

November 2022



# Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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## Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

### It's a Thankful Time to Be a Panther

What a fall it has been for our students and student-athletes. Our fall athletes have shined and continue to bring Panther Pride with their successful performances inside and outside the classroom. Our student-athletes have found tremendous success, including conference championships, playoff success, congratulations to our volleyball team for making it to the sectional finals, football for a trip to the third round of the playoffs, and a second straight trip to state for our boys and girls cross-country teams, which both placed in the top ten.

The annual budget development cycle concluded on Monday, October 24th, when the school board approved the final 2022-2023 school budget and tax levy. The school board adopted the last budget to include a tax levy of \$9,536,752 with a mill rate of \$7.73. This is a decrease of 4.12% from a year ago, paired with the lowest mill rate in over twenty years. Despite record-high inflation, rising prices, and an approximately 14% increase in property value, our Board voted to lower the school portion of taxes. The District asked for your

support this past April, and we have fulfilled what we said we would do with the district's tax levy and mill rate.

One item impacting the District and our community taxpayers is our contributions to local private schools. A year ago, the District taxpayer's contribution was \$444,583, and this year that increased to \$595,876. The West Salem School District taxpayer contribution to local private schools has increased by 855% since the 2018-19 school year. For reference, our local taxpayer's contributions to local private schools were \$69,694 in 2018-19, compared to the \$595,876 it is today. This had an approximate \$0.48 impact on our mill rate this year. It is important for everyone to understand all of the areas that impact our budget.

An area that I would like to highlight is our academic achievement here in West Salem. There has been a lot of publicity lately about the decline in student achievement nationally and within our state. This publicity around reading and math scores comes from the "Nation's Report Card," which is the first one that has come out since the pandemic began. On November 15th, our district report cards will be released for public viewing.

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## School District of West Salem

Preliminary results are positive for West Salem! As we look at our district reading and math scores, our district continues to do well when comparing us with the rest of the state. There will be more information that we will be sharing after the public release, as well as our newly developed “District Scorecards.”

There are many reasons we can sustain the success of our district, from our staff to our supportive parents and community, valuing in-person instruction, as well as our high expectations and standards. Eckhart Tolle stat-

ed, “Acknowledging the good that you have in life is the foundation of all abundance.” In this time of thanksgiving, I want to thank you for all you do to continue making the West Salem School District and community a wonderful place to live, work, and educate our children!

I wish you and all of your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Ryan Rieber  
Superintendent

# Homecoming Highlights



# Calendar of Events November

## Athletic Events

### Saturday, November 12, 2022

9:00am Basketball: Girls JV/Varsity Scrimmage vs. Aquinas @ West Salem High School

### Thursday, November 17, 2022

6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. De Forest, Monona Grove & Reedsburg @ RACA

7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School

### Tuesday, November 22, 2022

5:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Eau Claire North @ Omni Center

5:30pm Swimming & Diving: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Marshfield @ Marshfield High School

6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Altoona @ Altoona Hobbs

7:00pm Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Eau Claire North @ Omni Center

7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School

### Monday, November 28, 2022

5:00pm Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Winona Senior @ Omni Center

7:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Winona Senior @ Omni Center

### Tuesday, November 29, 2022

6:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School

6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem Middle School

7:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem Middle School

7:15pm Basketball: Boys Freshman Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem Elementary School

7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School

7:30pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua Community Arena

## Band Events

### Thursday, November 17, 2022

6:40pm Girls Basketball Game vs. Onalaska Black Pep Band

### Tuesday, November 29, 2022

6:40pm Boys Basketball Game vs. Holmen Orange Pep Band

## Elementary School Events

### Thursday, November 3, 2022

6:15pm 4th Grade Music Concert Rock and Roll Forever @ Heider Center

### Friday, November 4, 2022

7:20am Walking School Bus National Walk to School Day Meet at the corner of N. Tilson & W. Hamlin Streets

### Monday, November 7, 2022

6:30pm 4th Grade P.E. Night

### Friday, November 11, 2022

7:20am Walking School Bus National Walk to School Day Meet at the corner of N. Tilson & W. Hamlin Streets

9:00am Veterans Day Program @ WSES Gym

### Thursday, November 17, 2022

5:00pm Camp Read-a-Lot Literacy Event @ WSES Gym

### Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25, 2022

All Day No School-Thanksgiving Break

## Middle School Events

### Wednesday, November 2, 2022

8:00am Picture Retake Day

### Friday, November 11, 2022

7:50am Veterans Day Program @ WSMS Gym

### Tuesday, November 22, 2022

All Day Trimester 1 Ends

### Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25, 2022

All Day No School-Thanksgiving Break

Calendar of events continues on next page...

Monday, November 28, 2022

8:00am Trimester 2 Starts

**High School Events**

Friday, November 4, 2022

8:00am End of 1st Quarter

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

8:00am Grades Submitted for 1st Quarter

Friday, November 11, 2022

10:00am Veterans Day Ceremony @ West Salem  
High School

Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25, 2022

All Day No School-Thanksgiving Break



**WS** | SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
**WEST SALEM**

**VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS**

★★★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★★★

Please join us for our annual Veterans Day Programs  
Elementary School - 9:00 a.m.  
Middle School - 7:50 a.m.  
High School - 10:30 a.m.

## 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](mailto: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

# District Announcements

## WSMS Solar System Up and Running

The solar project at West Salem Middle School is officially completed and up and running! Superintendent Ryan Rieber flipped the switch on October 19th and the panels have already produced over 4 MWh at this time. It is estimated that the solar panels will offset approximately 28% of the building's energy usage throughout the year. Staff, students, and community members can view how much energy the system is producing through an online dashboard that can be found on our website under "Community."

The system is already providing educational opportunities for our students, with our high school Advanced Placement Environmental Science students taking a trip over to the middle school to check out the system and learn about the annual savings to the district and the environmental benefits. Later this year, they will also look at how much the system is reducing the district's carbon footprint. We are so grateful to our donors that made this project possible and we can't wait to see the benefits of this system for years to come!



## Uniting Against Bullying

On Wednesday, October 19th, Students across all of our buildings came together to wear orange and celebrate Unity Day, an annual celebration to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.

Our students are always very active in celebrating Unity Day, and two of our high school students, Elyse Bee and Kyle Hehli, created Unity Day t-shirts and sold them to help benefit New Horizons Shelter in La Crosse. They also brought the high school together for a school wide picture to show a visual representation of their fight against bullying. "There is bullying around the school in West Salem, not much of it, and people do step up and fight against bullying," said Hehli. "That's what we're trying to create and show, that you can help people who are bullied." Great job, Panthers!



## 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



**“Rave On” - Buddy Holly Tribute**  
**Saturday, November 19, 2022**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Tickets: Adults: \$26/Senior**  
**Citizens: \$24/Students: \$15**

Rave on! Celebrates the music and the main that started it all. Audiences will be transported back in time to experience all the thrills of the original rock ‘n’ rollers in this electrifying, high-energy, concert extravaganza featuring Billy McGuigan and the Rave On Band.



### Art Gallery

Twisted Minds: Math, Metal and Wood  
Runs October 18-November 29

### Reception

Thursday, November 10  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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

## The Great Apple Crunch

On October 13, students in all of our buildings participated in the annual Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch by enjoying delicious apples from Ecker’s Apple Farm!

The Great Apple Crunch takes place throughout the Great Lakes Region states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio every year to encourage healthy eating and celebrate National Farm to School Month and our local farmers! The apples were a hit with all of our students, and we are so lucky to have such wonderful local farmers to supply us with ingredients for delicious and nutritious meals!



## 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](http://www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us). Navigate by going to ‘Schools’ > ‘High School’ > ‘Students’ > ‘Student Services’ > ‘Transcripts.’

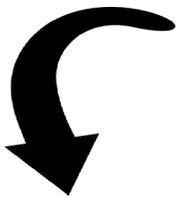
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

## 2022-2023 New Student Enrollment

Enrollment for new students can be completed at the District Office, 405 E. Hamlin St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All enrollment forms and more information can be found by going to our website [www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us) and clicking on “Enrollment” at the top of the page. 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.wsaalem.k12.wi.us](http://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.





## WEST SALEM ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB Sponsorship Form

490 North Mark Street, West Salem, WI 54669

The West Salem Athletics Booster Club provides a valuable service to our athletic programs by providing equipment needs to each program to keep our athletes safe and competitive. Some recent examples include: Football Guardian Helmet Caps, Panther Den Ice Machine, Wrestling Mats, Soccer Hudl program, Boys/Girls Basketball shooting gun, and State Championship banners in the gymnasium. The Booster Club supports all athletic programs. This Sponsorship drive is one way the Booster Club raises money to support the athletic programs.

**Board Members include:**

Bryan Novy - President  
Mark Ziegler - Vice President  
Matt Quick - Secretary  
Therese Novy - Treasurer  
Members: Mark Donahue, Mike Brudos

### Yearly Family Sponsorship-\$30.00 (2022-2023 School year)

-----Please return bottom portion with payment-----

*With each sponsorship you will receive a Panther yard sign or a T-Shirt to show your support. Please mark your selection. \_\_\_ Sign \_\_\_ T-Shirt Size (M, L, or XL)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to WS Athletics Booster Club and send to 490 N. Mark St, West Salem, WI 54669

# CAMP READ-A-LOT

November 17, 2022  
5-7 p.m.

West Salem Elementary School



YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING OF  
CAMPING THEMED FUN AS WE  
CELEBRATE LITERACY AT  
WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS  
PORTION OF THE PAGE TO YOUR CHILD'S  
TEACHER IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US!

Student Name(s):

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Grade Level(s):

4K    K    1    2    3    4

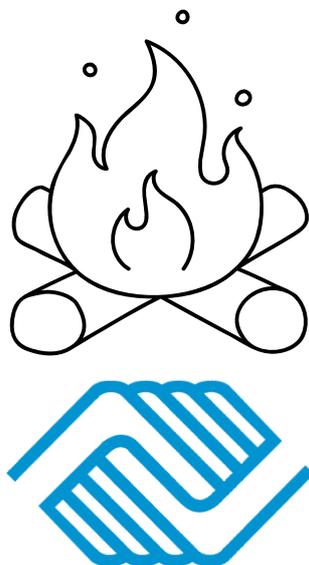
Number of Family  
Members attending:



- CAMP RULES -

- CAMPERS IN 4K THROUGH 2ND GRADE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES. CAMPERS IN 3RD OR 4TH GRADE MAY ATTEND STATIONS ON THEIR OWN.
- EACH CAMPER AND THEIR FAMILY WILL BE GIVEN A CAMP CHECKLIST WITH THEIR ASSIGNED STATIONS - PLEASE STICK TO THE SCHEDULE!
- IF INTERESTED, THERE WILL BE FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE FROM 4-8 P.M. FOR YOU TO PURCHASE DINNER FROM. THEY WILL BE PARKED IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. TAKE A BREAK FOR DINNER AT ANY TIME OR COME OUT A LITTLE EARLY TO EAT BEFORE CAMP STARTS!
- DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW THE WEST SALEM WAY! BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE SAFE... AND HAVE FUN!

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# School District of West Salem

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 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 October 5, 2022.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

### Roll Call

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

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Written and Oral Reports

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

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

Director of Instruction Deanna Wiatt provided a report on the 2022 summer school program.

Superintendent Rieber provided a review of the Third Friday in September Pupil Count.

### Connection with the Community

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The high show choir performed their first performance last week at the Oktoberfest Heritage Night and then will be performing again tomorrow for a PTSD benefit.
2. The Drama Department is putting on the production of Shrek with the first performance being October 20th.
3. DECA has been connecting with the community more this year with highway clean-ups and last week Friday the group helped with the children's tailgate before the game.
4. The girls' tennis season has come to an end, but Kate Skaar, Elly Goodenough, Grace Waldhart, Rebekah Knudson, and Megan Johnson put up a good fight at the sectional meet.

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Last Friday, the high school football team improved their record to 7-1 after a win against Black River Falls and will play for a conference championship this Friday vs Aquinas.
2. The high school volleyball team is currently ranked 2nd in conference.
3. This past weekend, the high school boys' cross country team took 3rd overall at Wisconsin Rapids and the girls' taking 2nd overall, and both teams racing against Division 1 schools. The teams are now preparing for this week's conference meet at Maple Grove.
4. The boys' soccer team have a game against Arcadia this Thursday.

### Correspondence

A thank you card from the 8th grade students was shared.

A proclamation from the office of the Governor was shared regarding School Board Week, October 2-8, 2022.

Public Comments – None.

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speaker was Erika Boland.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR EARLY START OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR PER 118.045(3), WISCONSIN STATUTES – REQUEST WAIVER FOR EARLY START OF SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

C. Griffin called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

There was one person who wished to speak.

C. Griffin ended the hearing at 7:33 p.m.

### Consent Agenda

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2022;
- b. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations

#### Coaches

Assistant gymnastics-Brittney Hodgson, volunteer gymnastics-Alyssa Hilker, head 8th grade boys' basketball-Heather Jehn, assistant 8th grade boys' basketball-Tanner Davis, head 7th grade boys' basketball-Jack Reader, assistant 7th grade boys' basketball-Ashly Serres, head middle school wrestling coach-Aaron Bahr, assistant middle school wrestling coach-Jason Raasch, assistant wrestling coach-Tyler Shrake, volunteer wrestling coach-Warren Frank, assistant girls' high school basketball coach-Payton Steiner and Whitney Folkers, volunteer boys' basketball coach-Scott Koepnick, Bill Hehli and Bob Wetzsteon, assistant boys' high school basketball-Jared Hauser and Tanner Gibbons, and dance team (fall & winter)-Claire Schrader.

#### High School

Color guard-Kelli Martin, jazz band-Dave Kies, pep band-Dave Kies, show choir-Amy Hanson, assistant show choir-Kelli Martin, drama club-Amy Hanson, play director first semester-Amy Hanson, play director second semester-Amy Hanson, assistant play director first semester-Kim Volden, assistant play director second semester-Elle Nimm, stage manager first semester-Dan Heerts, stage manager second semester-Dan Heerts, forensics-Kim Volden, forensics assistant-Andrea Armstrong, summer theatre director-Amy Hanson, summer theatre instrumental-Dave Kies, summer theatre vocal-Kelli Martin, summer theater stage-Dan Heerts, student council-Darren Fruit and Talia Dacquisto, Neshonoc yearbook-Andrea Armstrong, Link Crew-Melissa Haas and Jamie Olson, Visual Arts Classic-Quenten Brown, ecology club-Kelly Rueckheim, math club-Chris Milne, FFA-Kelly Rueckheim & Kimberly Eick, DECA-Jason Holter, assistant DECA-Brittney Hodgson and Nicole Hinkel, robotics-Austin Stalsberg, NHS-Jennifer Stenberg and Toni Key, diversity club-Kim Volden, trapshooting club-Erik Mathison, homecoming supervisor (windows)-Quenten Brown, homecoming supervisor (parade)-Eric Borre, homecoming supervisor (Mr./Miss. WS)-Amy Hanson, homecoming supervisor (floats)-Laura Skemp-Deal, homecoming supervisor (dance)-Talia Dacquisto, freshman class advisor-Kelly Rueckheim, sophomore class advisor-Scott Martin, junior class advisors-Kim Volden and Eric Borre, senior class advisors-Angela Elsen, Laura Skemp-Deal, Julie Arentz, and Abby Kemp, volunteer HOSA-Toni Key, volunteer interact-Julie Arentz, volunteer fishing-Darren Fruit and Brian Baker, volunteer Spanish club-Shelly Helland and Becky Tower, and volunteer Trap Shooting volunteers-Barry Loding, Bryce Perrett, Dale Hewitt, Kyle Helgeson, Matthew Griffin, Patrick Burchell, Sean Clements, Terry Loding, and Tristan Johnsrude.

- c. to accept donations from the West Salem Hockey Association for the high school football program, from Kaitlyn Knudson to the Special Education Adapted Sports League, from the West Salem Panther Booster Club to the high school tennis team, from Lindzy Whitehead to the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund, and from an anonymous donor for the middle school solar panel project; and
- d. to approve the changes to the miscellaneous wage rate for the fitness

## School District of West Salem

### School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued... October 10, 2022 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

center.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:  
E. Peterson moved, C. Peterson seconded to adopt the following resolution: WAIVER REQUEST FOR EARLY START OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR PER 118.045(3), WISCONSIN STATUTE – REQUEST WAIVER FOR EARLY START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.  
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minard moved, C. Peterson seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #5113 – Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District) and #7510 – Use of District Facilities Excluding Center for the Arts. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment  
C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried. 3-Aye, 2-Nay (Minard & Gavaghan)

Respectfully submitted,  
Erik Peterson, Acting Clerk

### School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 24, 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 October 20, 2022.

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

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

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

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: proposed 22-23 budget, mill rate and tax levy.

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

Human Resource updates: the resignation of Jamie Smith-paraprofessional, and the hire of Andrew Arnold-bus driver, Shawn Stach-bus driver.

Connection with the Community  
Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:  
1. The varsity football team won conference against Aquinas and will play in level 2 this Friday for playoffs.  
2. The girls' varsity volleyball team plays in the sectional semifinals this Thursday against Platteville.  
3. Both boys' and girls' cross country teams qualified for state meets.  
4. The winter meeting is being held tonight and the winter sports season will be starting up with first practices in a few weeks.

Correspondence  
A thank you note from the family of Evelyn Anderson was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda  
E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:  
a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2022;  
b. the invoices to be paid;  
c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations  
Elementary School  
Yearbook–Krista Mead, Council of Kids-Kayla Wegner, Assistant Afterschool Art-Allen Schroeder, After School Art-Kaylin Staebell; and Adaptive Sports League-Jack Reader and Ashly Serres (1.67% each for the fall, winter and spring seasons)  
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:  
T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to set the budget for the 2022-2023 school year as presented at the Annual Meeting – proposed Fund 10 revenues at \$25,886,736 and proposed Fund 10 expenses at \$25,776,373.  
Motion carried unanimously.

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to set the 2022-2023 school year Tax Levy at \$9,536,752 with a Mill Rate of 0.00772581. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Grant volunteers to review the Board Grant applications are Bob Minard, Robin Fitzgerald and Chris Peterson.

S. Gavaghan moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #5113 - Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District) and #7510 - Use of District Facilities Excluding Center for the Arts. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Board Development

The Board and the Superintendent's Cabinet Team participated in a book study, The Sale, by Jon Gordon.

Adjournment  
T. Grosskopf moved, C. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

## WSHS Kitchen Manager Named "Rising Star"

We'd like to give a big congratulations to WSHS Kitchen Manager Laura Lusk on being named one of the 7 Rivers Alliance and River Valley Media Group's Rising Stars Under 40! She was recognized as someone who is making a difference in their community. Laura was nominated by Director of School Nutrition, Emily Klunk. When asked about her greatest professional accomplishment, she said, "When the pandem-

ic first hit and schools shut down, we kept making meals for families in our district. A lot of families were counting on us and I wasn't about to let anyone down. I will never forget the outpouring of appreciation and thanks we received from all of the families." Laura does a wonderful job ensuring our students are fed nutritious and delicious meals every day and she always does it with a smile! Way to go, Laura!



HARVEST OF THE MONTH  
NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022



### Did You Know?

62% of the cranberries grown in the United States come from Wisconsin!

Check out videos and photos of the innovative things happening in your student's classroom at our district Facebook page and Twitter page. Our social media features videos of student activities, teacher features, classroom selfie photos, etc...

Check out our Facebook page  
@SchoolDistrictofWestSalem  
and  
Follow us on Twitter  
@WestSalemSD  
and Instagram  
@schooldistrictofwestsalem



For WSHS athletic events, visit our website:

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- \*click Coulee Conference/Mississippi Valley 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.

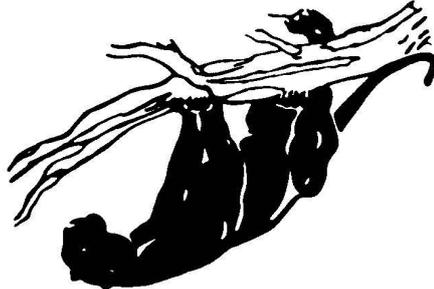


# School District of West Salem

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Innovation and Excellence.”



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