

October 2022



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Serving & Celebrating with Passion

Our Administrative team and our School Board are reading the book *The Sale* by Jon Gordon. The book shares what matters in life and work and how to achieve it. The book teaches four lessons about integrity to create lasting success. Gordon shares, “You can only control two things in life, your attitude and your effort. Every day, we aim to deliver results with integrity and have a great time serving others.” Success will come when you have that daily focus, exceeding the expectations of those you serve.

We have had an exciting first month serving our students and welcoming in fall! Along with students being in our classrooms learning, they have been involved in trips to our school forest, going to local apple orchards, and the month ended with district-wide school pride Homecoming week. This year’s Homecoming theme was “Throwback Movies.” I don’t know when movies from the 90s became throwbacks! Seeing our students and staff participate in the dress-up days, the decorated hallways, the skits put on by the students and staff,

and the Homecoming parade were exciting. It is quite the spectacle and tradition if you haven’t experienced a Homecoming in West Salem. It was beautiful to see the community’s support during the parade. Thank you for supporting our kids and our schools!

On Wednesday, October 19th, we will be holding a District Listening Session from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm in the Heider Center to listen to your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas. I encourage all that can attend as we look to continuously improve our district for our students, community, and staff! This is occurring five days before our District’s Annual Meeting to help communicate trends that we are seeing within the district and provide an update of how the referendum that passed in April is helping us to serve our students and deliver on the promises we made last spring.

A challenge that the district would appreciate feedback on is the traffic before and after the school day. The District knows that this affects morning commutes and our neighbors around campus. The District wrote and received a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to study our traffic around campus to

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come up with some solutions to make it a less stressful and congested part of the day. We would also like to hear your thoughts on the traffic around campus on the evening of the 19th.

The first week of October was School Board Appreciation Week. I want to share our appreciation to Catherine, Tom, Robin, Erik, Chris, Bob, and Sean for their hard work, steady focus on continuous improve-

ment, and working to make the West Salem School District one that everyone can be proud of. We are very fortunate here in West Salem to have the schools we do, and those you elected to lead the district have done a fantastic job of paving the way for all of us.

Ryan Rieber
Superintendent

Fall at the OEC



Calendar of Events October

Athletic Events

Monday, October 3, 2022

- 9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Aquinas, Assumption, Black River Falls, Lodi, Luther, Mauston, Pacelli Catholic & Viroqua @ Lodi High School
- 5:00pm Football: C-Team Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School
- 6:00pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team Match vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League Soccer: Game vs. Central @ West Salem Middle School
- 4:30pm Cross Country: Boys & Girls JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team/JV Match vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 7:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

Thursday, October 6, 2022

- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League Soccer: Game vs. Logan @ Logan High School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team Match vs. G-E-T @ West Salem Middle School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: Girls JV Match vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School

Friday, October 7, 2022

- 7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School

Saturday, October 8, 2022

- 1:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School Soccer Fields

Monday, October 10, 2022

- 5:00pm Football: C-Team Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team Game vs.

Onalaska, Sparta & Westby Area High School @ Onalaska High School

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

- 5:30pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team Match vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem Middle School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: Girls JV Match vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School

Thursday, October 13, 2022

- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League Soccer: Game vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team Match vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School EL Gymnasium
- 5:30pm Volleyball: Girls JV Match vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School HS Gymnasium
- 7:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School HS Gymnasium

Friday, October 14, 2022

- 7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ Aquinas

Saturday, October 15, 2022

- 9:00am Soccer: Boys JV Tournament vs. Aquinas, Central, Holmen, Logan, Onalaska, Sparta & Tomah @ Tomah HS
- 10:00am Cross Country: Boys & Girls Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Maple Grove Country Club
- 11:30am Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Hol/Ona/Aq/G-E-T & Black River Falls @ YMCA -North Onalaska

Monday, October 17, 2022

- 5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. Central High School @ Central High School

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League Soccer: Game vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School

Saturday, October 22, 2022

- 11:00am Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Edgerton, Lodi, Monroe, Mount Horeb, Platteville, River Valley, Sauk Prairie, & Whitewater @ UW-Platteville

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Band Events

Saturday, October 1, 2022

TBA Oktoberfest Parade
Marching Band Uniform Required

Thursday, October 6, 2022

6:30pm Volleyball Game vs. G-E-T
Black Pep Band

Friday, October 7, 2022

6:30pm Football Game vs. Black River Falls
@ Home

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

6:30pm Volleyball Game vs. Black River Falls
Orange Pep Band

Saturday, October 22, 2022

TBA UW-L Band Day
Marching Band Uniform Required

Elementary School Events

Monday, October 3, 2022

All Day Beginning of Family P.E. Week
8:30am 1st Grade to the OEC
Antony & Reedy

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

8:30am Picture Retake Day
1st Grade to the OEC
Christianson & Klemmensen

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

8:30am 1st Grade to the OEC
Chambers & Stencil

Friday, October 7, 2022

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

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

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

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

Friday, October 14, 2022

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

Monday, October 17, 2022

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Wagner & Hickey

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Grams & Richling
3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Wheeler, Christianson & Passehl
9:15am & 4K to the Corn Maze
12:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 20, 2022

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Friday, October 21, 2022

All Day No School

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

8:30am Kindergarten to Corn Maze
Grams & Richling

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

8:30am 2nd Grade to the OEC
Flottmeier, Pearson & Skaar
Kindergarten to Corn Maze
Wagner & Hickey

Thursday, October 27, 2022

8:30am 2nd Grade to the OEC
Crow, Hesse & Servais
Kindergarten to Corn Maze
Wheeler, Christianson, & Passehl
6:30pm 4K Glow Walk @ West Salem Bike Trail

Friday, October 28, 2022

All Day No School-Staff Inservice

Monday, October 31, 2022

8:30am 3rd Grade to the OEC

Middle School Events

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

8:00am Picture Retake Day

Thursday, October 6, 2022

8:00am 7th Grade Field Trip to Trempealeau
Wildlife Refuge (1/2 of class)

Friday, October 7, 2022

8:00am 7th Grade Field Trip to Trempealeau
Wildlife Refuge (1/2 of class)

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

7:00pm WSMS 6th Grade Band & Choir Preview
Concert @ Heider Center
Students Report to HS Band & Choir
Rooms @ 6:30pm

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Wednesday, October 12, 2022

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

Thursday, October 13, 2022

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Friday, October 14, 2022

8:30am 6th Grade to the OEC

Monday, October 17, 2022

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Friday, October 21, 2022

All Day No School

Friday, October 28, 2022

All Day No School-Staff Inservice

High School Events

Saturday, October 1, 2022

7:00pm Homecoming Dance @ WSHS

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

8:00am 1st Quarter Mid-Term Grades
Submitted

Thursday, October 6, 2022

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

12:00pm Early Release
Students dismissed at 12:00pm
Buses depart at 12:30pm

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

8:00am Picture Retake Day

Friday, October 21, 2022

All Day No School

Friday, October 28, 2022

All Day No School-Staff Inservice

Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

The annual budget hearing and annual meeting will take place on Monday, October 24 at the Marie Heider Meeting Room within the district office.

The budget hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

District Listening Session

As part of our revised Strategic Plan, the School Board and the district have made a commitment to increase community engagement by offering listening sessions with district leadership at least twice a year.

Our first district listening session will be held at the following date & time:

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Heider Center

Parents and community members will have a chance to share their thoughts, ideas, and suggestions with district leadership in a casual environment.

We hope you can join us!

District Announcements

West Salem High School Receives Technical Education Equipment Grant

The district is thrilled to announce that West Salem High School will be receiving over \$46,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's Fast Forward Technical Equipment Assistance Grants to allow us to purchase new equipment for our metals program! DWD has allocated \$1.14 million dollars to reimburse school districts for the purchase and installation costs of technical education equipment used in vocational training and technical education in advanced manufacturing fields.

The high school plans to purchase a CNC plasma cutter and new welders using these funds. This equipment will allow more students to participate in welding classes, as well as add instruction in using a CNC plasma cutter, which will be a brand new piece of equipment for the district.

Thanks to this grant, we will be able to update our metals lab, expand our course offerings, and benefit more students looking to go into the trades after high school! We also hope to create partnerships with our local businesses seeking employees in these areas. Another great way we are making sure our students are college, career and life ready!



A Taste of Fall

Our 2nd graders recently took a trip to Ecker's Apple Farm in Trempealeau to learn all about apples and enjoy a taste of fall! They got to participate in three different stations while they were there. First, they learned about how bees pollinate the hundreds of apple trees they have in the orchard and the process of making honey. They then got their very own taste of the honey! Next, they had the chance to taste four different varieties of apples that they grow at the orchard and learn about how those varieties came to be. They finished off their visit with a tractor ride through the orchard where they stopped to pick their own delicious apple to bring home! We'd like to give a special thank you to Ecker's for allowing our students to visit and for doing such a wonderful job with teaching them about the orchard! We can't wait for next year!



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



Roll On - A Tribute to Alabama

Saturday, October 29, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adults: \$26/Senior

Citizens: \$24/Students: \$15

Roll On is a top notch group of musicians performing the great hits of the iconic country group, Alabama. The harmonies and instrumentation of Roll On create memories of some of the greatest songs of all time.



Art Gallery

“Seeing and Being: Art and Poetry by Daniel McConnell

Display Cases

“Playful Function” by Jess Hetchler

Runs September 1-October 13, 2022

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

Starting the Year Right

At the end of their first week of classes, our varsity football players brought back a fun tradition to show some appreciation to our staff. Each player picked a high school staff member to wear their jersey for the day, brought them an apple to say “Hope you had a good first week!” and invited them to their conference opener home game.

It was a great way to end the first week and definitely put a smile on our staff member’s faces. They are so important to our students and we love these traditions that help to show them appreciation for all that they do! To top things off, the Panthers came home with a win, defeating Westby with a score of 44-7!



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.’

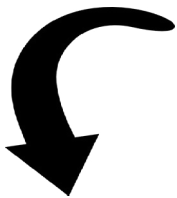
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

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 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 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.



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 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):

Grade Level(s):

4K K 1 2 3 4

Number of Family
Members attending:



Thursday, October 20 @ 7:00 pm

Friday, October 21 @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 23 @ 4:00 pm

**Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts
West Salem High School**



SHREK
THE MUSICAL
JR.

Adults - \$10

Students - \$5

General Admission - Tickets available at the door



The WSHS Show Choirs

present a Fun, Fall Fundraising night! (No school Friday!)

Spooktacular Pasta Dinner

5:00-6:30 pm @ HS Commons

Includes various pastas and sauces, breadsticks & salad.

Adult/MS/HS - \$10 Kids Grade 5 & younger - \$5

Advanced Tickets highly recommended!

There will be a limited number of extra tickets for the pasta dinner available at the door.

Purchase Pasta Dinner Tickets from Show Choir students, Heider Center Box Office

OR contact Amy Hanson at hanson.amy@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022

West Salem High School

Free Show Choir performance

@ 7:00 pm - Heider Center

Featuring Jr. Singations campers & WSHS Show Choirs

BASKET RAFFLE & HALLOWEEN BAKE SALE, too!



FREE Trick-or-Treating

Games, activities, concessions & costume contest
(Pre-school aged kids - grade 5)

5:00-6:30 pm

HS Cafeteria, Hallways & Theatre

Costume Contest @ 6:45 pm

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School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 12, 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 September 8, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

T. Grosskopf 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 item budget, tax levy and mill rate.

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.

Superintendent Rieber provided a district update on the start of school.

Connection with the Community

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The football team moves to 3-1 after a win on Friday.
2. The volleyball team is 2-1 in conference.
3. The boys' soccer team won their last game against Aquinas.
4. Last Thursday, the girls' cross country team took 1st and the boys' cross country team took 2nd at GET.
5. The girls' tennis team won their past two meets.

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. This past week, each grade level voted for class president, and the junior and senior classes have now added a vice president position.
2. The student council has taken on the responsibilities of homecoming along with DECA taking over kickoff.
3. Many activities are also starting up including DECA, FCA, ecology club and more.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2022;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the donations from Thomas & Lorna Schini to the wrestling program in memory of Matt Raymer, from Morgan Quackenbush for

middle school cross country uniforms, Kellen Wright to the high school football program, from Della Dingeldein to the elementary school, and from the La Crosse Community Foundation/Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund for the Nutrition Services Department;

d. to hire Adam Krause as the Fitness Center Director, to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations as follows:

High School

Jennifer Iliff-volunteer volleyball coach, Kyle Lee-volunteer soccer coach, Bryce Lampman-volunteer assistant hockey coach, Matt Quick-head girls' basketball coach, Mark Wagner-head boys' basketball coach, Josh Brewer-head wrestling coach, Carrie O'Hearn-head gymnastics coach

Middle School

Seth Hatz-volunteer football coach, Nicole Shrake-head 7th grade volleyball coach, Elissa Kinstler-band assistant, Ryan Waldhart-jazz band, Abby Solberg-color guard, Elle Nimm-5/6 grades choir, Josie Hanson-show choir assistant, Elle Nimm-play director, Kim Volden-assistant play director, Amy Hanson-stage manager/technical supervisor, Heather Jehn, Alyssa Jarosh & Amber Coe-Web Leaders, Brianna Meyer & Nicole-yearbook, Nicole Friell-Forensics, Mary Czajka-assistant forensics, Amber Coe & Sarah Weber-Math Counts, Student Council-Martha Burdick & Amber Coe, and after school art-Angie Hemker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Shawn Handland provided an update on the budget, mill rate and tax levy. No action was taken.

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

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 26, 2022 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 September 22, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald (7:10), and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Charlie Alexander, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Madison MacRogers and Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

Policy/Communication and Engagement – E. Peterson reported on the agenda items: 0000s – Bylaws, policy #7510 Use of District Facilities,

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued...

September 26, 2022

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

Excluding Center for the Arts, #5113 Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District), and School Board Resource Manual.

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

Human Resource updates: the resignations of Alexandria Durazo-paraprofessional and Eric Trautman-Fitness Center Director; and the hire of paraprofessionals, Sarah Arnold, Vikki Fitzpatrick, Gina George, Natalie Jeranek, Anna Molling, Katelyn Steckbauer, Allison Arentz, Lorrie Burch, and Kathy Hilby as an hourly technology integrationist.

Director of Buildings and Grounds David McPheeters provided an update on the summer campus improvements.

PR Specialist/Grant Writer Samantha Pederson provided an update on the current enrollment.

Connection with the Community

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Homecoming week has officially started with an amazing kickoff organized by West Salem High School DECA.
2. The high school students are getting into the homecoming spirit by building class floats, decorating class hallways, creating skits to perform on Friday, dressing up every day of the week, and searching for talents to showcase on Friday.
3. Senior court was announced yesterday, and pep royalty will be announced Friday where they will both ride in the parade at 2:15 and join the halftime show for this Friday's game.
4. During halftime, the band and dance team will also be performing numbers that they have been working on for weeks.

Brennan Kennedy, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The football team came home with a win last Friday against GET making their record 5-1 and are pumped for this week's homecoming game versus Viroqua.
2. The volleyball team completed their first round of conference play with a conference record of 5-1.
3. This past weekend, the boys' cross country took 3rd at the Dick Mitchell Invitational while the girls took 4th.
4. The girls' tennis team have won most of their conference matches.
5. The boys' soccer team is getting ready for their homecoming game tomorrow against Aquinas.

Correspondence

Thank you cards from retired teachers Cyndy Nichols and Cindy Patza were shared.

Public Comments – None.

West Salem Bicycle Playground Project – Stephen Cohen shared information and answered questions about the project at Lewis Point and inquired if there would be an issue using the Panther Den parking lot for overflow if needed. There was no indication that this would be a problem.

Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following

Consent Agenda items:

- a. the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2022; and
- b. the invoices to be paid.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland provided an update on the budget, mill rate and tax levy. 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.

Board Development

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

Adjournment

S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

Local Businesses Giving Back

We'd like to give a huge thank you to Brenengen West Salem Chevrolet and Brenengen West Salem Kia for their very generous donation to West Salem Elementary School! During their backpack drive, they collected 114 backpacks as well as \$1,140 to help purchase school supplies for students in need. These items and funds will be put to good use to make sure that all of our students have the resources they need to

learn and thrive at school. We are always blown away by the support we receive and we are so grateful for the many community partners that help us fulfill our mission of serving with passion! Pictured are West Salem Elementary School counselors Gayle Lassen and Jessica Anderson with Brenengen Chevrolet General Manager, Dennis (left) and Brenengen Kia General Manager, Al (right).



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

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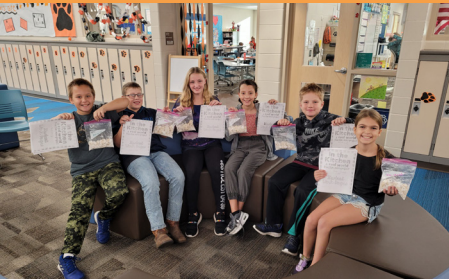


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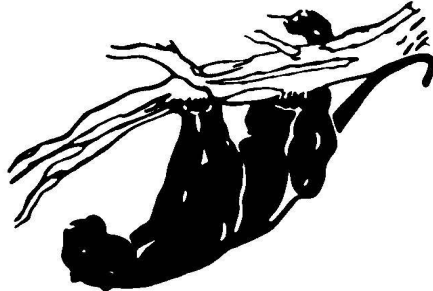


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