

October 2020



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Welcome to Fall

Welcome to October and all that the fall season brings! The colors are in full swing and it is a beautiful time of the year. The school year has been one of change and fluidity, as we expected with the pandemic. In determining our mode of instruction moving forward, we will be using our municipality number and the trend of this number in accordance with our decision matrix. Municipality numbers are determined by the city found within your address. Any address that contains West Salem in it, would be reflected in the municipality data for the Village of West Salem.

The addresses that contain West Salem are used in calculating our seven day rolling average. The threshold that we are following to determine our modes of learning in West Salem depends on this average and how our community is trending with positive cases of COVID. When we see the seven day rolling average, what does it mean? For example, if the case count in West Salem exceeds 35, this does not mean that there are 35 active cases per day occurring in our community, this is an average over the course of the week. In breaking this

number down, this would mean roughly 3 cases per day. The cases per day is calculated by taking the seven day rolling average number (35), multiplying that by our combined municipality number (8800), and dividing by 100,000. This comes out to 3.08 cases/day over a seven day period. We will be monitoring and communicating out our municipality data and trends weekly to help lead our decision making for our learning models. The district will do our best to remain open for multiple weeks to provide our students, families, and staff consistency. However, we also know that this pandemic is not going away anytime soon. We do anticipate interruptions as we move through the school year.

The district is so proud of all of our staff! If you could see into the walls of our buildings and observe the hard work and dedication that our staff are continuing to provide for our students, it is inspiring! Just like all of you, our staff has remained flexible and are continually making adjustments in their teaching to provide the best for our students virtually and to serve with passion. We have some of the best and brightest staff around regardless of what learning looks like, we will continue to be there for our students and families!

We've got this, but we need your help! Our community needs to work together to bring this pandemic under

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control so we can continue to work with our students within our buildings. It will take a team effort. The more we collectively work to keep this pandemic under control, the more we will have our students in school, free of interruptions. Please avoid large social gatherings, wear face coverings, remain socially distant, and practice good hand hygiene.

Together, we've got this!
Panther Proud!

Ryan G. Rieber
Superintendent

Reminders & Important Info

Please see below for a table detailing the schedule of our blended learning model for students in grades 6-12. We will follow this model when our decision matrix puts us in orange and yellow.

West Salem School District (Grades 6-12) Blended Learning Model with In-person Safety Precautions

Student Grouping	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
"WEST" Group Last Names (A-K)	IN PERSON	At home learning	IN PERSON	At home learning	-Building Cleaning -At home learning -Professional Learning Communities
"SALEM" group Last Names (L-Z)	At home learning	IN PERSON	At home learning	IN PERSON	-Building Cleaning -At home learning -Professional Learning Communities

Due to the changes in our learning model and in order to have our students in our buildings as much as possible when it is safe to do so, the Early Release day scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th will now be a **full day of school**. A printable copy of the 2020-2021 school year calendar is available on our website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

For the latest information on individual building activities, please refer to the school emails sent via Skyward. These are the most up-to-date and accurate with many of our current changes. Now is a great time to check and make sure all of your information is correct in Skyward so that you receive our communications! If you notice that any of your information is incorrect, please contact the school offices at the following phone numbers and they will correct your information for you.

West Salem Elementary School: 608-786-1662

West Salem Middle School: 608-786-2090

West Salem High School: 608-786-1220

Reminders & Important Info

Notice Regarding All Athletic and Co-Curricular Activities

Athletic and co-curricular activities will resume now that we are back to school in our blended learning model. Due to potential changes if we switch back to our virtual model, please refer to the Coulee Conference calendar on our website for the latest dates and times of competitions. It can be found by going to our website, www.wsalem.k12.wi.us, clicking on the calendar icon at the top of the page, and then clicking on Coulee Conference calendar on the left side of the page.

Please note the following guidelines for spectators at all home sporting events

All spectators must wear a face covering and practice social distancing while in attendance, regardless of whether the event is indoors or outdoors.

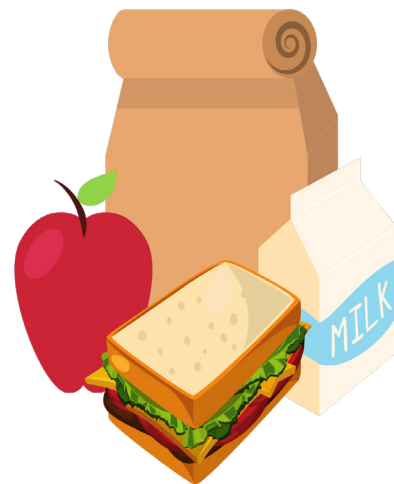
Outside spectators are allowed at our Cross Country, Boys Soccer, and Girls Tennis events.

Immediate family **only** are allowed at our Volleyball and Football events. Athletes will each receive four tickets to distribute to their family members. Households are expected to sit together during the course of an event.

Notice Regarding Meal Service

Meal service at West Salem School District looks very different this year. Every child, 18 years and younger, in the school district boundaries is eligible for **FREE** breakfast and lunch (through December 31st, 2020 or until federal funds run out). While learning is face-to-face, students can receive their free meals at school, and while learning is virtual, meals can be pre-ordered for pick-up or delivery. Meals are free to all students regardless of their free and reduced status; by participating in school breakfast and lunch students are helping to support the school's nutrition program. For more information on ordering meals please visit the Nutrition Services website at <https://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/s/school-district-of-west-salem-school-nutrition-services>.

Remember, if you want to look at menus ahead of time, you can always download the Nutrislice app on your Apple or Android device! Menus can be found by going to "Find Organization" and typing in West Salem.



School District of West Salem 2020-2021 Proposed Budget

BUDGET PUBLICATION, 2020-21 SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2020-21 BUDGET BUDGET HEARING NOTICE - OCTOBER 26, 2020

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of West Salem that the Budget Hearing will be held in the Marie W. Heider Meeting Room, 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, Wisconsin on the 26th day of October 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the District's office, 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, Wisconsin from 7:30am to 3:00pm

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2018-19	Unaudited 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance	3,286,788.52	2,433,359.02	2,504,072.77
Ending Fund Balance	2,433,359.02	2,504,072.77	2,817,330.77
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Local Sources (Source 200)	5,977,182.74	7,889,870.18	8,003,138.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	1,611,520.82	1,821,455.51	1,859,388.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	9,855.00	7,820.41	8,058.00
State Sources (Source 600)	11,869,864.86	12,484,042.60	13,227,737.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	185,843.73	231,419.71	213,674.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	103,077.46	72,656.99	75,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	19,757,344.61	22,507,265.40	23,386,995.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	9,463,354.14	9,215,749.86	10,222,015.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	7,625,177.16	8,776,672.41	8,889,996.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	3,522,242.81	4,444,129.38	3,961,726.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	20,610,774.11	22,436,551.65	23,073,737.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2018-19	Unaudited 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance	232,457.52	253,926.00	483,152.91
Ending Fund Balance	253,926.00	483,152.91	140,886.91
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,525,843.18	4,372,006.66	3,854,729.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	3,504,374.70	4,142,779.75	4,196,995.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2018-19	Unaudited 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance	648,284.33	631,159.61	357,200.45
Ending Fund Balance	631,159.61	357,200.45	357,200.45
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	2,371,819.27	2,208,751.56	1,752,645.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	2,388,943.99	2,482,710.72	1,752,645.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2018-19	Unaudited 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance	7,784,445.66	176,179.61	187,695.68
Ending Fund Balance	176,179.61	187,695.68	10,131.61
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,254,139.66	1,105,743.76	19,399.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	10,862,405.71	1,094,227.69	196,963.07

FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2018-19	Unaudited 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance	10,626.95	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,035,254.67	930,229.30	1,081,782.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,045,881.62	930,229.30	1,081,782.00

FIDUCIARY FUND	Audited 2018-19	Unaudited 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance	1,878,545.57	1,773,290.41	2,050,184.13
Ending Fund Balance	1,773,291.41	2,050,184.13	1,775,184.13
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	110,439.67	314,398.69	49,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	215,693.83	37,504.97	324,000.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2018-19	Unaudited 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance	78,893.96	45,932.68	57,060.99
Ending Fund Balance	45,932.68	57,060.99	28,662.99
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	129,065.29	118,223.15	118,500.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	162,026.57	107,094.84	146,898.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2018-19	Unaudited 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	38,790,100.53	31,231,098.92	30,773,020.07
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	38,790,100.53	31,231,098.92	30,773,020.07
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		-19.49%	-1.47%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2018-19	Unaudited 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
General Fund	5,706,864.00	7,550,958.00	7,629,138.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	2,371,735.00	1,405,646.00	1,682,048.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	174,400.00	70,597.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	109,500.00	109,500.00	109,500.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	8,188,099.00	9,240,504.00	9,491,283.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE --		12.85%	2.71%
TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR			

Important Info for 2021 Seniors

CLASS OF 2021: 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.**



2. Times of Our Lives

This may be less formal.



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.



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. 13,
2020

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

Spreading Kindness to Classmates

This school year has been quite different than our normal so far, but our students, staff, and community have truly found ways to extend kindness and generosity towards one another in such meaningful ways. During our first week of face-to-face classes, 5th grader Camden gave his classmates a very thoughtful surprise. His grandma spent time sewing masks for every fifth grader at West Salem Middle School to be able to wear during classes. To put that into perspective, there are over 120 students in the class! There were tons of designs for students to choose from, and Camden even delivered them to each classroom, with each mask packaged in a Ziploc bag for safety. All of the students were very happy to receive a unique mask of their own. Mr. Wopat even stopped by to get one! Thank you to Camden and his grandma for their generosity and kindness during this time. You sure brought a lot of smiles to our students!



District Announcements



WS Gymnastics Coach Named Wisconsin NFHS Coach of the Year

Carrie O'Hearn, head coach of the West Salem Co-op Gymnastics team was recently named the Wisconsin NFHS Coach of the Year for 2020. Her peers selected her to receive this honor. This year will be Coach O'Hearn's 17th year with the West Salem team. Throughout her tenure, she has led the team to nine state tournaments, most recently in 2019 where the team finished in 3rd place. She now has the opportunity to be in the running for the NFHS National Gymnastics Coach of the Year. Congratulations Coach O'Hearn and thank you for your dedication to West Salem's athletes.

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

2020-2021 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. For more information, visit our website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and click on "Enrollment" at the top of the page or call the District Office at (608)-786-0700.

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

School Board Members

Jane Halverson ~~~~~ 786-1067
 Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~ 786-4382
 Catherine Griffin ~~~~~ 769-1714
 Tom Grosskopf ~~~~~ 386-0168
 Robin Fitzgerald ~~~~~ 792-4130
 Sean Gavaghan ~~~~~ 797-3585
 Erik Peterson ~~~~~ 792-5370

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

District Announcements

A Long-Awaited Welcome Back

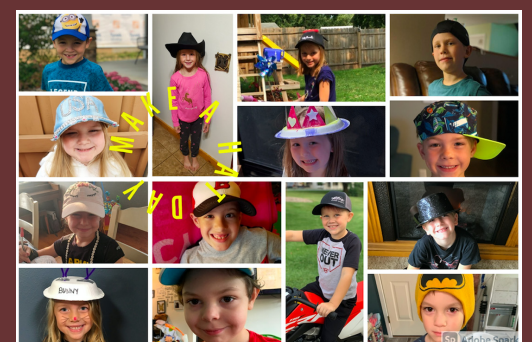
On Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15, campus was buzzing with excitement as we welcomed our students back for the first time since March. While the “first day of school” looked much different than normal, with an emphasis on new safety protocols like masking, socially distancing and washing and sanitizing frequently, our students and staff were still as excited as ever to see each other. Smiles covered the faces of all, even through the masks, as students got to see their classmates and teachers after months of being away. Some of the safety precautions put in place around our schools are required face coverings for all five years and up, hand sanitizing stations throughout all buildings, lines and dots on our floors to remind students to keep separated, individual lunches delivered and consumed in classrooms, spaced out desks to ensure distancing and frequent sanitization of desks and other commonly used surfaces. Our teachers got very creative as well, utilizing the outdoors for their lessons and allowing students to get some fresh air while playing their instruments, listening to storytime and more. We were so impressed with how well all of our students followed the new protocols. A huge thank you goes to all of our staff and our families for their endless commitment to our students. While this may be a year of changing and adapting, we are Panther Proud and we will get through this together!



Connecting Even When Apart

As a way to connect with her students and show them that they are still a united classroom even when they are apart, Mrs. Perz, a first grade Coulee Region Virtual Academy teacher, has challenged her students to celebrate different daily “holidays” each day of the week. Her students have loved the idea and jumped on board to celebrate days like “Hug Your Hound Day,” “Comic Book Day,” and “Make a Hat Day.”

Our staff have been so creative in coming up with new ways to connect with their students and we appreciate their passion to ensure our students have the best learning experience possible.





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, Girls Basketball Hudl program, 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
Kim Dummer - Vice President
Emily Rogge - Secretary

Therese Novy - Treasurer

Members: Matt Quick, Mark Ziegler

Yearly Family Sponsorship-\$25.00 (2020-2021 School year)

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

*With each sponsorship you will receive a
Panther yard sign or a Panther window cling to proudly display.
Please put a check mark next to your selection. _____ Sign _____ Cling*

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

School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 24, 2020 High School Library 7:00 p.m.

As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: The health and safety of district employees, Board of Education and the community is our number one priority. Therefore, the district is taking precautionary measures consistent with the CDC and the La Crosse County Health Department recommendations. *Board members may participate via remote access. The room will be open to limited spectators. Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page. Face coverings were required to be worn when attending the meeting and social distancing measures should be followed.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Treasurer Sean Gavaghan. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on August 20, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madisyn Haun (remote access) and Maxwell Goetz (remote access). Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin and Tom Grosskopf

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Link Crew leaders were trained for the virtual orientation for the incoming freshman.
2. Students will be receiving their technology on Wednesday, August 26.

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on:

The schedule for the first two weeks of online high school was released.

Correspondence

Information on the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Region 6 meeting was reviewed.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Workforce Engagement & Development Committee-Mrs. Halverson stated that the information was provided at the August 17, 2020, Special Board Meeting.

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

Mr. Rieber announced: the resignations of paraprofessionals-Shelley Addington and Jennifer Hyer; and to hire Matt Duster as a paraprofessional.

Information on Seclusion and Restraint for the 19-20 school year was

reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Peterson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items:
a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2020;
b) the invoices to be paid
c) to accept the donation from Renee Bradley for the Sue Jeffers Memorial Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

There were no resignations or retirements to act upon.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Rieber provided an update to the 20-21 school year kick-off, which included the new staff orientation and the welcome back all-staff inservice. No action was taken.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the request for a 1.0 FTE limited-term middle school teacher. Motion carried. 4-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the request for medical staff support. Motion withdrawn. Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve a full-time limited-term Registered Nurse (RN) for the 2020-2021 school year. If an RN doesn't apply, the administration has the flexibility to fill the position with a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) or MA (Medical Assistant), or other health care qualified candidate. Motion carried. 4-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Peterson seconded approve fans for the outside events, recognizing that social distancing be followed and fans wear face coverings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION: Whereas the following school districts have handicapped children, and whereas it appears that the educational interests of all children in these school districts will be served best by the districts joining together to offer special services, as authorized by the Department of Public Instruction, to meet the needs of handicapped children. Be it, and it is hereby resolved that the school boards of the West Salem School District and the Bangor School District, and the West Salem School District and the School District of Holmen agree to establish and maintain, on a cooperative basis, a handicapped children's special education program(s) pursuant to Section 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

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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, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on September 10, 2020.

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Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on: In person school began today. Some changes at the high school include: school is every other day with only half the students at school each day, lunch tables have 3-person limit, report immediately to first hour, desks and chairs wiped down each hour, and social distancing and mask required.

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The high-risk sports began and are starting to play games this week.
2. Teams are required to wear masks and have their temperature taken before each practice and fill out form stating if they have any COVID symptoms.
3. Tennis and cross country have had matches and meets.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of their September meeting.

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: Technology for the Heider Meeting Room, Standards & Poors report and 2020-2021 budget.

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

Human Resource updates: resignations-paraprofessional Jeff Every and paraprofessional Shelley Addington; new hires-paraprofessionals Kelsey Thomas, Cassidy Murphy, Allison Klug, and Jordyn Schurhammer, cook-Lawrence Randall, and custodian-Cheryl Schran.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2020;
 - b) the invoices to be paid;
 - c) the resignation of Jes Schomberg as the assistant cross country coach at the middle school;
 - d) to accept donations from Floating Gardens LLC, Steve & Sherri Craig, Chris & Stacy Hutchinson, Jane Bangsberg, Heidi & Ray Ebert, Identity Works for the middle school art department, from the La Crosse Community Foundation/Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund for the School Nutrition program, from the West Salem Elementary PTO for the elementary school and the PTO Teacher Grant fund, from Colene Miller to the Lisa Hugo memorial Fund;
 - e) middle school co-curricular recommendations, Ben Tashner-head cross country coach, Makenzie Turner-assistant cross country coach, Justin Running-7th grade head football coach, Matt Duster-assistant football coach, Bradley Trocinski-assistant football coach, Josh Brewer-8th grade head football coach, Ryan Brewer-volunteer assistant football coach, Kayla Wegner-8th grade head volleyball coach, Amber Coe-8th grade assistant volleyball coach, Samantha Pederson-7th grade head volleyball coach, Julie Arentz-7th grade assistant volleyball coach.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

PR Specialist/Grant Writer Samantha Pederson provided a communications and marketing update for the 20-21 school year. No action was taken

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee recommendation to update the technology in the Heider Meeting Room and to include the use of the Heider Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved to provide each athlete with 4 tickets which can be split with the family with valid identification. The motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administrations recommendation that each athlete will get 4 tickets they can share with immediate family members to attend events. All spectators must socially distance and wear a mask. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve a one-time payment of \$5,504 to the Boys and Girls Club of West Salem using Fund 80 funds. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Peterson seconded to start the September 28, 2020, Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the Board Development session which will be scheduled on the meeting's agenda.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

Angie Hemker Named WAEA Middle Level Educator of the Year

West Salem Middle School art teacher Angie Hemker has been named the Wisconsin Art Education Association Middle Level Educator of the Year for 2020! Angie was nominated by a fellow art teacher and then had to submit letters of recommendation from co-workers and community members. The WAEA, which is made up of art teachers at all levels from Pre-K to higher ed and serves as the state's branch of the National Art Education Association, then selected her as their recipient. Angie has served the students at both West Salem Elementary School

and West Salem Middle School for 24 years, and she was recognized for her outstanding commitment to her field and her passion for teaching students art. She truly lives our mission of "Serving with Passion to Ignite Creativity, Innovation, and Excellence" and has made a lasting impact on many. She will be recognized at the WAEA Virtual Conference in October. Congratulations and thank you, Angie for inspiring our students to create and learn in new ways every day!

Wisconsin Art Education Association Middle Level Educator of the Year



Angie Hemker, West Salem Middle School



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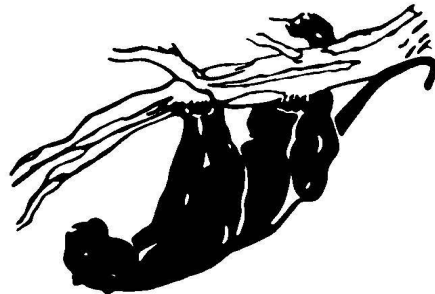


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