

May 2022



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Gratitude

Zig Ziglar stated, “Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for.”

As we move into this month of May, there is a lot to show gratitude and be thankful for. We would first like to acknowledge our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our community for their support in the passed referendum in April. We appreciate the community seeing the value of reinvesting into our district and supporting us as we continue into the years ahead. It is our pledge to live up to and exceed the expectations that come with this support. We are dedicated to continuing to provide our students with the highest quality education in a district that our community and the area can continue to be proud of.

Entering our last full month of school, I would like to bring attention to our staff. The first week of May was staff appreciation week, and we are very fortunate to

have the staff that we do leading and working with our students! I am extremely excited and honored to work with a staff like ours. Our children get an amazing education here in the School District of West Salem, and this is due to the staff throughout all of the 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 truly care about kids! Please take a moment over this month of May to reach out and thank a staff member for doing so much for our most precious resource. On behalf of the students, parents, and community members, we want to thank every educator for serving with passion to ignite creativity, innovation, and excellence!

As we transition into the month of May, we are preparing to welcome another class of graduating Panthers into our community. The class of 2022 will be completing their senior exit projects on May 11th and then crossing the stage in our high school gymnasium on Sunday, May 29th. High school graduation is a special rite of passage. When this group of seniors

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looks back on the completion of their high school years, they can most definitely say that they faced adversity and challenges during their four high school years, yet persevered through those and successfully graduated as Panthers! We are proud of the class of 2022 and wish them the best and know they will always have a home here in West Salem as alumni.

This last month of school will bring a number of wonderful opportunities and memories for all of our

students across the district. As we prepare to close the book on another school year, we are looking forward and are excited for the future. Thank you for the opportunity to serve your children and be a partner in our community! We are a community that is Panther Proud!

Thank you!

Ryan G. Rieber

Important Info for the Class of 2023

CLASS OF 2023: IT IS YOUR TIME

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

1. Yearbook Portrait

This photo is a traditional, formal head and shoulders pose. You may use this same portrait for everything if you would like. ***No full-length poses, hats, props, "misty" filters, or distracting backgrounds.**



3. Baby Photo

This photo will be used to morph into the "big kid" photo for the Senior Slide Show. The best morphs are created using baby photos where the baby's face is the dominant part of the photo.



2. Times of Our Lives

This may be less formal.



4. Senior Photo for Slide Show

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



Photos due:
Friday, Nov. 18,
2022

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

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

present



JOSEPH
AND THE
AMAZING Technicolor DREAMCOAT

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 23-25 @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 26 @ 2:00 pm

Tickets \$10

(pre-school aged kids younger than 4K - FREE but they need a ticket)

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

Calendar of Events May

Athletic Events

Monday, May 2, 2022

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro -Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby @ Coulee Golf Bowl
- 4:00pm Track: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Holmen, Central, Logan, Marshfield, Mauston, Onalaska & Tomah @ Tomah High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Middle School

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

- 4:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School HS Soccer Field
- 4:30pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby @ Arcadia Country Club
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Mauston @ Mauston High School
- 5:45pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School HS Soccer Field

Thursday, May 5, 2022

- 3:30pm Track: Boys & Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Bangor, Cashton, Central, Chippewa Falls, De Soto, Eau Claire Memorial, Holmen & Onalaska @ Central High School
- 4:30pm Golf: Boys JV Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua & Westby @ Ettrick Golf Course
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School Softball Fields

Friday, May 6, 2022

- TBD Baseball: C-Team Game vs. La Crescent @ West Salem High School
- 4:00pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Black River Falls & Holmen

- 4:00pm @ Holmen High School Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Adams-Friendship, Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Mauston, Nekoosa, Viroqua, Wautoma, Westby, Westfield & Wisconsin Dells @ West Salem High School
- 4:30pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Central @ State Road School Fields
- 6:00pm Softball: JV Game vs. Central @ Central High School

Monday, May 9, 2022

- 4:15pm Track: Boys Varsity Invite vs. Bangor, Brookwood, Cashton, De Soto, Hillsboro, Necedah, Prairie du Chien, Royall, Seneca, Viroqua & Westby @ Viroqua HS/MS Track
- 4:30pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby @ Skyline Golf Club
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School Softball Fields

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

- 4:30pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School Mason (BB) Field
- 4:30pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School Park Bowl
- 4:30pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby @ Spring Valley Golf Course
- 5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Luther @ Luther High School
- 6:30pm Softball: JV Game vs. Luther @ Luther High School

Thursday, May 12, 2022

- 12:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby @ Drugan's Castle Mound
- 4:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Doubleheader vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School

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4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts

5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

Friday, May 13, 2022

5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem HS Softball Fields

Saturday, May 14, 2022

9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Marshfield, Tomah & Viroqua @ Tomah La Grange Elementary

9:45am Track: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua & Westby @ Westby High School

11:00am Softball: JV/Varsity Triangular vs. Prairie du Chien & Tomah @ Tomah La Grange Elementary

Monday, May 16, 2022

4:30pm Baseball: C-Team Doubleheader vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School

4:30pm Golf: Boys JV Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua & Westby @ Skyline Golf Club

5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau Middle School

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Central @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts

5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

Thursday, May 19, 2022

12:00pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Black River Falls, Mauston & Viroqua @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts

1:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Central, Coulee Christian, G-E-T, Holmen, Luther, Onalaska, Sparta, Tomah & Winona @ Drugan's Golf Course

4:00pm Track: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Black River Falls, Brookwood De Soto, Onalaska, Sparta, Tomah & Westby @ Sparta HS Track

5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

Friday, May 20, 2022

4:30pm Baseball: C-Team/ JV Game vs. Aquinas @ Carroll Park

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ Holy Cross Seminary Field

Saturday, May 21, 2022

9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Logan, Osceola & Providence Academy @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

5:00pm Baseball: C-Team/JV/Varsity Game vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School

Thursday, May 26, 2022

5:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Prairie du Chien @ Bluff View Middle School

Saturday, May 28, 2022

9:00am Soccer: Girls JV Tournament vs. Aquinas, Central, Holmen, Logan, Onalaska, Sparta & Tomah @ Tomah Schools Soccer Complex

2022 ASL BASEBALL

4/7 vs Onalaska 4:15 @ West Salem Middle	4/12 at Logan 4:00 @ Logan High
4/19 at Holmen 4:15 @ Holmen High	4/21 vs Central 4:15 @ West Salem Middle
4/28 at Onalaska 4:15 @ Onalaska High	5/3 vs Logan 4:15 @ West Salem Middle
5/5 vs Holmen 4:15 @ West Salem Middle	5/10 at Central 4:15 @ Central High

The poster features a tiger mascot logo and a baseball icon in the bottom right corner.

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Band Events

Sunday, May 1, 2022

TBA Heider Center Chicken Q
Jazz Ensembles

Sunday, May 22, 2022

2:00pm Farewell Concert @ Heider Center
Concert Band & Wind Symphony
5:30pm Fine Arts Banquet - Venue TBD
Concert Band & Wind Symphony

Sunday, May 29, 2022

1:00pm Graduation
Wind Symphony

Elementary School Events

Monday, May 9, 2022

8:30am 1st Grade to the OEC
Antony/Stenberg

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

All Day 4th Grade Farm Day Field Trip
8:30am 1st Grade to the OEC
Stencel/Christianson

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

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

Thursday, May 12, 2022

8:30am 1st Grade to the OEC
Chambers/Reedy

Friday, May 13, 2022

11:30am 4th Grade to the OEC

Monday, May 16, 2022

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Wagner/Hickey

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Wheeler/Christianson

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Richling/Grams

Thursday, May 19, 2022

8:30am 2nd Grade to the OEC
Flottmeier, Pearson & Skaar

Friday, May 20, 2022

8:30am 2nd Grade to the OEC
Crow, Hesse & Servais
9:00am 1st Grade to Myrick Park

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

8:20am 1st Grade to Smith Valley Field Trip

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

8:20am 1st Grade to Smith Valley Field Trip

Thursday, May 26, 2022

8:15am 4th Grade High Roller Field Trip
11:50am 2nd Grade to Nick's & Village Park

Friday, May 27, 2022

All Day Field Day

Monday, May 30, 2022

All Day No School-Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

All Day Field Day Rain Date

Middle School Events

Thursday, May 5, 2022

All Day 5th Grade Field Trip to the International
Crane Center
Kjos, Ringlien & Czajka

Friday, May 6, 2022

All Day 5th Grade Field Trip to the International
Crane Center
Burdick, Lassig & Fink

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

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

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

6:00pm 6th & 7th Grade Band & Choir Concerts
@ Heider Center
6th Grade @ 6:00pm
7th Grade @ 7:30pm

Monday, May 23, 2022

All Day 7th Grade Campout at the OEC
Half the grade will go Mon-Tues
and the other half will go Wed-Thur

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

7:00pm 8th Grade Band & Choir Concerts
@ Heider Center

Thursday, May 26, 2022

7:00pm 8th Grade Promotion @ Heider Center

Friday, May 27, 2022

8:00am 8th Grade "Beyond the Notes" Band
Festival @ Kalahari Resort
Concert @ 3:45pm

Monday, May 30, 2022

All Day No School-Memorial Day
8:00am 8th Grade Depart for Washington D.C.
Trip

High School Events

Sunday, May 1, 2022

6:00pm National Honor Society Induction
Ceremony @ Heider Center

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

8:00am Grades Submitted for 4th Quarter
Mid-Term

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

7:00pm Scholarship Awards Night for Seniors
@ Heider Center

Saturday, May 7, 2022

7:00pm Prom @ WSHS Gym

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

All Day No School for Grades 9-11
12:00pm SEP Presentations for Seniors

Friday, May 20, 2022

1:00pm Neshonoc Yearbook Dedication

Sunday, May 22, 2022

2:00pm Farewell Concert @ Heider Center
Concert Band & Wind Symphony
5:30pm Fine Arts Banquet - Venue TBD
Concert Band & Wind Symphony

Friday, May 27, 2022

1:30pm Senior Singout @ WSHS Gym

Sunday, May 29, 2022

1:30pm Graduation @ WSHS Gym

Monday, May 30, 2022

All Day No School-Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

All Day Semester Exams

**Prescription Pick-Up Reminder
from the Nurse**

All prescription and over-the-counter medications kept at school need to be picked up by parents or guardians prior to 4pm on the last day of school or they will be disposed of.

The district has to pay for disposal, so we appreciate you taking the time to collect your student's medications. If you have any questions, please contact District Nurse Kate Brohmer at brohmer.kate@wsalem.k12.wi.us

**Thank you to our presenters
for West Salem Elementary's
Environment Day!**

We appreciate their time and expertise.

John Sullivan - School District of West Salem
Outdoor Education Center Director

Erin Olson - Coulee Region Humane Society
Shawn Giblin - Wisconsin Department of Natural
Resources

Katherine Julian & Hallie Rasmussen - Fish &
Wildlife Services

Heidi Masters/University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
students

Jordan Weeks - Wisconsin Department of Natural
Resources

Carol Labuzetta - Environmental Educator

Cristina Stahl/ Katie Goodwin - Necedah NA
Wildlife Refuge

Jared Tabor - Syngenta

Pat Hofer - retired teacher

Andrew Aslesen - Wisconsin Rural Water
Association

Kelly Rueckheim - WSHS teacher/HS students

Eric Pederson/Viterbo University students

Brian Baker - WSMS teacher/MS students

Kate Abbott - National Weather Service

Jim & Ruby Kerkman - retired Forester/teacher

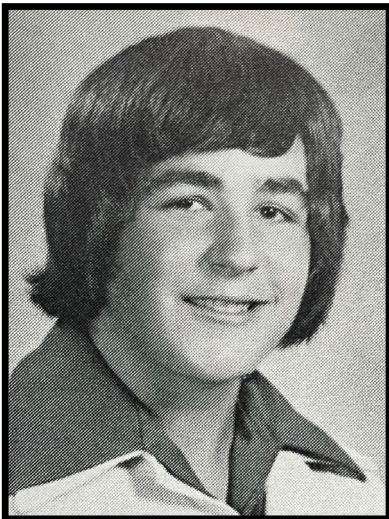
Cathy Techtmann - University of Wisconsin
Extension

Erica Rasmussen - Genoa Fish Hatchery

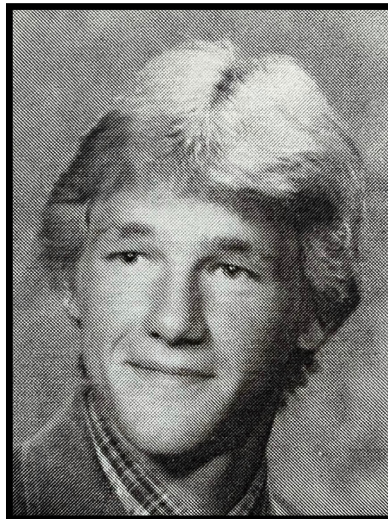
Lee Schwier - West Salem Water Department

WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

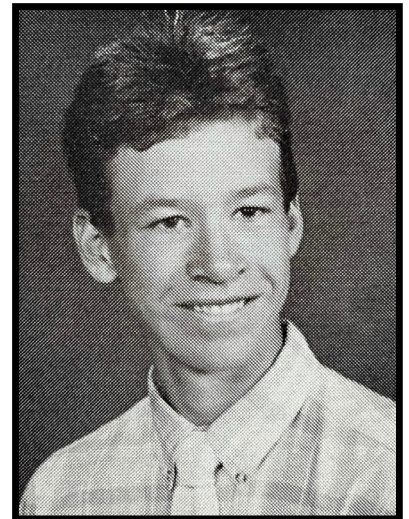
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE OUR
2022 INDUCTEES:



Bob Gorniak
Class of 1976



Mike Greene
Class of 1985



Damian Miller
Class of 1987

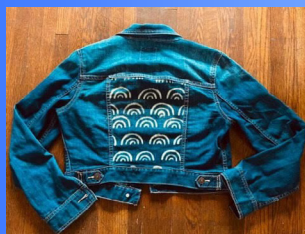
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.

WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
WEST SALEM

Mayfair 2022 ART FAIR



Saturday,
May 21st
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 Dinner

**Pulled Pork
Sandwich Dinner**

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

Tickets—\$10.00
(beverage included)

**Advanced Tickets available on
Heider Center website at:
www.heidercenter.org**

Sponsored by: Heider Center Arts Board

District Announcements

Connecting Curriculum & Giving

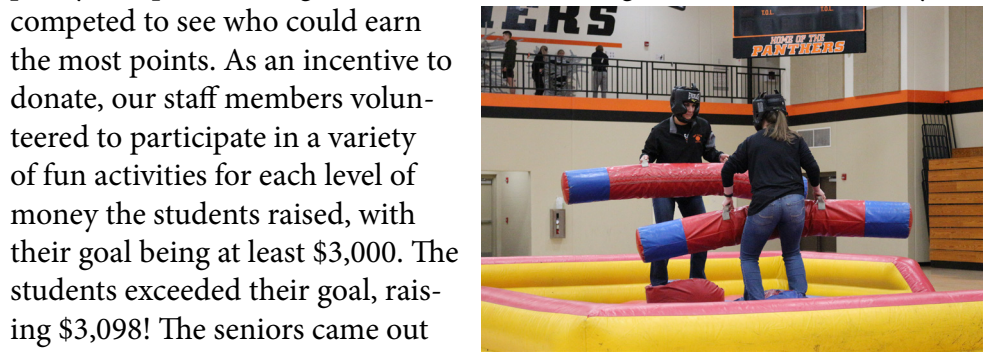
Our 8th Grade English Language Arts classes recently completed an awesome outreach project in conjunction with their class read aloud, the book “No Fixed Address” by Susin Nielsen. The book is about a middle school boy who is homeless and lives in his van with his mom. The students learned that we have a significant population in the La Crosse area that is unhomed, so they wanted to do something to help! After talking with people involved with the unhomed, the students learned their biggest needs right now are socks, chapsticks, and snacks, so they had a drive to gather those items. They made it a competition between Mrs. Sackett’s and Mrs. Meyer’s ELA classes to see who could collect the most, and the 8th graders responded in a big way, bringing in 173 pairs of socks, 360 sticks of chapstick and over 600 individual snacks!

Students then came to help assemble the bags, and they were able to put together 173 bags that were delivered to the Econolodge, the The Salvation Army of La Crosse County, and the Catholic Charities Warming Center. What an excellent way of combining class material and serving their community with passion!



Youth Frontiers Gives Back

During March and April, our high school Youth Frontiers Leadership Council decided to hold a penny war as a competition between grade levels to raise money for the district’s Random Acts of Kindness Fund. The penny war pitted each grade level and the staff against each other as they competed to see who could earn the most points. As an incentive to donate, our staff members volunteered to participate in a variety of fun activities for each level of money the students raised, with their goal being at least \$3,000. The students exceeded their goal, raising \$3,098! The seniors came out on top, but everyone got to join in the fun with an all school “assembly of awesome.” Some staff members were pied in the face, duct taped to the wall, and made into human sundaes, while others participated in gladiator jousts, kissed some pigs, tested their strength in the Buffalo Wild Wings Blazin’ Challenge or got dunked in the dunk tank. Everyone had a blast and we are so proud of our students and staff for their efforts to help others! Thank you to the following people and organizations for supporting this event: Salon Professional Academy, Buffalo Wild Wings, Big Event Company, Gilster Farm, Linda’s Bakery, staff and students and donors.



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 of every month

District Announcements

Heider Center



2022-2023 Season Tickets

Season Tickets for the 2022-2023 Heider Center Mainstage Series will go on sale Monday, May 23rd at noon. If you would like a season brochure/order form, please contact the box office at: (608)786-2550



Art Gallery & Display Cases

TEA Photography by Tina Althoff
Runs May 2-June 15, 2022

Art Reception

Thursday, May 19, 2022
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Box Office Hours
(608) 786-2550

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
www.heidercenter.org

College, Career, and Life Ready

During their early release on April 6, our juniors had the awesome opportunity to participate in job shadows at various employers throughout the region and state. These job shadows are just one of a variety of activities students participate in throughout their careers at West Salem High School to ensure that they are “College, Career, and Life Ready” when they graduate.

All of the students had a wonderful time learning about the different employment sectors and what a day working at each of these places could look like. They experienced everything from touring the Kwik Trip Distribution Center and Store Engineering departments to assisting with netting and sorting fish at the Fish Hatchery, visiting with medics at Fort McCoy, exploring behind the scenes at the Weber Center, and even touring Lambeau Field! We’d like to give a very special thank you to all of the employers for allowing our students to shadow with them!



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.wsaalem.k12.wi.us. Navigate by going to ‘Schools’ > ‘High School’ > ‘Students’ > ‘Student Services’ > ‘Transcripts.’

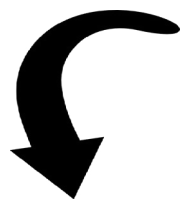
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

Enrollment for 2022-2023

Are you new to the district and looking to enroll your students for the 2022-2023 school year?

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

Looking for Important Dates?



The district school year calendar, as well as individual building events and athletic events can all be found on our district website. Go to www.wsaalem.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 28, 2022 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on March 23, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

Teaching & Learning Committee – Mrs. Fitzgerald reported on the agenda items: academic 5-year plan and SMART Goals aligning with Strategic Planning.

Bearing Wall Committee – Mr. E. Peterson reported on the meeting and announced that Bill Jensen is the Bearing Wall recipient and Sue Jeffers is the LaVerne Nuttelman Distinguished Service Award recipient.

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

Human Resource updates: The hiring of Joshua Elsen as a custodian; the resignations of Ferdinand Jaworski as a bus driver, Jaymee Kaphaem as a cook, and Ammar Sabar as a paraprofessional; the retirements of Lois Schams as a paraprofessional and Gary Trudeau as a custodian.

Mr. Rieber provided a district update.

Mr. Rieber provided information on the April 5, 2022 Referendum.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Boys' basketball were state runner up.
2. Coulee Conference sweep for winter sports (gymnastics, hockey, girls' & boys' basketball, and wrestling) Coulee conference sweep shirts are for sale on the school store website, proceeds go to the DECA ICDC trip.
3. DECA ICDC competition coming up in April
4. Most spring sports have started.
5. Band and choir performed at Disney!
6. SEP Portfolios have been turned in
7. The high school Youth Frontiers is holding a penny war to raise money for the Random Acts of Kindness fund in the district. The Friday before Easter break, staff will do things (pie in face, etc.) depending on amount raised.
8. Band and choir concert last Saturday.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the high school choir & band was read.

A thank you note from the family of Judy Romskog was read.

Public Comments – None.

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speaker was Steve Martin.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for Emily Palmen and Ryan Loeffler as assistant soccer coaches, Josh Iliff as a volunteer soccer coach, Shaun Borre as head boys' golf coach, Addie Rojas as the middle school assistant softball coach;
- d. to accept the resignation of Alex MacRogers as the head golf coach, and Ben Johnson as a high school math teacher and to accept the retirement of Technology Integrationist Kathy Hilby.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve for a second reading of Neola Policies #1400 Job Descriptions, #1400.01 Superintendent Job Description and #2340 District-Sponsored Trips. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the Early College Credit request for the fall of 2022-2023 school year as presented. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to amend the motion by adding if classes are not offered at West Salem. Mr. Schlimgen and Mr. Grosskopf withdrew their amendment, and Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mr. Gavaghan withdrew the original motion. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to table the Early College Credit requests for the fall of 2022-2023 school year until the April 11, 2022, Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Pupil Services, Mrs. Horton, presented a proposal for future utilization of ESSER III Funding. No action was taken.

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

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

Mrs. Griffin welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding a professional staff employee.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:59 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to reconvene into Open Session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the retirement of Academic Assistance Program Teacher Rhonda Andres and allowing Mrs. Andres to maintain her Health Savings Account. Motion carried. (6 Aye, 1 Nay-Mr. Schlimgen)

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued... March 28, 2022 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.
Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 11, 2022 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on April 7, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

Policy/Communication & Engagement Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the status of the Neola Policies.

Workforce Engagement and Development Committee – Mr. Gavaghan reported on the agenda item, staffing recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year.

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: staffing recommendations for 2022-2023 and CESA #4 Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Griffin reported on the Board of Controls agenda.

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

Mr. Rieber provided a district update.

Connection with the Community

Student and Board Member acknowledgements were presented to Rachel Stein, Krish Patel, Blaine Wheeler, Catherine Griffin and Ken Schlimgen.

Student art selections to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year were presented.

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Penny War Results: 5th place-Sophomores, 4th-staff, 3rd-freshman, 2nd-juniors, and 1st-seniors. The high school raised \$3,098 and met the goal of \$3,000 for the district's random acts of kindness fund. The event made over \$1,500 on the last day
2. Spring sports are in full swing now, lots of games and events have been canceled due to weather.
3. Krish Patel is the WI State DECA member of the month for April.

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. DECA students will be attending the ICDC in late April in Atlanta

2. Juniors received their ACT results back.

3. Seniors are giving in-class SEP presentations, official presentations will be on May 11

4. The NHS had a park clean-up yesterday (chapter project) in the following parks: Village, Zanter, Pineview, and Riverview.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2022;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for high school golf assistant-Tyler Woodke;
- d. to accept the resignations of limited-term employment teachers Kris Marquez and Payton Steiner and hockey coach Eric Borre;
- e. to accept the donation from Foundation Direct Seeds, LLC to the high school trap team, from Noodlehead Inc., for the Tiny Orchard Scholarship Fund, and from Julian Beld for the Balanced4Life;
- f. to hire Keachen Abing as a 1.0 FTE Technology Education Teacher.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Gavaghan moved to approve all of the first choices and none of the alternates for the Early College Credit Requests for the fall of 2022-2023 school year. Motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve all 15 student's requests for the Early College Credit Requests for the fall of 2022-2023 school year. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Nay; and Mr. Schlimgen, Nay. Motion carried. 5-Aye, 2-Nay (Mr. Grosskopf and Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr Gavaghan seconded to approve the CESA #4 Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Workforce Engagement and Development Committee, and the Business Operations Committee recommendation to approve all the staffing recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year: elementary addition of 1.0 FTE kindergarten teacher, elementary reductions of .5 FTE 4K teacher, .5 4K paraprofessional and .25 FTE technology integration; middle school reductions of .25 FTE technology integration; high school additions .33 FTE Art, reallocate 1.0 FTE From FACE to 1.0 FTE Science, .5 FTE Technology Integration; special education addition of 1.0 FTE Sign Language Interpreter. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem

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- d. to accept the Administration's co-curricular recommendation for volunteer softball coach-Jeanne Babiash, Michelle Babiash, Mariah Wick, Jamee Houchins, middle school track coach-Bill Jensen, Nicole Friell, Jenna Piersma, Sarah Weber, head golf coach-Alex MacRogers, and assistant golf coach-Shaun Borre;
- e. hiring Sally Bowman as the Pool Director;
- f. accepting the retirement of Technology Education Teacher Paul Liethen;
- g. the boys' hockey, girls' hockey and gymnastics WIAA Cooperative Agreements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve for a first reading of Neola Policy #1400 Job Descriptions and #1400.01 Superintendent Job Description. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve for a second reading of Neola Policy #2431 Co-Curricular Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

Melissa Haas Named 2022 Herb Kohl Teacher Fellow

We'd like to congratulate West Salem High School Family and Consumer Education teacher Melissa Haas for being named an Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellow for 2022! In order to receive this award, teachers must be nominated and then follow up with an extensive application process. Recipients are chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability

to motivate others, and their leadership and service within and outside the classroom. She will receive a \$6,000 award, as well as a matching grant for West Salem High School. WSHS Principal Mike Malott says, "Melissa has grown our FACE program into a fantastic place for students. She makes excellent connections and builds positive relationships with students to create a special place in her classroom."



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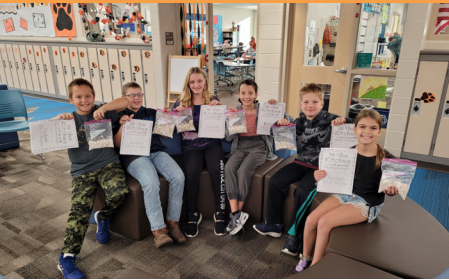
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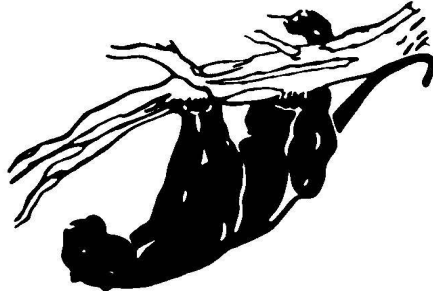


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