

October 2019



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

October is Finance Month

The annual school district budget is essentially a ten-month process. The work typically begins in January each year with a required student count and concludes with a flurry of activity during the following October that includes the Annual District Meeting, final budget adoption, and setting of the tax levy.

The school district will receive three key final pieces of data prior to completing the budget process. First, the district will complete the required “Third Friday” September student enrollment count during the last week of September. A preliminary review suggests a healthy increase of approximately 40 students across the district. Secondly, the district will receive an updated property value report from the Department of Revenue in early October. A combination of new construction, updated assessments, and increasing property values suggests a rate of growth similar to recent years. Finally, the Department of Public Instruction will provide an Equalization Aid total on October 15th. The amount is based upon enrollment totals, district property values, and the audited budget totals from the last school year. These three key numbers will be entered into the State

of Wisconsin Revenue Limit Worksheet to establish final revenue and tax levy numbers. Final board action will take place on October 28th.

Changes for the 2019 – 2020 budget cycle include a successful referendum last April allowing the school district to exceed the revenue limit by \$1.6 million and an unexpected change in the state budget allowing low-spending districts like West Salem to increase their revenue limit by an additional \$300 per student. The combination of these two factors will allow the district more flexibility in establishing a final budget and setting the final tax levy.

Referendum materials distributed prior to the April referendum included a proposed list of budget items and tax implications. The budget items included annual salary increases, an annual bus purchase, increased maintenance costs, saving for a high school roof replacement, and closing the budget deficit. Thus far in the 2019 – 2020 budget development process, the district purchased a new bus, increased wages in accordance with a four-year plan, set aside initial funding for the roofing project, increased the budget for maintenance, and eliminated the overall budget deficit. The estimated tax increase connected to the referendum was \$.65 on the Mil Rate or \$65 per \$100,000 worth of property. By all current estimates, it appears the district will meet

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the tax levy goal. The district is committed to meeting the expectations included with the referendum last spring by keeping the promises made. We believe this to be the best way to honor your generosity and maintain your trust. Thank you.

I encourage you to attend the Annual District Meeting on Monday, October 28th beginning with the Budget Hearing at 6:00pm in the Heider Meeting

Room located within the school district office. This is a great way to learn more about the annual district budget and budgeting process.

Thank you for reading and thank you for your continued support of public education.

Sincerely,

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent



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 equipment shed door, 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, Brent Brigson, Mark Ziegler

Yearly Family Sponsorship-\$25.00

(2019-2020 School year)

*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*

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

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

Becoming a sponsor of the Booster Club does not require you to attend meetings but you are always welcome. Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Contact a board member for location.

Calendar of Events October

Athletic Events

Thursday, October 3, 2019

- 3:45pm Cross Country: JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Central, Cochrane Fountain City, Eastview, Holmen, Logan, Sparta & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ Forest Hills Golf Course
- 4:00pm Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Match vs. Reedsburg @ West Salem Elementary School
- 5:30pm Football: Boys C-Team Game vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: C-Team/JV Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

Friday, October 4, 2019

- 7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School

Saturday, October 5, 2019

- 8:00am Volleyball: Varsity Invitational vs. Cotter Schools, G-E-T, Lewiston-Altura, Logan, McDonell Central, Onalaska, Prairie du Chien, Saint Charles & Wisconsin Dells @ Logan High School

Monday, October 7, 2019

- 4:30pm Volleyball: JV Tournament vs. Cashton & Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Game vs. Adams-Friendship @ West Salem High School
- 5:30pm Football: Boys JV Game vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

- 4:30pm Cross Country: JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Adams/Friendship, Altoona, Black River Falls, Chippewa Valley - Lightning Bolts, Durand, Eleva-Strum, Ellsworth Community, Lincoln Elementary, Mauston, Mosinee, Neillsville & Sparta @ Skyline Golf, Black River Falls
- 5:30pm Volleyball: C-Team/JV Match vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

- 7:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

Thursday, October 10, 2019

- 5:30pm Football: Boys C-Team Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: C-Team/JV Match vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
- 7:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School

Friday, October 11, 2019

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

Saturday, October 12, 2019

- 8:30am Volleyball: JV Invitational vs. Adams/Friendship, Aquinas, Brookwood, Central, Chippewa Falls, Cochrane Fountain City, Holmen, La Crescent-Hokah, Luther, Onalaska, Prairie du Chien, Richland Center & Sparta @ Central High School
- 9:30am Cross Country: JV/Varsity Invite vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Augusta, Bangor, Blair-Taylor, Boyceville, Brookwood, Chippewa Valley Lightning Bolts, Cochrane-Fountain City, Coulee Christian, Durand, G-E-T, Holmen, Independence Schools, La Crosse Central, Lincoln Elementary, Mauston, Melrose-Mindoro, Necedah, Osseo-Fairchild, Providence Academy, Richland Center, Viroqua, West Central Eagles & Whitehall @ Arcadia High School

Monday, October 14, 2019

- 6:00pm Football: Boys JV Game vs. School District of Somerset @ Somerset High School

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

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

Calendar of events continues on next page...

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Thursday, October 17, 2019

- 5:30pm Football: Boys C-Team Game vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem Elementary School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: C-Team Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem Elementary School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: JV Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

Friday, October 18, 2019

- TBD Football: Varsity Game vs. La Crosse Central @ West Salem High School

Saturday, October 19, 2019

- 10:30am Cross Country: Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Maple Grove

Saturday, October 26, 2019

- 11:00am Cross Country: JV/Varsity Sectional vs. Adams/Friendship, Altoona, Arcadia, Black River Falls, Colby, Elk Mound, G-E-T, Logan, Mauston, Medford, Neillsville, Nekoosa, Viroqua & Wisconsin Dells @ Colby High School

Band Events

Thursday, October 3, 2019

- 6:30pm Volleyball Game vs. Arcadia
Black Pep Band

Friday, October 4, 2019

- 6:30pm Football Game vs. Onalaska @ Home
Marching Band Uniform Required

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

- 6:30pm Volleyball Game vs. Westby
Orange Pep Band

Friday, October 18, 2019

- 6:30pm Football Game vs. Central @ Home
Marching Band Uniform Required

Elementary School Events

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

- 8:00am Picture Retake Day
- 5:30pm 4K Spaghetti Supper @ ES

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

- 7:25am Walking School Bus
- International Walk to School Day
- Meet at the corner of N. Tilson & W. Hamlin Streets

- 8:00am 3rd Grade to the OEC
- 12:20pm Early Release
- Students dismissed at 12:20pm
- Buses depart at 12:30pm

Thursday, October 3, 2019

- 8:00am 3rd Grade to the OEC
- 6:15pm PTO Story Night @ ES Assembly Room

Friday, October 4, 2019

- 7:25am Walking School Bus w/special guests
- West Salem Bangor Wrestling Team
- Meet at the corner of N. Tilson & W. Hamlin Streets
- 2:00pm 4th Grade Fun Run @ WSHS Track

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

- 8:00am 2nd Grade to the OEC

Thursday, October 10, 2019

- 8:00am 2nd Grade to the OEC

Friday, October 11, 2019

- 7:25am Walking School Bus w/special guests
- TBD
- Meet at the corner of N. Tilson & W. Hamlin Streets

Monday, October 14, 2019

- 8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC (Wagner & Hickey)

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

- 8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC (Macdonald & Christianson)

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

- 8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC (Wheeler & Richling)
- 9:30am 4K to the Corn Maze
- Morning Group from 9:30-11:00am
- Afternoon Group from 1:00-2:30pm

Thursday, October 17, 2019

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

Friday, October 18, 2019

- All Day No School

Monday, October 21, 2019

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

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

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

Friday, October 25, 2019

- All Day No School

Monday, October 28, 2019

- 8:00am 1st Grade to the OEC (Antony & Reedy)
- 6:30pm 3rd Grade P.E. Night

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

- 8:00am 1st Grade to the OEC (Baldwin & Christianson)

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Wednesday, October 30, 2019

8:00am 1st Grade to the OEC (Chambers, Perz & Grams)
8:30am Kindergarten to the Corn Maze (Wagner, Macdonald & Hickey)

Thursday, October 31, 2019

8:30am Kindergarten to the Corn Maze (Christianson, Richling & Wheeler)
8:30am 3rd Grade to the OEC (Schwartz, Allind & LaFleur)
9:00am 4K to Mill Street Manor
Morning Group from 9:00-10:15am
Afternoon Group from 1:00-2:15pm

Students dismissed at 12:20pm

Buses depart at 12:30pm

Thursday, October 3, 2019

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

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

8:00am Picture Retake Day

Friday, October 18, 2019

All Day No School

Friday, October 25, 2019

All Day No School

Middle School Events

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

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

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

8:00am Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

8:00am 7th Grade to Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge

Thursday, October 10, 2019

8:00am 7th Grade to Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

7:00pm 6th Grade Band & Choir Preview
Concert @ Heider Center
Students report @ 6:30pm

Thursday, October 17, 2019

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

Friday, October 18, 2019

All Day No School

Monday, October 21, 2019

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

Thursday, October 24, 2019

8:30am 6th Grade to the OEC

Friday, October 25, 2019

All Day No School

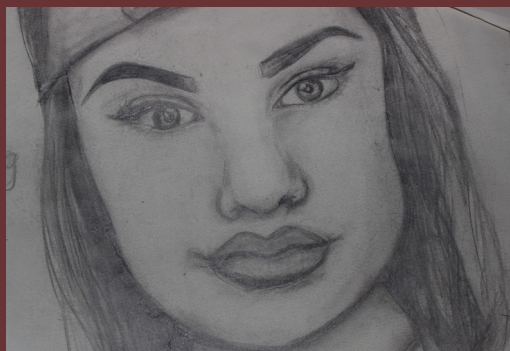
High School Events

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

7:50am 1st Quarter Mid-Term Grades Submitted
12:20pm Early Release

WSHS Art Student of the Month

The October/November Art Student of the Month at WSHS is Miss Anna Baumel. Anna primarily works in portraiture, concentrating on expressing human emotion. In each of her works, there is a surreal twist, making her work more interesting than strict portraiture. Anna's work will be in the Heider Center from Oct. 16 until Nov. 29, with a public reception on Saturday October 6th from 1-5pm.



District Announcements



West Salem Excels on State Assessments

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has released the results of the Wisconsin Student Assessment Exams from the 2018-2019 school year, and the School District of West Salem improved their results significantly in almost all areas. Students at West Salem Elementary Middle and High Schools exceeded the state averages for all four core subjects tested for in the exams, including English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The most notable improvement was an over 10% increase in math proficiency across all grades, jumping from 49.5% in 2017-2018 to 60.7% in 2018-2019. Students also improved their proficiency in English language arts and science, while scores dropped slightly in social studies. West Salem High School students taking the ACT averaged a score of 21.2, beating the state average of 19.6.

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

2019-2020 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 or call the District Office at (608)-786-0700.

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School Board Members

Syl Clements ~~~~~ 786-1491
Jane Halverson ~~~~~ 786-1067
Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~ 786-4382
Catherine Griffin ~~~~~ 769-1714
Tom Grosskopf ~~~~~ 386-0168
Robin Fitzgerald ~~~~~ 792-4130
Sean Gavaghan ~~~~~ 797-3585

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

District Announcements

Heider Center



**Up and Coming Country Music
Group “Farewell Angelina”
Thursday, October 24, 2019
7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$24/\$22**

Named after a haunting Bob Dylan song, Farewell Angelina is an all-female country group with four powerhouse vocalists, dynamic songwriters, & accomplished multi-instrumentalists. Their stellar blend of heart-stopping harmonies over blazing double violins and guitars has earned soaring praise across the board.



Art Gallery
Backpack Full of Sunshine:
Original Oil Paintings by
Sue McLaughlin
Runs September 1-October 14,
2019

Display Cases
Woven Works by Phyllis
Schoen
Runs September 1-October
14, 2019

Box Office (608) 786-2550
Monday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon to 4:00
p.m.
Friday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.
www.heidercenter.org

Welcome to Panther Nation!

We are excited to announce the launch of Panther Nation, a hub for alumni and community members to connect. Our mission in creating this hub is to maintain and enhance relationships amongst alumni, community members and the School District of West Salem to support our students to achieve their goals and dreams.

Panther Nation will include a directory of alumni, information and news on reunions and other school district events, opportunities to volunteer, a blog and much more! You can sign up today by going to westsalempanthernation.nationbuilder.com and setting up your free profile!

Attention: Class of 2020

A yearbook deadline to start completing... Each senior needs photos for the following publications: The 2020 Neshonoc Yearbook, the Coulee Courier, the Times of Our Lives, and the Senior Slideshow.

TAKE THESE SPECIFICATIONS TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER—You are responsible for making sure you have a photo that meets the yearbook staff’s requirements!

4 Photos Needed:

1. Yearbook/Coulee Courier (formal headshot)
2. Times of Our Lives (headshot—less formal)
3. Senior Picture for the Senior Slideshow
4. Baby Picture for the Senior Slideshow

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SPECIFICS:

- *Head shot (head and top of shoulders only) *Standard wallet size
- *MUST be in color
- *Must be formal, semi-formal
- *No “mistys”
- *NOTE: Some studios may send a headshot for the yearbook; consult your studio to be sure the yearbook staff will receive your photos.
- *No full length
- *No background scenery
- *No hats, props, etc.

Photographers may also send your portrait on a cd or via email. Specify 300 dpi jpeg format.

Email: armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us

PLEASE LABEL ALL PHOTOS for the publication it will be used and PUT IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. (This will ensure that your photos will be returned promptly and together.)

Put your photos in the silver box in Room 242 (Ms. Armstrong’s Room).

Trick or Can

The West Salem High School National Honor Society will once again be participating in their annual “Trick or Can” food collection drive. Please consider donating non-perishable food items and other necessities! National Honor Society members will be going door to door on Halloween, Thursday, October 31, from 5 - 7 pm. All donations will go to the West Salem Food Pantry.



Community Events

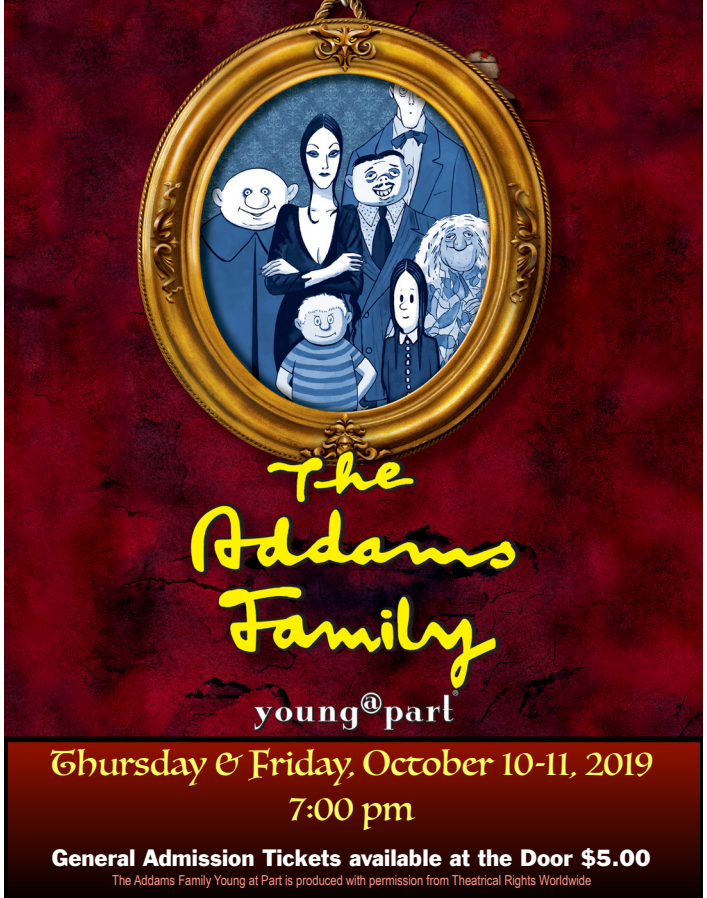


TRUNK-OR-TREAT
Thursday, October 31

Village Park: 3 - 5PM
Downtown West Salem: 3 - 5PM

Bring the whole gang out for this fun, safe, and FREE event!

Co-Sponsored by:
West Salem Business Association
West Salem Parks & Recreation Department



The Addams Family
young@part

Thursday & Friday, October 10-11, 2019
7:00 pm

General Admission Tickets available at the Door \$5.00
The Addams Family Young at Part is produced with permission from Theatrical Rights Worldwide



**Saturday,
Oct. 26, 2019**
**West Salem
High School**
Cafeteria, Library &
Hallways

10:00 am - NOON
(for Elementary & pre-school aged kids!)

Safe Trick-or-Treating, Games, Activities, free CRAFT SHOW
Basket Raffle, Halloween concessions & Bake Sale

**Costume Contest and
Show Choir Performances @ NOON**

Sponsored by the WSHS Show Choirs



West Salem Fall Fun Fest
Saturday, October 26, 2019
at West Salem High School

Holiday Craft Show - gymnasium
9:00 am - 2:00 pm - **FREE ADMISSION**

KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
Safe Trick-or-Treating, Games, Activities, Basket Raffle, Halloween concessions & Bake Sale

Bake Sale & Concessions
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Performances by the
WSHS Show Choirs &
Jr. Singers Show Choir
Campers @ NOON

Sponsored by
WSHS Show Choirs

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School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2019 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. 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, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on September 5, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Troy Gunderson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ben Wopat recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan (7:12). Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Summer Houck and Liam Sjoquist.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Welcome and introduction of 2019 Model Teachers
Model teachers in attendance: Dana La Fleur, Gayle Lassen, Julie Arentz, and Sara Jeranek. Anne Skaar and Becky Tower were unable to attend.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Mark Ziegler and Lynn Maas was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

An invitation to the WASB Region 6 meeting on October 22, 2019, was shared. At the meeting Tom Grosskopf and Syl Clements will be honored.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the consent agenda items:

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2019;
 - b) invoices to be paid;
 - c) donations from Subway-Jon Hetland, Linda's Bakery, Le Coulee Cheese Castle, and Pizza Oven for the NHS Blood Drive; and from the La Crosse Interstate Fair for the West Salem High School football program;
 - d) Open Enrollment requests for the 19-20 school year as presented;
 - e) administration's co-curricular recommendations – Cary Anderson-high school girls' tennis volunteer assistant coach and Ryan Brewer-middle school football volunteer assistant coach.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the administration's request for a .22 FTE middle school social studies teacher as presented; and to approve the hiring of Ashley Swanson as a .55 FTE middle school social studies teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Board Development

Chapters 6-7 in The School Board Field Book: Leading with Vision by Mark Van Clay and Perry Soldwedel.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 23, 2019 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. 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, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on September 19, 2019.

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Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of Consent Agenda item letter e. co-curricular coaching recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Summer Houck, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The senior girls won the homecoming kick-off powderpuff game 7-0.
2. The homecoming dance is this Saturday, September 28 from 7:00-11:00 p.m.
3. Paint it Orange happened last Friday, September 20th.

Liam Sjoquist, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Decorating of the hallways for homecoming began this past

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Saturday, September 21.

2. Homecoming kickoff was Sunday, September 22, at 5:30 p.m.

3. Mr. and Miss West Salem auditions are September 24.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Linda Taylor was read.

On October 2, Tasha Schuh will be doing a presentation to the middle and high schools.

Public comments –

Steve Martin addressed the Board regarding the possibility of broadcasting meeting with a suggestion to look into amplification for the audience.

Taylor Feyen, Abbie & Jennifer Cavadini will hold their comments until the agenda item “request for spring softball trip.”

Written and Oral Reports

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

Workforce Engagement and Development Committee - Mr. Clements reported on the following agenda item: Employee Handbook revisions.

Presentation by Director of Instruction Deanna Wiatt on the upcoming release of the School Report Card.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve the consent agenda items:

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2019;
 - b) invoices to be paid;
 - c) donations from the Barre Co-Ed Lions Club for the district, and from the Monarch Watch Milkweed Project for the elementary music department;
 - d) Open Enrollment requests for the 19-20 school year as presented
 - e) hire John Sullivan as the Outdoor Education Center Coordinator.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Jennifer Cavadini, Taylor Feyen and Abbie Cavadini registered to speak for Public Comments, and spoke at this time regarding the request for spring softball trip. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the request for a spring 2020 softball trip to Florida with the following caveats: 1) the students may only miss one day of school, 2) the cost not to exceed \$1,425 per player, 3) 75% of sophomore, junior and senior players must participate in the trip, or 4) a minimum of 15 must participate in the trip. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Griffin)

Mr. Gunderson provided the Board with possible updates to the District Office/Heider Center Lobby/Heider Meeting Room. No action was taken.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to amend the Employee Handbook as follows: 1) The District requires the use of paid medical/bereavement and vacation leave for the FMLA approved time off. An employee is

not required to use personal leave during these periods of absence but may elect to do so. 2) In addition to using vacation and personal leave, an employee who qualifies for FMLA under the military exigency leave provisions may also use up to 10 days of medical/bereavement leave. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Handland presented the proposed 19-20 budget, mill rate and tax levy. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson asked the Board about School Board Grants for the 19-20 school year. No action was taken.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. Shawn Handland presented a review on fundraising, which was one of the items on the list of to do. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

		2017-18 FY Activity	2018-19 FY Activity	2019-20 Budget
GENERAL FUND (10)				
ASSETS (700000)		\$ 3,683,063.28	\$ 2,847,350.94	\$ 3,010,224.02
LIABILITIES (800000)		\$ 396,274.76	\$ 413,991.92	\$ 400,000.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE (930000)		\$ 3,286,788.52	\$ 2,433,359.02	\$ 2,610,224.02
10 R --- 210	LOCAL PROPERTY/MOBILE HOME TAXES	\$ 5,537,327.04	\$ 5,748,520.77	\$ 7,132,000.00
10 R --- 240	MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	\$ 6,752.23	\$ 344.61	\$ 2,500.00
10 R --- 260	NON-CAPITAL SALES	\$ 405.00	\$ -	\$ -
10 R --- 270	SCHOOL ACTIVITY INC	\$ 46,089.86	\$ 67,632.81	\$ 128,818.00
10 R --- 280	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 16,865.82	\$ 19,833.44	\$ 20,000.00
10 R --- 290	OTHER REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCE	\$ 139,246.22	\$ 140,851.11	\$ 180,269.00
10 R --- 340	PYMT FOR SVCS FM OTHER SCHOOLS- OE	\$ 1,559,577.49	\$ 1,604,520.82	\$ 1,607,251.00
10 R --- 390	OTHER PAYMENT FROM WI SCHOOL DIST	\$ 7,666.66	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
10 R --- 510	TRANSIT OF AIDS - CESA - FED.	\$ 8,816.00	\$ 9,855.00	\$ 10,050.00
10 R --- 610	STATE AID - CATEGORICAL	\$ 131,394.03	\$ 132,745.73	\$ 153,577.00
10 R --- 620	EQUALIZATION AID	\$ 10,444,843.00	\$ 10,437,598.00	\$ 10,819,186.00
10 R --- 630	SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS	\$ 25,624.84	\$ 68,456.00	\$ 29,620.00
10 R --- 660	STATE REVENUE THRU LOCAL GOVT	\$ 509.33	\$ 533.44	\$ 1,000.00
10 R --- 690	OTHER STATE SOURCE REVENUE	\$ 779,082.42	\$ 1,230,531.69	\$ 1,394,296.00
10 R --- 730	SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS	\$ 45,312.00	\$ 39,600.87	\$ 49,634.00
10 R --- 750	TITLE I - FED.AID	\$ 126,530.25	\$ 127,363.31	\$ 133,356.00
10 R --- 780	FED AID-REC'D FM DPI	\$ 11,952.45	\$ 18,879.55	\$ 15,000.00
10 R --- 860	SALE OF CAPITAL EQUIP	\$ 284,136.80	\$ 6,533.58	\$ 5,000.00
10 R --- 870	LONG-TERM DEBT PROCEEDS	\$ 1,147,044.21	\$ -	\$ -
10 R --- 960	INSURANCE DIVIDEND & REFUNDS	\$ 4,013.66	\$ 26,108.16	\$ 5,000.00
10 R --- 970	REFUND OF PRIOR YEAR EXPENSE	\$ 48,175.73	\$ 54,652.35	\$ 50,000.00
10 R --- 990	OTHER MISC REVENUES	\$ 4,188.39	\$ 15,783.37	\$ 15,000.00
	TOTAL FUND 10 REVENUES	\$ 20,375,553.43	\$ 19,757,344.61	\$ 21,759,557.00
10 E --- 110	UNDIFFERENTIATED SS CURRICULUM	\$ 4,552,161.86	\$ 4,996,703.59	\$ 5,114,718.00
10 E --- 120	REGULAR CURRICULUM	\$ 2,778,418.48	\$ 2,834,647.44	\$ 2,846,600.00
10 E --- 130	VOCATIONAL CURRICULUM	\$ 435,029.38	\$ 533,558.78	\$ 507,195.00
10 E --- 140	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH	\$ 612,450.21	\$ 610,038.50	\$ 574,124.00
10 E --- 160	CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	\$ 446,882.19	\$ 487,934.59	\$ 556,908.00
10 E --- 170	SPECIAL NEEDS	\$ 680.00	\$ 471.24	\$ 500.00
10 E --- 210	PUPIL SERVICES	\$ 515,415.94	\$ 530,590.00	\$ 541,710.00
10 E --- 220	INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF SERVICES	\$ 898,880.65	\$ 1,146,618.70	\$ 1,140,537.00
10 E --- 230	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 404,922.49	\$ 420,742.39	\$ 482,896.00
10 E --- 240	SCHOOL BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	\$ 954,465.33	\$ 1,134,796.55	\$ 1,155,937.00
10 E --- 250	BUSINESS/FACILITIES OPERATIONS	\$ 3,232,890.35	\$ 3,107,469.41	\$ 3,807,209.00
10 E --- 260	CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 1,939,004.14	\$ 243,062.13	\$ 212,100.00
10 E --- 270	INSURANCE AND JUDGMENTS	\$ 217,109.09	\$ 216,380.49	\$ 241,529.00
10 E --- 280	DEBT SERVICES	\$ 519,157.68	\$ 352,594.20	\$ 332,207.00
10 E --- 290	OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 472,923.29	\$ 512,215.00
10 E --- 410	INTERFUND & INTERGOVN TRANSFER	\$ 1,875,949.73	\$ 2,271,846.65	\$ 2,373,571.00
10 E --- 430	GENERAL TUITION-OPEN ENROLLMENT	\$ 1,080,613.23	\$ 1,177,210.89	\$ 1,180,236.00
10 E --- 490	OTHER NON-PROGRAM TRANSACTIONS	\$ 23,378.79	\$ 73,185.27	\$ 2,500.00
	TOTAL FUND 10 EXPENSES	\$ 20,487,409.54	\$ 20,610,774.11	\$ 21,582,692.00
SPECIAL REVENUE TRUST (21)				
ASSETS		\$ 232,457.52	\$ 253,926.00	\$ 212,690.00
LIABILITIES		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE		\$ 232,457.52	\$ 253,926.00	\$ 212,690.00
REVENUE		\$ 39,012.95	\$ 35,783.93	\$ 15,000.00
EXPENSE		\$ 20,636.59	\$ 14,315.45	\$ 56,236.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (27)				
ASSETS		\$ 120,217.39	\$ 180,454.01	\$ 150,000.00
LIABILITIES		\$ 120,217.39	\$ 180,454.01	\$ 150,000.00
FUND BALANCE		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUE		\$ 2,967,254.93	\$ 3,490,059.25	\$ 3,682,929.00
EXPENSE		\$ 2,967,254.93	\$ 3,490,059.25	\$ 3,682,929.00
NON REFERENDUM DEBT SERVICE (38)				
ASSETS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LIABILITIES		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUE		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174,400.00
EXPENSE		\$ 262,970.19	\$ -	\$ 174,400.00

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DEBT SERVICE (39)

ASSETS	\$ 648,284.33	\$ 631,159.61	\$ 631,159.61
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ 648,284.33	\$ 631,159.61	\$ 631,159.61
REVENUE	\$ 2,405,273.10	\$ 2,371,819.27	\$ 1,696,604.00
EXPENSE	\$ 2,458,466.51	\$ 2,388,943.99	\$ 1,696,604.00

LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST (46)

ASSETS	\$ 7,519.98	\$ 10,075.85	\$ 10,150.85
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ 7,519.98	\$ 10,075.85	\$ 10,150.85
REVENUE	\$ 2,513.11	\$ 2,555.87	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (49) INCLUDES FUND 41 & 43

ASSETS	\$ 8,704,622.53	\$ 483,331.98	\$ -
LIABILITIES	\$ 927,696.85	\$ 317,228.22	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ 7,776,925.68	\$ 166,103.76	\$ -
REVENUE	\$ 5,779,108.90	\$ 3,251,583.79	\$ 510,250.00
EXPENSE	\$ 16,014,970.79	\$ 10,862,405.71	\$ 934,433.00

FOOD SERVICE (50)

ASSETS	\$ 51,581.49	\$ 51,330.08	\$ 40,839.00
LIABILITIES	\$ 40,954.54	\$ 51,330.08	\$ 30,000.00
FUND BALANCE	\$ 10,626.95	\$ -	\$ 10,839.00
REVENUE	\$ 1,008,652.59	\$ 1,035,254.67	\$ 1,073,861.00
EXPENSE	\$ 1,018,471.07	\$ 1,045,881.62	\$ 1,063,022.00

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND (60)

ASSETS	\$ 170,594.03	\$ 292,589.33	\$ 200,000.00
LIABILITIES	\$ 170,594.03	\$ 292,589.33	\$ 200,000.00

PRIVATE BENEFIT TRUST FUND/SCHOLARSHIPS (72)

ASSETS	\$ 290,867.75	\$ 319,728.69	\$ 319,728.69
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ 290,867.75	\$ 319,728.69	\$ 319,728.69
REVENUE	\$ 30,675.18	\$ 48,153.63	\$ 25,000.00
EXPENSE	\$ 20,854.85	\$ 19,292.69	\$ 25,000.00

POST EMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND (73)

ASSETS	\$ 1,587,677.82	\$ 1,453,561.72	\$ 1,314,931.72
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,587,677.82	\$ 1,453,561.72	\$ 1,314,931.72
REVENUE	\$ 251,913.66	\$ 62,286.04	\$ 24,000.00
EXPENSE	\$ 355,803.81	\$ 196,402.14	\$ 162,630.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (80)

ASSETS	\$ 83,270.98	\$ 49,261.31	\$ 29,156.68
LIABILITIES	\$ 4,377.02	\$ 3,328.63	\$ 3,500.00
FUND BALANCE	\$ 78,893.96	\$ 45,932.68	\$ 25,656.68
REVENUE	\$ 135,607.00	\$ 129,065.29	\$ 130,640.00
EXPENSE	\$ 120,550.12	\$ 162,026.57	\$ 150,916.00

2018-19 PROPERTY TAX LEVY		
	Actual 2018-19	Budget 2018-19
GENERAL FUND (10)	\$ 5,706,864	\$ 7,090,000
NON-REFERENDUM DEBT SVC (38)	\$ -	\$ 174,400
DEBT SERVICE (39)	\$ 2,371,735	\$ 1,696,604
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (80)	\$ 109,500	\$ 109,500
TOTAL	\$ 8,188,099	\$ 9,070,504
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY RATE	0.00893	0.00960

Tools for Schools Award Making Reading Engaging

First grade teacher Amy Chambers recently received the first WXOW "Tools for Schools" award for the 2019-2020 school year. She was awarded \$750 by SSE Music, Brenengen Auto and Dependable Solutions to purchase leveled reading materials for her classroom. These books will allow her students to read material that is most suited to their individual reading levels. She believes this will help foster independence among her students and allow them to enjoy reading at the level that is most engaging and the best

fit for them at the time. The books can also be used for small or large group teaching sessions. She says, "Teaching kids to read is the best thing we can give them. Not all books are one size fits all just like kids so each kid is reading at numerous different levels, so we just wanted to have the opportunity to get more books that are engaging for them at their individual levels." Congratulations Amy! We can't wait to see the exciting things happening in your classroom this year!



Harvest of the Month
October Apples

Did You Know?

It takes about 36 apples to make one gallon of apple cider!

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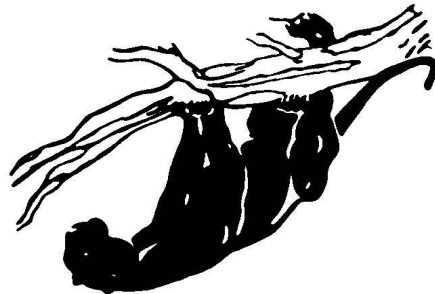


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