

March 2017



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

Tell Our Story

The recently updated school district strategic plan includes a key performance indicator entitled “Communication and Engagement.” One of the specific goals under this heading for 2017 is to expand our social media network by encouraging all stakeholders to “Tell Our Story.” Telling our story refers to the basic practice of sharing the many wonderful things happening in our school district each and every day.

My first story this month highlights the power of “telling our story.” A parent of two children in our district recently sent me an e-mail offering appreciation for the educational opportunities our district provides for her children.

The letter begins with, “My husband and I chose to move to West Salem years ago-even before we had children because we wanted a small

community with great schools to eventually raise a family. Fast-forward 16 years and there isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t think of how truly lucky and blessed we are to be a part of such a district and community.” The letter continues, “I attended the middle school jazz band concert to listen to my son play, and had the privilege of hearing the high school jazz band! Was that ever impressive! Can you imagine my excitement when I think of the opportunities available for my middle school musician? Tomorrow I will watch my daughter perform in her last Show Choir competition of the year. My daughter absolutely lights up when she’s performing! My kids are part of OM, choir, musicals, soccer, cross-country, band, jazz band, robotics, Trees for Tomorrow, and more. All this from our small community!” The letter concludes with “It’s because of the talented and passionate staff we have that all this is possible. What a treasure we have here in WS!!!”

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Wow! Talk about “telling our story!” The School District of West Salem is a community asset that attracts positive, energetic, and appreciative citizens who want the very best for their children.

My second story involves our business office. The school district recently completed the second phase of financing for the approved construction projects by borrowing \$10 million with an interest rate of 2.79%. This rate, combined with a similar rate received on the \$9.9 million first phase of borrowing completed last December, means we can safely assert our total borrowing package, when completed in 2018, will come in under 3%. In plain English, this means our annual “mortgage” payment for the next

20 years will be approximately \$1.95 million rather than the \$2.1 million we predicted before the referendum. Lower payments equal lower taxes – good work!

I will end with a simple request. Please take the time to do your part and “tell our story.” From a National Blue Ribbon elementary school and scores of wildly successful programs to wonderful employees and low taxes, we have a great story to tell! Thank you for reading and thank you for your continued support of public education. Serve with passion and tell our story!

Calendar of Events March

Monday, Mar 6, 2017

Grade 1 concert at 6:15 at Heider Center
Grade 3 concert at 7:15 at Heider Center

Tuesday, Mar 7, 2017

K concert at 6:15 at Heider Center
Grade 2 concert at 7:15 at Heider Center

Tuesday-Thursday, Mar 7-9, 2017

DECA State Leadership Conference

Wednesday, Mar 8, 2017

Piano S/E @ Luther -Piano Players
Time TBA

Friday, Mar 10, 2017

No School

Wednesday, Mar 15, 2017

Early Release

Saturday, Mar 18, 2017

WSHS Spring Band & Choir Concert
2 p.m.
Both bands students be here @ 1:30

Monday, Mar 20, 2017

WSMS Band Extavaganza
Featuring Grades 6-7-8 Bands
Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts
7 p.m.

Thursday, Mar 23, 2017

4:00pm Track: JV/VARSITY Invitational
G-E-T @ St. Mary's University

Friday, Mar 24, 2017

No School

Saturday, Mar 25, 2017

10:00am Soccer:Girls Varsity Scrimmage vs.
Arcadia, Holmen, La Crosse Logan,
Onalaska @ West Salem ES
10:00am Soccer:Girls JV Scrimmage vs. Arcadia,
Holmen, La Crosse Logan, Onalaska @
West Salem Elementary School

Tuesday, Mar 28, 2017

5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game Cochrane
Fountain City @ Cochrane-Fountain City
HS
6:30pm Softball: JV Game Cochrane Fountain
City @ Cochrane-Fountain City HS

Thursday, Mar 30, 2017

4:00pm Soccer:Girls Varsity Scrimmage vs.
Coulee Christian @ West Salem
4:00pm Soccer:Girls JV Scrimmage vs. Coulee
Christian @ West Salem ES

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4:30pm Baseball: C-Team Game Holmen @ Holmen High School

4:30pm Softball: Varsity Game La Crosse Logan @ La Crosse Logan High School

4:30pm Softball: JV Game La Crosse Logan @ La Crosse Logan High School

5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Holmen @ Riverview Park

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Soccer:Girls Varsity Game Melrose-Mindoro @ Melrose-Mindoro HS

Friday, Mar 31, 2017

5:00pm Soccer:Girls JV Game vs. Adams/Friendship @ West Salem ES

Saturday, Apr 1, 2017

12:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. DeSoto @ West Salem High School

2:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. DeSoto @ West Salem High School

Saturday, Apr 1, 2017

Solo/Ensemble-Both Bands
All day

Monday, Apr 3, 2017

4:30pm Softball: Varsity Game La Crosse Aquinas @ Holy Cross Seminary Field

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, Apr 4, 2017

3:00pm Golf:Boys JV Match-Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Viroqua, Westby Area High School vs. Luther @ Coulee Golf Bowl School

4:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game Bangor @ Bangor High School

4:00pm Track: JV/VARSITY Meet Alma vs. Cochrane Fountain City @ Cochrane-Fountain City High School

5:00pm Baseball: C-Team Game vs. G-E-T @ Riverview Park

5:00pm Soccer:Girls JV Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem Elementary School

5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Softball: JV Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School

6:00pm Baseball: JV Game Bangor @ Bangor HS

7:00pm Soccer:Girls Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem Elementary School

Thursday, Apr 6, 2017

4:00pm Baseball: JV Doubleheader vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School

4:00pm Baseball: Varsity Doubleheader vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School

4:30pm Track: JV/VARSITY Meet Melrose-Mindoro @ Melrose-Mindoro High School

5:00pm Soccer:Girls JV Game vs. Reedsburg @ West Salem Elementary School

5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game Onalaska @ Onalaska High School

7:00pm Soccer:Girls Varsity Game vs. Reedsburg @ West Salem Elementary School

Friday, Apr 7, 2017

1:00pm Golf:Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, Coulee Christian, G-E-T, Holmen, La Crescent, La Crosse Aquinas, La Crosse Logan, Luther, Sparta, Viroqua, Westby Area High School @ Fox Hollow Golf Course

5:00pm Baseball: JV Game (**Cancelled**) vs. River Valley @ Riverview Park

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. River Valley @ West Salem High School

District Announcements



Heider Center

March Art Show:

K-12 West Salem
District Honors
Show
March 1-31, 2017

Reception:

Thursday, March 16 from 6:00pm -
7:30 pm

Upcoming Shows:

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm
ROUTE 66

Go on the road trip of a lifetime as
solid harmonies, dazzling quick-chang-
es, flashy dance numbers and hilarious
comedy take you on a rip-roaring,
pedal-to-the-medal journey down
memory lane.

Tickets: \$24/\$22

Mexican Brass

Friday, March 24, 2017 at 7:30 pm
Mexico's leading, internationally
renowned brass quintet combines
virtuoso chamber music skills with all
styles of music.

Tickets: \$24/\$22

William Florian's "Those were the Days"

Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm
Presenting amusing stories in an
intimate show, this former lead singer
of the New Christy Minstrels takes
audiences on an upbeat journey of
America's greatest songs of the 60's
from Peter, Paul and Mary, John
Denver, Pete Seeger, The Mamas and
Papapas, to his own uplifting originals.

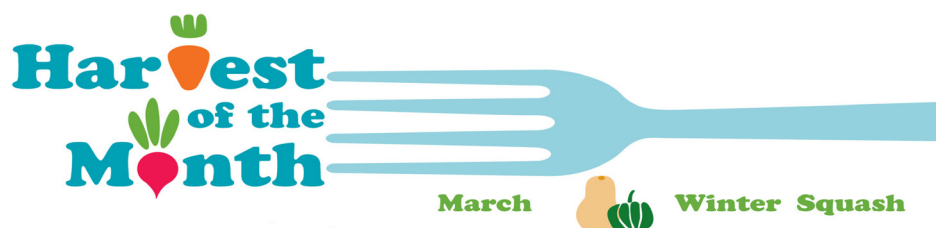
Tickets: \$24/\$22

MAYFAIR:

12th Annual Mayfair Art Fair
Sunday, May 7, 2017
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The 12th Annual Mayfair Art Fair is a major Heider Center Arts Board
Fundraiser. This event will take place at the West Salem High School. Activities will
include a Fine Arts and Fine Crafts Fair, Big Boar pulled pork meal, silent auction, free
children's art activities, entertainment by area youth and door prizes.

Artists interested in participating in the art fair can call Jane at 786-2388 or email
mayfairart@hotmail.com. Applications are also available at the Heider Center Box Office
and on the website at www.heidercenter.org



Fun Fact: There are over 15 different types of winter
squash, including butternut, Hubbard, and acorn.

Relay for Life

This year's Relay for Life will take place on Friday, April 7th at the high school.
Staff members Krista Beron and Sara Patterson have graciously accepted the
roles and will represent the Relay.

A challenge has been made to see which one of the three West Salem schools
can get the most teams together for this year's events.

For more information, contact Lindsey Purl at (608) 783-5001 or
lindsey.purl@cancer.org or visit our webpage: www.relayforlife.org/
westsalemwi to register and find out more!



Annual K-12 Honors Art Exhibit

March is the West Salem Art
Department's Annual K-12 Honors
Art Exhibit. Each teacher from the Art
Department selects 25 works to be on
display in the Marie W. Heider Center
gallery. This exhibit is in conjunction
with the Statewide Youth Art Month
celebration. Student artwork will be
in the gallery from March 1st through
the 31st, with a public reception
planned on Thursday, March 16th,
from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

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

West Salem Community Care and Share Food Pantry

Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to noon
Location: Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Serving: Communities of West Salem,
Bangor, Rockland, and Mindoro

SEP Track Event

Senior Sarah Novak will be hosting her
Senior Exit Project at the West Salem HS
Track at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 12. All
elementary and middle school students are
welcome to attend. There will be different
races based on the age and number of
participants. Registration will begin at 1:30
p.m. and there will be no cost. Parents will
need to sign a liability sheet before their
child will be able to participate.

WSMS Band Extravaganza

Monday, March 20, 7pm
WSMS Band Extravaganza
Featuring Grades 6-7-8 Bands
Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

Each family will be given a set number of tickets a couple of weeks prior to the concert. There is no open general seating for the public. Seating is by ticket only and you must sit in the seat indicated on the ticket. The concert will also be available for live stream viewing. A web link will be issued later.

Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive at the high school on Tuesday, March 14 from 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. in the high school library. Please consider donating!

Classroom Toy Donations

If you are looking at cleaning out closets, or doing some early spring cleaning, Mrs. Wagner's kindergarten class is looking for some toy donations for our classroom. If you have any of the items listed below that your child/children are no longer using, please consider donating them to our classroom, room 121 at the elementary school. You can drop the toys off in the school office. Please mark the bag with my name, "Mrs. Wagner". Items needed: Legos, Shopkins toys, My Littlest Pet Shop toys, Mr. Potato Head pieces, Troll dolls. Thank you for thinking of us!

District Announcements

Regional Mathcounts Results

The regional Mathcounts competition was held on Friday, February 3rd in La Crosse. There were 38 competitors representing six different schools.

The team results were as follows: 6th place - Wauzeka-Steuben, 5th place - Holmen, 4th place - GET, 3rd place - Prairie du Chien, 2nd place - Viroqua, and 1st place - West Salem. West Salem's team consisted of Elsa Mitchell, Ava Huth, Brennan Holst, and Wolf Weiss.

The individual results for West Salem were as follows: 10th place - Ava Huth, 8th place - Brennan Holst, 6th place - Evan Domnie, 3rd place - Ethan Heger, and 1st place - Elsa Mitchell. Wolf Weiss finished in 19th place. Also competing for West Salem was Calista Robaczewski in 11th place, Adam Chandler in 15th place, Adam Rogge in 20th place, and Max Goetz in 23rd place.

Mathcounts is a national program designed to promote excellence in math/science in grades 6-8. Mathcounts allows students to improve their problem solving skills as individuals, as well as, in teams of four. West Salem's team of four plus Heger now advance to the State Competition on March 4 in Sheboygan. West Salem's coaches are Tammy Bentzen and Jon Jones.

Money Raised to Supply Guatemalan Children With Beds

The 4th and 5th grade Council of Kids organized a Coins for a Cause drive. Students heard of a Bunk Bed Project that builds beds for underprivileged children in Guatemala. Students and their families generously donated over \$1,200 for the cause. The Schneipp-Duffy family are intimately linked to this project because their son Isaac was adopted from Guatemala as a young boy and is a 5th grader at West Salem Elementary. The Schneipp-Duffy family initiated the idea this past December when a young man that they had met in Guatemala came and told his story to the students about his struggles growing up as an orphan there.

The money raised will go towards the Bunk Bed Project to help needy Guatemalan children get proper beds and bedding for a good night's sleep. Kids helping kids. #WeareWestSalem

West Salem Art Department Receives Grant

In August, Angie Hemker and Quenten Brown applied for a grant from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. This grant was in conjunction with UW-L's Cooperating Teacher Program. Cooperating teachers who hosted a student teacher were eligible to apply for a grant that would assist their respective programs in some manner.

We are pleased to announce that the West Salem Art Department received \$1,000 for the purchase of a clay extruder. This machine allows us to recycle clay for our students, reducing waste and saving the department money on the purchase of clay. The intent is that high school students will use the extruder to recycle clay for all three schools.

Attention WSHS Band & Choir Families

Any high school band or choir parents who are interested in helping out with our Solo/Ensemble Festival this year, please email Mrs. Martin at martin.kelli@wsalem.k12.wi.us.

This year's festival is Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the high school.

Youth Frontiers Holds Fundraiser to Benefit American Cancer Society

Youth Frontiers, a senior leadership group, is holding a fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society. High school students will be raising money March 22nd through April 7th. For each set amount of money students raise, teachers and staff have committed to participate in fun activities during an assembly on April 7th. For example, teachers may dye their hair, joust students, or get a pie in the face to reward students for reaching their goals. The high school will also be hosting Relay For Life that evening. Students have set their goals high this year and would appreciate your help in achieving them. Last year, Youth Frontiers raised over \$7,000 through this fundraiser. What will we raise this year? More information on how to donate or become involved will be available soon.

District Announcements

Want to become a sub? Now is your chance!



Subs are needed in the following areas:

Teachers
Custodians
Paraprofessionals
Secretarial
Kitchen
Bus Drivers (Will Train)

Interested? Stop by the District Office at 405 E. Hamlin St, West Salem, or call 608-786-0700, or apply online at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us.

Bus Drivers Needed!

We are looking for individuals with strong interpersonal skills who can transport students safely. We offer a fulfilling career in the transportation of our most precious cargo: students.

Individuals who are interested in becoming a member of the West Salem School District should be able to pass a required background check, DOT physical, and be able to obtain a CDL with a School Bus endorsement. Training and testing will be provided to qualified applicants.

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.

West Salem Community Fitness Center Hours

Mon-Fri: 5:00 – 7:30 AM
Mon-Thurs: 3:00 – 9:00 PM
Friday: 3:00 – 7:00 PM
Saturday: 8:00 – 12:00 PM
Sunday: 4:00 – 7:00 PM

For more fitness center information, visit www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/community/fitness-center

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School Board Members

Greg Brickl ~~~~~ 616-9921
Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield ~~~~~ 799-5313
Syl Clements ~~~~~ 786-1491
Jane Halverson ~~~~~ 786-1067
Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~ 786-4382
Catherine Griffin ~~~~~ 769-1714
Tom Grosskopf ~~~~~ 386-0168

School District of West Salem

School Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2017

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Syl Clements. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, 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 February 9, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, and Greg Brickl. Also in attendance - Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Ryan Rieber, Michael St. Pierre, and Davita Molling; Student representatives: Paige Dunnum and Simon Buchanan. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jane Halverson, Josh Mallicoat, Mike Malott, and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Simon Buchanan reported on:

1. Girls basketball, 15-5 record (9-1 conference).
2. Boys basketball, 8-10 record (5-4 conference).
3. Wrestling sectional qualifiers were announced.
4. Hockey's regular season has ended and are seeded 1st in section 4.
5. Gymnastics conference meet is this Friday.

Paige Dunnum reported on:

1. Abby Malizewski, a West Salem senior, decided to use her public relations and marketing skills she had learned while in DECA to spotlight each of the school's diverse clubs and organizations through video. Her goal is to boost awareness of the immense amount of activities available to students at West Salem. Once completed, these videos are posted on the school YouTube channel and on the district Facebook page.

2. The West Salem MathCounts team, composed of mathletes in grades 6-8, took first at the regional MathCounts competition on Friday, February 3, at UW-La Crosse. These middle school students will advance on to the State competition in March.

3. The West Salem Dance Team qualified for State with both their jazz and pom routine during regionals on January 28, allowing them to compete with both routines at the State Dance Championship on Saturday, February 4. The team took 4th with their pom routine, bringing home a state trophy for the first time in school history.

4. The West Salem show choirs competed in Bloomington on Saturday, February 4, with their all women's group, Vivace, taking home 3rd place in their division. This past Saturday, the West Salem show choirs, including the Middle School show choir, competed for the last time this year at the Logan Invite, with Vivace taking home 1st place, best vocals, and best choreography in their division.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Myrna Walters family was read.

A thank you note from the Donna Christianson family was read.

Public comments - None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Mr. Grosskopf reported on the Boys and Girls Club agreement, the facilities and the owners representative.

Staff Relations Committee - Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield reported on the co-curricular salary schedule and 17-18 wages for staff.

District Performance Initiative reports by Ryan Rieber and Lisa Gerke, Ben Wopat, Josh Mallicoat and Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

West Salem High School DECA Co-Presidents Abby

Maliszewski and Kaylee Mulholland, along with Jason Holter, Advisor, were present to share District Competition results and highlights.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2017, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the Open Enrollment request for the 16-17 school year.

Discussion/Action Items:

The members discussed the start time, length and agendas of Regular School Board Meetings. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Sale of Bonds information from Baird. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE SALE OF
\$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE
PURPOSE BONDS. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND AWARDING THE SALE OF \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016, the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (the "District") adopted Initial Resolutions ("Initial Resolution Number I" and "Initial Resolution Number II", respectively, and collectively, the "Initial Resolutions") authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed (a) \$20,000,000 to raise funds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school improvement program consisting of: renovations and additions at the current Middle School; renovations and building infrastructure improvements at the Elementary School; site improvements, including additional parking and a new bus transfer area; and acquisition of related furnishings, fixtures and equipment (the "Initial Resolution Number I Project") and (b) \$5,000,000 to raise funds for the purpose of paying the cost of District athletic facilities improvements consisting of: replacing the track and constructing additional track/football stadium seating, constructing and equipping baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and a multi-

purpose sports and events facility; and completing related site improvements (the "Initial Resolution Number II Project") (collectively, the Initial Resolution Number I Project and the Initial Resolution Number II Project shall be referred to as the "Project"); WHEREAS, school districts are authorized by the provisions of Section 67.04(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and to issue general obligation bonds for public purposes such as the Project; WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016, the School Board adopted a resolution providing for a referendum election on the proposition of whether the Initial Resolutions should be approved; WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, a referendum election (the "Referendum") was held in the District on the proposition of whether Initial Resolution Number I should be approved at which 3,352 votes were cast "YES" for approval of Initial Resolution Number I and 2,118 votes were cast "NO" for rejection of Initial Resolution Number I; and whether Initial Resolution Number II should be approved at which 3,242 votes were cast "YES" for approval of Initial Resolution Number II and 2,209 votes were cast "NO" for rejection of Initial Resolution Number II; WHEREAS, the Board of Canvassers duly reported the aforesaid results to the District Clerk who has made said results public; WHEREAS, the District issued \$9,900,000 General Obligation School Improvement Bonds, dated December 21, 2016 to pay a portion of the cost of the Initial Number I Project authorized by Initial Resolution Number I and the Referendum; WHEREAS, the School Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the District to raise funds for the purpose of paying the cost of refinancing certain outstanding obligations of the District, to wit: \$1,500,000 Taxable Promissory Note, dated September 1, 2016 (the "Refunded Obligations") (hereinafter the refinancing of the Refunded Obligations shall be referred to as the "Refunding"); WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the District to refund the Refunded Obligations for the purpose of providing permanent financing for the projects financed by the Refunded Obligations; WHEREAS, school districts are authorized by the provisions of Section 67.04, Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation refunding bonds to refinance their outstanding obligations; WHEREAS, the District hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and desirable that a portion of

the general obligation bonds authorized by the Initial Resolutions and the Referendum and the general obligation bonds authorized by this Resolution be combined, issued and sold as a single issue of bonds designated as “General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds” (the “Bonds”) to finance a portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number I Project, a portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number II Project and the cost of the Refunding;

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the District that the Bonds be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000 for the following purposes and in the following principal amounts: \$4,000,000 to finance a portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number I Project, \$4,500,000 to finance a portion of the cost of the Initial Resolution Number II Project and \$1,500,000 to finance the Refunding;

WHEREAS, the District has directed Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (“Baird”) to take the steps necessary to sell the Bonds;

WHEREAS, Baird, in consultation with the officials of the District, prepared an Official Notice of Sale (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference) setting forth the details of and the bid requirements for the Bonds and indicating that the Bonds would be offered for public sale on February 13, 2017;

WHEREAS, the District Clerk (in consultation with Baird) caused a form of notice of the sale to be published and/or announced and caused the Official Notice of Sale to be distributed to potential bidders offering the Bonds for public sale on February 13, 2017;

WHEREAS, the District has duly received bids for the Bonds as described on the Bid Tabulation attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference (the “Bid Tabulation”); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the bid proposal (the “Proposal”) submitted by the financial institution listed first on the Bid Tabulation fully complies with the bid requirements set forth in the Official Notice of Sale and is deemed to be the most advantageous to the District. Baird has recommended that the District accept the Proposal. A copy of said Proposal submitted by such institution (the “Purchaser”) is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed information regarding the strategic plan. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the resignation of administrative assistant Stephanie Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the renewal of athletic cooperatives for the 17-18 and the 18-19 school years for gymnastics with Aquinas and Bangor, and wrestling with Bangor. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Brickl seconded to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk

2017-18 Open Enrollment Application Information

What is Open Enrollment?

The inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend public school in a school district other than the one in which they reside.

Who can apply?

Any Wisconsin resident in 4K to grade 12 may apply to attend a nonresident school district under the open enrollment program. However, a child may transfer to a nonresident school district for early childhood education or 4K only if the child's resident school district offers the same type of program and only if the child is eligible for that program in the resident school district.

When can parents apply?

The regular open enrollment application period for the 2017-18 school year begins on February 6, 2017, and ends at 4:00 pm on April 28, 2017. The best way to apply is online (a link to the online application is at the top of this page during the application period). Additional information on the regular open enrollment application season can be found on our applications page. An alternative application procedure allows pupils to apply for open enrollment at any time during a school year if certain criteria are met. For additional information, please visit the alternative application procedures page.

Can applications be denied?

Both the nonresident and resident school districts may deny an application for reasons specified in state law. If an application is denied by either the resident or nonresident school district, the parent may file an appeal with the DPI within 30 days. The DPI is required to affirm the school district's decision unless the DPI determines that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable.

How do students get to school?

Parents are responsible to provide transportation to and from school in the nonresident school district, except that transportation required in a child's IEP must be provided by the nonresident school district. A nonresident or resident school district is permitted (but not required) to provide transportation to open enrolled pupils, however the nonresident school district is prohibited from picking up or dropping off a pupil within the boundaries of the pupil's resident school district unless the resident school district agrees. Low-income parents may apply to the DPI for reimbursement of a portion of their transportation costs.

For more information on transportation, please go to <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

Federal Home Loan Bank Disaster Assistance Fund

The School District of West Salem was asked to print the following information as a reminder of funding that is available due to disaster events.

"I am writing to remind everyone of the availability of financial assistance to households or businesses affected by 2016 disaster events through the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) Disaster Relief Program. Individual households and businesses in all counties affected by the July (FEMA 4276) and September (FEMA 4288) disaster events in Wisconsin are eligible to apply for assistance.

Households with annual incomes up to 150% of the Area Median Income (AMI) can receive up to \$5,000 in payment for documented damages from the disaster event. FHLB committed \$500,000 to Wisconsin communities affected by the two disaster events.

Households can contact their local FHLB financial institution directly to apply for disaster recovery assistance.

Because CDBG-EAP income guidelines are limited to less than 80% of County Median Income, there may be households that are over-income for CDBG but not FHLB Disaster Relief Program assistance.

FHLB will make funding through the Disaster Relief Program available through the end of March, 2017. My understanding is that over half of the FHLB financial commitment remains available.

For more information on the Chicago-based FHLB Disaster Relief Program you can go to the following webpage link: http://www.fhlbc.com/ProductsandServices/CommunityInvestmentsandAffordableHousingPrograms/Pages/Community_First_Disaster_Relief.aspx or speak directly with your local FHLB financial institutions."

A link to banks, credit unions and savings institutions can be found on the FHLB Disaster Relief Program webpage."

School Breakfast Program



To check out each school's options for breakfast, please go to <http://wsalem.nutrislice.com>. Each school offers unique breakfast options that accommodate the different age levels. Some of these options include a grab-and-go breakfast and traditional breakfast.

The website above also provides menus for all meals offered during each school day, as well as nutritional facts about the different foods that are served. Once you have selected a school and menu, there is an advertisement for a free app that can be downloaded to have quick access to daily breakfast and lunch menus. This app is super convenient!



NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

§120.06(8)(C), Wis. Stats.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the West Salem School District that on Tuesday, April 4 2017, Spring election of school board members will be held. Candidates for the school board are as follows:

Sylvester Clements
Catherine Griffin

Electors will vote in their regular polling places.

Polls will be open and time may be obtained by contacting appropriate town and village clerks. Or by visiting the following website:

<http://www.lacrossecounty.org/countyclerk/elections.asp>

Dated this 27th day of February, 2017.

Jane Halverson
District Clerk

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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and

Follow us on Twitter

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For WSHS athletic events, visit our website:

*click Calendars and then

*click Coulee Conference

You can also set yourself up to receive automatic text or e-mail notifications for any of the activities listed OR subscribe to RSS.

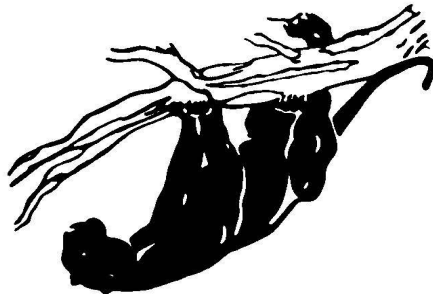


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