

May 2023



# Newsletter

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## Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

### Who's Packing Your Parachute?

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was shot down by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb was able to eject from the plane and parachute into the hands of the Vietnamese, where he survived six years in a communist Vietnamese prison. Years later, while out for dinner with his wife, a man at a neighboring table approached him and asked if he was Plumb. The man stated that he knew that Plumb was a pilot on the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk and that he was shot down. When Plumb asked how he knew all this information about him, the man replied, "I packed your parachute." The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!"

As we transition into May, we are preparing to welcome another class of graduating Panthers into our community. The class of 2023 will complete their Senior Exit Projects on May 10th and then cross the stage in our high school gymnasium on Sunday, May 28th. High school graduation is a special rite of passage. When this group

of seniors looks back on high school, they can say they faced adversity and challenges yet experienced much success. The seniors persevered and successfully graduated as Panthers! We are proud of the class of 2023 and wish them the best as they explore the new challenges and experiences that lie before them. Know that your parachute is packed, and we look forward to watching as you all contribute outside of our District.

May is also when we welcome new members into our West Salem Hall of Fame. This year, the three inductees are Fredrick Meyer, David Garbers, and Rick Schultz. Fred Meyer is known for his contributions to the snack food industry and for Red Dot Chips, which later merged with Lays/Frito Lay. David Garbers graduated from UW-Madison and later earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Madison. He is most known for his work in reproductive biology, in which he became a professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and director of the Cecil H. and Ida Green Center for Reproductive Biology. Our final inductee is Rick Schultz. Rick is known for founding The Friends of Baseball to improve facilities and offer more opportunities to the youth of our community. He also played an essential role in forming

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the West Salem Post 51 baseball program. Rick's brother Randy nominated Rick and stated that his reason for inducting him is that "Success is not what you make. It's what you leave behind."

This year we are set to have a record number of community members judge and be a part of our student's Senior Exit Projects (SEPs). Thank you to our local businesses and community members for participating in our students' journeys. We greatly appreciate it! Beginning next school year, the SEP will evolve into what will be known as the Panther Portfolio. The Panther Portfolio will have many of the components of the SEP, with some modifications. These changes came from our school staff and Board as we revisited the project's overall goals. We are excited for the Panther Portfolio to provide outstanding learning opportunities and real-life experiences for our students.

Entering our last month of school, I would like to bring attention to our staff. The week of May 8th is staff appreciation week. I am incredibly excited and honored to work with a staff like ours! Our children get a fantastic education here in the West Salem School District, and this

is due to the staff throughout all of our buildings and, of course, your support as parents/guardians and community members. Every adult that comes in contact with a child is a teacher, and everyone plays a role in educating our children. Our staff in West Salem genuinely cares about our kids!

We all have someone who "packs their parachute" by providing what they need to make it through the day. Sometimes in life's daily challenges, we may miss being kind and grateful to those around us. Let's all try to do better by recognizing those in our lives who pack our parachutes!

As we conclude the 2022-23 school year, thank you for the opportunity to serve your children and partner in our community! We are a community that is Panther Proud!

Have a wonderful summer!

Ryan Rieber  
Superintendent

# Middle School STEM Pinewood Derby



# Calendar of Events

## May

### Athletic Events

#### Monday, May 1, 2023

- 4:30pm Golf: Boys JV/Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Viroqua Hills Golf Course
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Prescott @ West Salem High School

#### Tuesday, May 2, 2023

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua, Westby Area High School @ Fox Hollow Golf Course
- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Baseball vs. Central @ West Salem Middle School
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School Tennis Courts
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Westby @ Coon Valley Field
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Westby @ Westby City Field
- 5:00pm Softball: JV Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School

#### Thursday, May 4, 2023

- 3:30pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Bangor, Cashton, Central, Chippewa Falls, De Soto, Eau Claire Memorial, Holmen & Onalaska @ Central High School
- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League Baseball vs. Holmen @ West Salme Middle School
- 4:30pm Golf: Boys JV vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua, @ Ettrick Golf Course
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School

- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School Field #1
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School Field #1

#### Friday, May 5, 2023

- 2:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Cedarburg, Central, De Forest, Driftless, United, Homestead, Onalaska, Prairie du Chien, Sparta, The Prairie, Verona, West Salem @ UWL Soccer Complex
- 3:30pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Adams-Friendship, Arcadia, Black River Falls, Coulee/South Central, G-E-T, Luther, Mauston, Nekoosa, Viroqua, Westby, Westfield, Wisconsin Dells @ UWL
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV conference tournament vs. Aquinas, Central, Holmen, Logan, Onalaska, Sparta, Tomah @ Tomah Schools Soccer Complex
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity vs. Central @ West Salem High School

#### Saturday, May 6, 2023

- 2:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Cedarburg, De Forest, Driftless United, Homestead, Onalaska, Prairie du Chien, Sparta, The Prairie, Verona, West Salem @ UWL Soccer Complex

#### Monday, May 8, 2023

- 4:15pm Track: Varsity Invite vs. Bangor, Brookwood, Cashton, Dodgeville, Hillsboro, Necedah, Royall, Seneca, Viroqua, Westby @ Viroqua High School Track
- 4:30pm Baseball: JV vs. Central @ Central High School
- 4:30pm Baseball: Varsity vs. Central @ Copeland Park
- 4:30pm Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua, Westby @ Skyline Golf Club School Black River Falls
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity vs. Sparta @ Sparta Memorial Park Field

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### Tuesday, May 9, 2023

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua, Westby @ Castle Rock Golf Course
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua Roo Field 5:00pm
- 5:00pm Softball: Varsity vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua Park Bowl

### Thursday, May 11, 2023

- 11:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua, Westby @ Drugan's
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity vs. Mauston @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Softball: Varsity vs. Luther @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School

### Friday, May 12, 2023

- 9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Altoona & Logan @ Altoona Parks & Rec
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua Mason Field
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua Park Bowl
- 5:00pm Softball: Varsity vs. Altoona @ Altoona Hobbs

### Saturday, May 13, 2023

- 9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Marshfield, Tomah, Viroqua @ Tomah La Grange Elementary
- 10:00am Track: Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua, Westby @ Viroqua High School

### Monday, May 15, 2023

- 4:30pm Golf: Boys JV vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua, Westby @ Skyline Golf Club School, Black River Falls
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity vs. Prairie du Chien @ PdC High School

### Tuesday, May 16, 2023

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys JV vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua, Westby @ Spring Valley Golf Course, Union Center
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV vs. Sparta @ Sparta Memorial
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity vs. Sparta @ Sparta HS Baseball Field
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity vs. Bangor @ West Salem High School Softball Fields

### Thursday, May 18, 2023

- 10:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Black River Falls, Mauston, Viroqua @ Black River Falls High School
- 1:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Central, G-E-T, Holmen, Luther, Monona Grove, Onalaska, Sparta, Stanley-Boyd, Tomah @ Holmen
- 4:00pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Bangor, Black River Falls, Brookwood, Cashton, DeSoto, Onalaska, Sparta, Tomah, Westby @ Sparta High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV vs. Aquinas @ Holy Crosse Seminary Field, La Crosse
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity vs. Aquinas @ West Salem High School

### Saturday, May 20, 2023

- 9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Altoona, Logan, Osceola @ West Salem HS
- 12:45pm Soccer: Girls Varsity vs. Lake Mills @ Lake Mills High School

### Monday, May 22, 2023

- 9:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Regional vs. Aquinas, Cuba City, Dodgeville, Mauston, Platteville, Prairie du Chien, Richland Center, River Valley, Westby @ Viroqua Hills Golf Course
- 4:00pm Track: Varsity Regional vs. Adams-Friendship, Aquinas, Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Logan, Mauston @ West Salem High School

### Tuesday, May 23, 2023

- 5:00pm Baseball: JV vs. Tomah @ Tomah HS
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School

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### Band/Choir Events

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

4:00pm Choir Farewell Concert - Heider Center

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

2:00pm Band Concert - Heider Center

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

2:30pm Jazz Ensembles - WS Park Gazebo

### Elementary School Events

**Monday, May 1, 2023**

6:00pm 4K Exercise Night - ES Gymnasium

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

8:30am Grade 1 to the OEC - Antony/Reedy

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

8:30am Grade 1 to the OEC -  
Christianson/Baldwin

**Thursday, May 4, 2023**

8:30am Grade 1 to the OEC - Chambers/Stencel

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

12:20pm Early Release, Students released at  
12:20pm Buses depart at 12:30pm

**Thursday, May 11, 2023**

8:30am Grade 2 to the OEC  
Flottmeier, Crow and Servais

**Friday, May 12, 2023**

7:30am Walking School Bus - Meet at the corner  
of Tilson and Hamlin

8:30am Grade 2 to the OEC  
Pearson, Skaar and Hesse

**Monday, May 15, 2023**

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC  
Wagner, Hickey and Grams

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC  
Richling and Christianson

6:00pm 4K Touch a Truck Event - Elem. School

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC  
Wheeler and Passehl

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

7:30am Walking School Bus - Meet at the corner  
of Tilson and Hamlin

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

9:00am Grade 4 to High Rollers

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

All Day ES Field Day!

**Monday, May 29, 2023**

All Day No School - Memorial Day

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

8:30am Gr4 to Veteran's Park

**Friday, June 2, 2023**

All Day Last Day of School

### Middle School Events

**Monday & Tuesday, May 1 & 2, 2023**

All Day 5th Grade to the Crane Foundation  
Half go each day

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

12:20pm Early Release, Students released at  
12:20pm Buses depart at 12:30pm

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

7:00pm 8th Grade MS Choir & Band Concert  
Heider Center

**Tuesday & Wednesday, May 23-24, 2023**

All Day 5th Grade La Corse Queen  
Half go each day

**Monday, May 22-27, 2023**

All Day 7th Grade Campout at the OEC  
Half go Mon-Wed and Half go Wed-Fri

**Monday, May 25, 2023**

6:00pm 8th Grade Promotion

**May 29, 2023**

All Day No School - Memorial Day

**Monday, May 29-June 3, 2023**

All Day 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.

### High School Events

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

All Day Prom

8:00am State Solo Ensemble @UWL

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

12:20pm Early Release, Students released at  
12:20pm Buses depart at 12:30pm

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

TBD Scholarship Awards Night

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

5:30pm Fine Arts Banquet

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

8:00am Senior Sing Out/Picnic

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

1:30pm Graduation

**Monday, May 29, 2023**

All Day No School - Memorial Day

The West Salem High School Drama & Music Department  
presents



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

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

## #MentalHealthAwareness

In recognition of May, Mental Health Awareness month, the La Crosse County Mental Health coalition in conjunction with the Joe Was Just Joe Foundation, is providing all High School Students in La Crosse County with a bracelet to raise awareness about mental health. The La Crosse County Mental Health Coalition is dedicated to Collaboration/Coordination/Partnership, Creating Awareness, and Education. The 2023 #MentalHealthAwareness bracelet focuses on the following three areas.



NAMI strives to bring #MentalHealthAwareness to everyone affected by mental illness by educating, supporting, and advocating to ensure healthy, fulfilled lives.

In a courageous effort to raise awareness and to prevent other families from experiencing the tremendous pain of losing someone to suicide, Dave Clements and his family - wife Carlynn and daughter Sarah - established the Joe Was Just Joe (JWJJ) Foundation to serve the greater La Crosse community.



The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress; prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones; and best practices for professionals in the United States.

Wear your bracelet this month as a way to show others that you support those living with mental illness. Visit the below websites and learn about mental health and available resources. Make sure to check on your friends and family. And if you need help, please reach out to someone!



#MentalHealthAwareness



JWJJ



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# Mayfair 2023 ART FAIR



Saturday,  
May 13th  
10:00 AM—2:00 PM  
West Salem  
Lion's Shelter  
240 East Avenue

**A celebration of the Arts**  
Art Fair  
Silent Auction



**Pulled Pork  
Sandwich Dinner with  
Cole Slaw, Beans and  
Beverage**



11:00 AM—1:00 PM  
**\$12.00**



Sponsored by: Heider Center Arts Board

## School Board - Art Awards



The West Salem School Board took time during their meeting to honor 26 art students from the K-12 Honors Art Exhibit. These students had their work framed and hung in the Heider Board room. The students were invited to attend the Board meeting, where they met the School Board member/administrator that selected their work. Students received a handshake and a certificate for a job well done! These works will hang in the Board Room for one full year.

## Junior Job Shadow



Juniors participated in a school-planned or self-planned job shadow at local businesses in the Coulee Region. West Salem High School is doing its part to help our students be college, career and life ready.

# District Announcements

## La Crosse County Library's 2022 Educators of the Year

Congratulations to the West Salem Elementary School 4K Team (Karly Baganz, Megan McConkey, and Ashley Ranzenberger)!!! They have been named La Crosse County Library's Educators of the Year for 2022!

The nomination from the Library Staff indicated that the planning, promotion and time investment of the 4K Team in support of the annual Family Outreach Night is immeasurable! Even during the pandemic you arranged for an at-home Zoom version of this event and now you have reinstated the event in person and we could not be more grateful for your steadfast commitment to students, families and our Library.

The La Crosse County Library Board will be adding a book into the West Salem collection in their honor.



## School Board Members

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

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

# District Announcements

## Heider Center



**Art Gallery**  
Community Art Show  
runs from May 2nd - June 13th  
Reception:  
Thursday June 8th  
6pm-7:30pm

**Mayfair Arts Fair**  
Saturday, May 13th from 10am - 2pm  
Arts Vendors, Pulled Pork Dinner and  
Silent auction  
West Salem Lions Shelter  
Info on Page 7.

**HEIDER CENTER SEASON  
TICKETS FOR THE 2023-2024  
SEASON WILL GO ON SALE  
STARTING  
MAY 25TH AT 1:30PM.**

**SEASON BROCHURES WILL BE  
MAILED OUT SHORTLY BEFORE  
THAT.**

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

## McConkey Honored as WIAA Scholar Athlete / Finalist



Congratulations to Brett McConkey who was recently selected as one of 32 statewide finalists for the very prestigious 2023 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award! Only four boys and four girls from each of the four WIAA divisions were selected based on both athletic and academic achievement. Brett will be honored at the WIAA Scholar Athlete Banquet on May 7 in Wausau. Join us in congratulating Brett on this incredible accomplishment!

## Volunteers Recognized



These seniors were recognized at Viterbo University on April 24th for their dedication to volunteerism in the community and school! Congratulations Nick Ziegler, Alyssa Cvikota, Reagan Roesler, Kiatlyn Knutson and Brennan Holst!

## 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). Navigate by going to 'Schools' > 'High School' > 'Students' > 'Student Services' > 'Transcripts.'

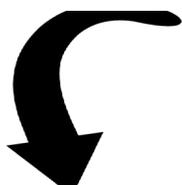
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

## Open Enrollment for 2023-2024

Open Enrollment into the School District of West Salem runs February 6-April 28, 2023. Open Enrollment is for any nonresident student that wishes to attend our schools. Students that are currently open enrolled do not need to reapply.

All open enrollment information can be found by going to our website [www.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us) and clicking on "Enrollment" at the top of the page and then "Open Enrollment" on the right hand side. If you have questions, please call the District Office at (608)-786-0700.

## Looking for Important Dates?



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



# School District of West Salem

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 13, 2023 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on March 9, 2023.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

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

### Approval of Agenda

B. Minard moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: budget adjustments, bus purchase and camera software, and district level budget outlook for 23-24.

CESA #4 Board of Control – C. Griffin reported on the Board of Control's agenda.

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

### Connection with the Community

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Spring sports have now officially begun, but winter sports have not yet ended.
2. The gymnastics team left the state meet as this year's Division 2 Runners-up.
3. Girls' basketball has come to an end. They had a great season and put up a tough fight in the state sectional final.
4. The boys' basketball team are now sectional champions for the second year in a row and are going into the state tournament as the number one seed and will play Milwaukee Academy of Science in the state semi-final game.
5. After this week, West Salem athletics has made 9 state appearances this year.
6. Congratulations to Hailey Puent for sharing her talent for art at the UWL Symphonic Band Concert where she transformed a blank canvas into a beautiful painting as the band played one of their songs. Both the art and music embodied blue and green pieces.

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The robotics had a scrimmage a couple of weeks back and earning a couple of awards. The team will be competing at the 7 Rivers Regional Competition at the La Crosse Center, March 29th-April 1st.
2. Alyssa Kruse, Ben Holter, Noah Stewart, Madison MacRogers, Morgan Quackenbush, Brennan Garbers, and Sam Stenberg qualified for ICDC, the International Career Development Conference, which will be held in Orlando,

Florida. Those who choose to go will be competing against the best DECA competitors from around the world.

3. To help fund the trip of those who choose to go, DECA will be holding a Burrachos' night this Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. If at least 50 entrees are sold, the chapter will take home 25% of the profit.

4. The theatre department put on a great winter play, The Morgue the Merrier, and have announced they will be putting on The Wizard of Oz as this year's summer musical.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Art Department Invitation to Select Artwork for Display and Student Accomplishments District Art Teachers Angie Hemker and Kaylin Staebell invited the Board and administration to select artwork from the K-12 Honors Art Show for display in the Heider Meeting Room.

Student Art Accomplishments include:

1. Students had a display at the Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library during the months of November, December and will again in April.
2. 6th grader Piper Jambois was honored with the Lions of District 27-d2's Peace Poster contest. Her artwork was selected to represent West Salem and moved on to the district level where she received an honorable mention. Piper was honored at a convention luncheon in February.
3. 3 middle school students Ava Jambois, Evelyn Weber and Alexis Marinelli) and 3 high school students (Alyssa Cvikota, Hailey Puent and Sierra Lovejoy) displaying work at the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Annual Conference. High school student Hailey Puent received a 1st place honor. Mr. Brown and Hailey were able to attend the event.
4. 4th grader, Harper Haas was just awarded first place at The Coulee Region Child Abuse and Prevention Task Force's Great Kids Start With You t-shirt design contest. Her artwork will be featured on this year's t-shirt as well as various promotional items during the Month of April. Mrs. Staebell and Harper will attend a special breakfast to kick off the month of April.
5. 15 of our K-12 students had work on display at the recent West Central Regional Youth Art Month Show. 9 of those students had work that is now on display as part of the State Exhibit in Madison.
6. State level awards-Ava Jambois an 8th grader won the Middle School Blick Award, there is only one of these awarded each year, and she has earned this honor not only this year but two years in a row; Hailey Puent has won the Wisconsin Art Education's West Central Award; this year's Wisconsin Youth Art Month Flag was designed by our very own 9th grader Lydia Jothan, her work has been made into a full-sized flag and is on display in Madison. It will also be on display at the National Art Education Conference in San Antonio in April, representing the state of Wisconsin. 8th grader Evie Weber and 9th grader Isabel Krueger received an honorable mention. They are all invited to be honored at the Youth Art Month Wisconsin reception in Madison on March 31st.
7. Student artwork has also been submitted to Wisconsin Rural Water Association's annual Water Conservation Poster Contest, the June Dairy Days Button Contest, the Oktoberfest Button Contest, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Aviation Contest, 3rd Congressional District Contest "An Artistic Journey", the 8th Annual WEA Student Art Contest-"Wisconsin" themed, and 7th Green Bay Packers Student Art Contest-A WSHS Student won last year.

### Consent Agenda

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for middle school track coach-Emily Phillips and assistant middle school softball coach-Lexi Hinker;

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d. to accept the donations from Susan Evans for the district, from Hansen's IGA, Kwik Trip and Linda's Bakery for the NHS Blood Drive, and from Foundation Direct Seeds, LLC for the high school trap team; and  
e. to accept the resignation of middle school Spanish Teacher Elisabeth Kirchner. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion/Action Items:

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee recommendation to approve the budget adjustments for the 22-23 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee recommendation to purchase three buses in the 22-23 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland presented a district level budget outlook for the 23-24 school year. No action was taken.

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

#### Adjournment

S. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

### School District of West Salem Special Board Meeting Minutes March 14, 2023 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

#### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on March 9, 2023. This meeting was at the request of a Board Member.

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Crystal Becker led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Heidi Horton recited the District Mission Statement.

#### Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, and Crystal Becker; Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

#### Approval of Agenda

B. Minard moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Closed Session

C. Griffin welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility," regarding the employment of a new elementary principal. The Board will interview finalists for the position. The Board may select and possibly make an offer to a candidate or hire for the position of elementary principal.

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 5:35 p.m. A roll vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Closed Session

#### Adjournment

R. Fitzgerald moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

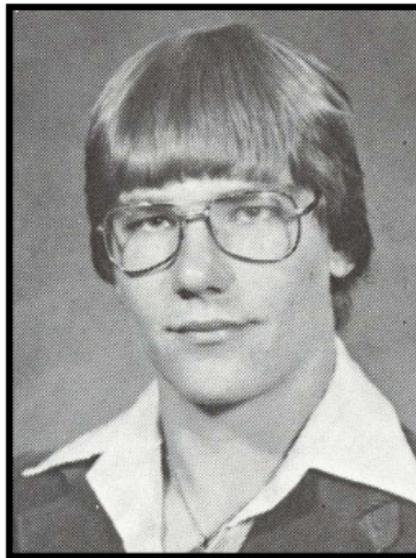
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FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

5:00 P.M.

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