totals! Together, our homerooms donated 196,690 tabs! Mrs. Martinson's homeroom won doughnuts for collecting the most points, followed by Mrs. Coe's, Mrs. Lassig's, Ms. Fink's and Ms. Nimm's homerooms. Ms. Fink shared some photos with us of her class counting their tabs and Mr. Tashner showed us what they all look like combined. Students and staff are truly representing the Panther Pride motto. Great job to all!



**Did You Know?**  
A spear of asparagus can grow up to 10 inches a day!

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



@WestSalemSD



For WSHS athletic events, visit our website:  
\*click Calendars and then  
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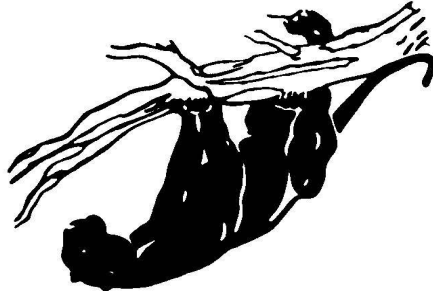


# School District of West Salem

“Serve with Passion to Ignite Creativity,  
Innovation and Excellence.”



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