

October 2021



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

A Great Start to Fall

The past month has gone by so quickly, and it has been wonderful to start a school year face-to-face for the first time in two years. Having the students on campus has been wonderful, and we have been so fortunate to be able to provide all possible opportunities for our students thus far. This is the way that it should be!

Our high school is excited about Homecoming and the events that surround this tradition that includes not only all of our schools, but our West Salem community as well! All of our Homecoming events are back, and it is hard to believe that half of our high school students haven't yet had a Homecoming experience. We all are looking forward to this week culminating with the football game on Friday, October 8th against Tomah, and the Homecoming dance on Saturday.

Our co-curricular activities are experiencing great success this fall. Our girl's tennis team has already secured a conference championship, and many other teams are currently competing for their own conference

champion titles. Thank you to all of our students and coaches who are participating and all of our parents and community members and partners who are supporting our student-athletes! It is greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, October 13th, the district will be working in partnership with local authorities and first responders on a safety drill in the high school. Our staff will be participating in this drill in the afternoon and it will not be involving any students. This is to assist our staff in responding to emergency situations on campus while providing an opportunity for the authorities and responders to utilize their skills in scenarios that will assist them. This drill has been planned for a long time and is part of our commitment to a safety grant we received in 2019 to upgrade safety measures in our district.

October is also finance month in the district. This month the district holds its annual meeting, final budget adoption, and setting of the tax levy. The district receives three critical pieces of data prior to completing our budget. The first is the "Third Friday" September

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student enrollment count. As of the writing of this newsletter, our district enrollment looks very similar to what it was in the 2019-2020 school year. Last year, as was seen across the state, our enrollment declined. It is good to see our students back in our buildings with our tremendous staff! The second piece of data will be an updated property value report from the Department of Revenue. The final piece of data is the Equalization Aid totals, which will be provided by the Department of Public Instruction. This is based on enrollment totals, district property values, and audited budget totals from last year. These three pieces of data will set revenue and tax levy numbers. Final board action will take place on October 25th at our Annual Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Finally, the first week in October is School Board

Appreciation Week. I would like to thank our school board members for all that they do to help support our schools and community. With their help and assistance, we continue to set the bar high, have our students in school, and provide opportunities that many other districts do not offer. Thank you to our board for all that you do for our students, staff, and community!

Thank you to our community as well! I appreciate your thoughts, feedback, and assistance as we continue into this school year. We are better together and are all working to keep our kids in the classrooms and participating in activities. We can not do it without you!

Sincerely,

Ryan G. Rieber
Superintendent

Community Events



Trick or Can

Sunday, October 31

4:00-6:00 p.m.

West Salem High School National Honor Society students will be going door to door collecting canned goods for the West Salem Care and Share Food Pantry

If you won't be around or live outside of the village, you can drop off canned goods in the HS office anytime the week of October 25.

Community Events

West Salem Fall Fun Fest 2021

Saturday, October 30, 2021 @ West Salem High School

Pancake Breakfast - 7:00-10:00 am @ WSHS Cafeteria

Tickets \$5.00 each (Kids 10 years and younger \$3.00)

**HS Show Choir Performances @ 9:00 am*

Holiday Craft Show - 8:00 am - 2 pm @ WSHS gym - FREE ADMISSION!!!

Bake Sale - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm @ WSHS Cafeteria

Kids Halloween Party & Safe Trick-or-Treating

10:00 - noon - WSHS Library and Hallways

Games, arts & crafts & trick-or-treating for elementary & pre-school kids



Kids Costume Contest & Show Choir Performances @ noon

Performances by Jr. Singations camp members
Salem Singations & Vivace (HS Show Choirs)

*Sponsored by WSHS Show Choirs



Calendar of Events October

Athletic Events

Friday, October 1, 2021

- 4:00pm Football: Freshman Game vs. River Falls @ River Falls High School
- 7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. River Falls @ UW-River Falls

Monday, October 4, 2021

- 5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. River Falls @ West Salem High School
- 6:00pm Volleyball: Freshman Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 6:00pm Volleyball: C-Team Game vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

- 4:30pm Cross Country: Varsity Invitational vs. Adams-Friendship, Altoona, Black River Falls, Chippewa Valley Lightning Bolts, Durand, Eleva-Strum, Ellsworth Community, Lincoln High School, Loyal, Mauston, Mosinee, Neillsville & Stanley-Boyd @ Skyline Golf Course
- 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 7, 2021

- 5:30pm Football: Freshman Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah HS McKean Field
- 5:30pm Volleyball: C-Team Match vs. G-E-T @ G-E-T High School Gym South
- 5:30pm Volleyball: JV Match vs. G-E-T @ G-E-T High School Gym North
- 7:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. G-E-T @ G-E-T High School Gym North

Friday, October 8, 2021

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

Saturday, October 9, 2021

- 10:30am Cross Country: Varsity Invitational vs. Multiple Schools @ Ridges Golf Course

Monday, October 11, 2021

- 4:30pm Volleyball: JV Quad vs. Bangor @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School
- 5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah HS McKean Field

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

- 4:30pm Volleyball: Freshman Triangular vs. Cashton & Luther @ West Salem High School
- 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 Fieldhouse

Thursday, October 14, 2021

- 5:30pm Volleyball: C-Team/JV Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

Friday, October 15, 2021

- 7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School Empire Stadium

Saturday, October 16, 2021

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

Monday, October 18, 2021

- 5:30pm Football: JV Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School

Saturday, October 23, 2021

- 11:00am Girls Swimming & Diving: Varsity Invitational vs. Platteville, Lodi, Sauk Prairie, Edgerton, Monroe, River Valley & Whitewater University of Wisconsin - Platteville

Calendar of events continues on next page...

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Band Events

Saturday, October 2, 2021

TBA La Crosse Oktoberfest Parade
Marching Band Uniform Required

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

6:30pm Volleyball Game vs. Westby
Black Pep Band

Friday, October 8, 2021

2:00pm Homecoming Parade
Orange and Black Attire
6:30pm Homecoming Football Game vs. Tomah
Arrive at 6:15pm
Marching Band Uniform Required

Thursday, October 14, 2021

6:30pm Volleyball Game vs. Viroqua
Orange Pep Band

Elementary School Events

Friday, October 1, 2021

8:45am 2nd Grade to the OEC
Crow, Hesse, & Servais

Monday, October 4, 2021

9:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Hickey & Wagner

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

9:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Grams & Christianson

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

7:30am Walking School Bus
International Walk to School Day
Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &
W. Hamlin Streets

8:00am Picture Retake Day

9:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Wheeler and Richling

Monday, October 11, 2021

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

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

8:30am 1st Grade to the OEC
Christianson & Stencil
6:30pm Virtual PTO Story Night

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

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

Thursday, October 14, 2021

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

Monday, October 18, 2021

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

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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

Thursday, October 21, 2021

9:15am Kindergarten to Corn Maze
Grams & Christianson

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

Friday, October 22, 2021

All Day No School

Monday, October 25, 2021

9:15am Kindergarten to Corn Maze
Richling & Wheeler

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

9:15am AM 4K to Corn Maze
12:45pm PM 4K to Corn Maze

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

9:15am Kindergarten to Corn Maze
Wagner & Hickey

Friday, October 29, 2021

All Day No School-Staff Inservice

Middle School Events

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

8:00am Picture Retake Day

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

7:00pm WSMS 6th Grade Band & Choir Preview
Concert @ Heider Center
Students Report to HS Band & Choir
Rooms @ 6:30pm
All Families Should Enter Through
Heider Center Doors

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

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

Thursday, October 14, 2021

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

Friday, October 15, 2021

All Day Trimester 1 Mid-Term

Monday, October 18, 2021

8:30am 8th Grade to the OEC
3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

8:30am 8th Grade to the OEC

Friday, October 22, 2021

All Day No School

Friday, October 29, 2021

All Day No School-Staff Inservice

High School Events

Sunday, October 3, 2021

5:00pm Homecoming Kick Off @ WSHS
Football Field, Gym, and Commons

Monday, October 4, 2021

All Day End of 1st Quarter Mid-Term
Start of Homecoming Week

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

7:50am 1st Quarter Mid-Term Grades
Submitted

Thursday, October 7, 2021

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

Friday, October 8, 2021

2:00pm Homecoming Parade with Classes
7:00pm Homecoming Football Game vs. Tomah
@ West Salem High School

Saturday, October 9, 2021

7:00pm Homecoming Dance @ WSHS

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

8:00am Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

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

Friday, October 29, 2021

All Day No School-Staff Inservice

Adapted Sports League Informational Meeting

We are excited to announce that Miss Serres and Mr. Reader, members of the WSMS Healthy Living Team, will be hosting an informational meeting for all middle school and high school students interested in participating in the new West Salem Adapted Sports League.

The Adapted Sports League is a league open to differently-abled students in middle and high school. It gives them the opportunity to participate in co-curricular athletics, similar to their peers.

What; Adapted Sports League Informational Meeting

Who: Differently abled students in grades 7-12 and their parents

When: Thursday, October 28th at 6:30 p.m.

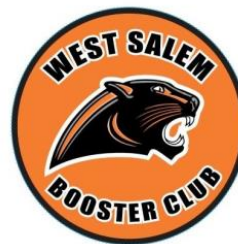
Where; West Salem Middle School Commons

If you have any questions, please contact Ashly Serres at serres.ashly@wsalem.k12.wi.us or Jack Reader at reader.jack@wsalem.k12.wi.us.

Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

The annual budget hearing and annual meeting will take place on Monday, October 25 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.



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
Mark Ziegler - Vice President
Emily Rogge - Secretary
Therese Novy - Treasurer
Members: Matt Quick, Mark Donahue

Yearly Family Sponsorship-\$30.00 (2021-2022 School year)

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

With each sponsorship you will receive a Panther yard sign, a Panther window cling, or a T-Shirt to show your support. Please put a check mark next to your selection. ___ Sign ___ Cling ___ T-Shirt

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

District Announcements

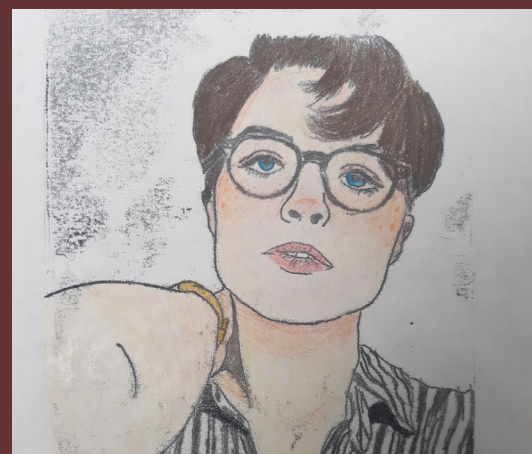
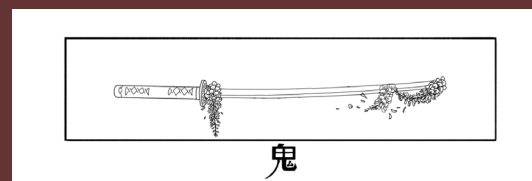
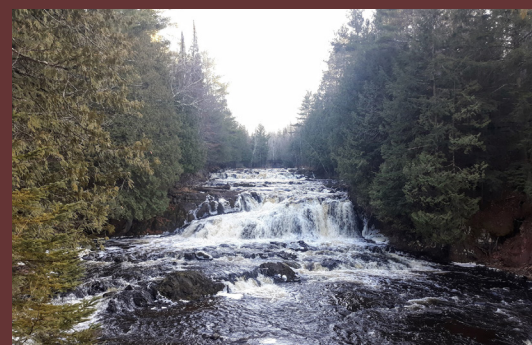
WSHS Featured Artist for October & November

The West Salem High School Art Department is proud to announce that Sasha Grueneis, Senior artist at WSHS, has been named the Featured High School Art Student. Sasha's work exhibits a deft balance between whimsy and a deep emotional connection between viewer and subject matter. Sasha works across a variety of media, from drawing, to digital photography, sculpture and digital art. You can see Sasha's work in the Marie W. Heider Center gallery from October 18th to November 30th.



Welcome Back, Panthers!

Campus came alive on Thursday, September 1 as we welcomed students and staff back for the 2021-2022 school year. Students streamed out of vehicles and buses, running to the playground and getting excited to meet their classmates, friends, and teachers. After an unusual start to last year's first day, it was so nice to have everyone back on campus and ready for another great year. From our district office staff to our maintenance crew, custodians and cooks to our paraprofessionals and teachers, our entire staff has put in countless hours to prepare to welcome students back. Plenty of projects were completed over the summer, including painting, adding cubbies in the elementary school, resealing the parking lots, replacing concrete, updating the high school science rooms, and plenty of cleaning. Over 40 new staff members joined our team and our human resources and district office staff have been working hard to get them ready to go. Our staff inservice was a great success and prepped everyone for an awesome year with our students. It has been wonderful to be learning face to face and creating meaningful relationships and memories with our students. Thank you to our community for your support and we look forward to continuing to serve with passion to ignite creativity, innovation and excellence within all of our students!



School Board Members

- Catherine Griffin, President ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf, Vice President ~~~~~ 386-0168
- Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk ~~~~~ 792-4130
- Sean Gavaghan, Treasurer ~~~~~ 797-3585
- Ken Schlimgen, Director ~~~~~ 786-4382
- Erik Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 792-5370
- Chris Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 385-3103

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

District Announcements

Heider Center



The Uptown Girls- "Girls Night Out"

Friday, October 22, 2021

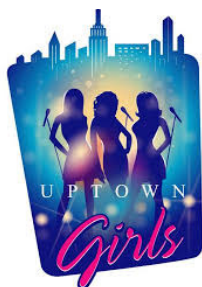
7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adults: \$24/

Senior Citizens/Students: \$22

A mix of modern and retro songs, featuring songs by female icons like Beyoncé, Cyndi Lauper, Christina Aguilera and much more.

Tickets can be ordered online at heidercenter.org or by calling the box office.



Art Gallery

"Spring in Japan" by

Andrea Garvens

Runs September 1-

October 14, 2021

Display Cases

"Things to Pass the Time"

by Mark Johnson

Runs September 1-

October 14, 2021

Box Office Hours

(608) 786-2550

Monday, Wednesday &

Friday: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

www.heidercenter.org

New Livestream Platform!

After the large amount of interest we received for livestreaming our events last year, we have decided to move to a more user-friendly and comprehensive livestream platform for the district.

We now have a channel with the National Federation of High School Sports, also known as the NFHS Network. You can view our varsity athletic events, as well as music concerts and other important events by logging onto their website at www.nfhsnetwork.com and searching "West Salem High School" or by going to our district website, going to "Schools" > "High Schools" > "Activities" and then "Livestreams."

Once you create a free account, you can follow and subscribe to all of our events to make sure you don't miss anything! You can also see a calendar of upcoming streams for our away teams that also use NFHS. We hope you enjoy a new way to watch your favorite West Salem activities!



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.wsa-lem.k12.wi.us. Navigate by going to "Schools" > "High School" > "Students" > "Student Services" > "Transcripts."

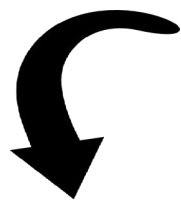
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

2021-2022 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.wsa-lem.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.wsa-lem.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.



Important Info for 2022 Seniors

CLASS OF 2022: 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. 12,
2021

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

School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 23, 2021 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, 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 website, and district office on August 19, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of item IV., e. line of credit/short-term borrowing options. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Freshmen orientation with Link Crew
2. School starts next week on September 1
3. September 1 will be Freshman Forest Day
4. There is a home varsity football game this Friday night
5. Varsity football won 48-0 last Friday night
6. NHS Blood Drive met its goal of units
7. Girls' swimming had their first meet last weekend in Menomonie
8. West Salem has the highest number of swimmers in the co-op for the first time

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments

The following citizens commented on COVID-19 related components: Mike Mesmer, Courtney Getter, Karla Schams, Brandon Wright, Sara Steien, and Jennifer Wright.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: request for a part-time school nutrition employee, line of credit/short-term borrowing options, revenue limit worksheet, and solar in the district.

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

Human Resource updates: the resignations of speech and language paraprofessional Morgan Hyatt and paraprofessional Cassy Lueck; and the hiring of transportation administrative assistant Amanda Payne, bus drivers Amber Bakke and Ferdinand Jaworski; cooks Elizabeth Gritt and Renee Jandt; and paraprofessionals Keauna Bjorkman, Sydney Bodendorfer, Gina Dietrich, Bridget Eng, Tara Erickson, Erin Johnson, Jennifer Maliszewski, Kelsey Novak, Lorie Proksch, and Julie Smith.

Mr. Rieber provided an update of a draft of the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Rieber reviewed the Reopening Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2021;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) to accept donations from the West Salem Panther Booster Club for a Senior Exit Project at the tennis courts and for the high school baseball program, and from Lewis Construction for the high school football program;
- d) the resignation of art teacher Nicole Finch
- e) to hire Tanner Gibbons as a 1.0 FTE biology teacher and Ann Garrity as a 1.0 FTE special education teacher on a 1-year contract;
- f) to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations, Jenna Piersma-head middle school cross country coach, Nicole Friell-assistant middle school cross country coach, Jamie Greer-volunteer dance coach, Breezy Hofmeister and Joshua Iliff as volunteer soccer coaches, Cody Risch-middle school football assistant coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the request for a part-time school nutrition employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the 2021-2022 Employee Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Whereas the following school districts have student with a disability, 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 the students with a disability. Be it, and it is hereby resolved that the school boards of the School District of West Salem and the Bangor School District, and the School District of West Salem 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.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: To improve traffic congestion and enforcement, and parking on and around the campus. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Griffin welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. regarding professional staff employee(s).

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:04 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued... August 23, 2021 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued... September 13, 2021 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page.

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Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The freshman class was at the Forest on the first day of school.
2. High school classes officially started on September 2.
3. The National Honor Society volunteered to help with the Flags of Honor in the Village Park. Over 600 flags were displayed. Each flag has a sponsor in honor of someone throughout the American Legion.

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. A preliminary class president election was held at the high school. The final election for class presidents will happen this week.
2. The high school football team won against Central and Logan.
3. The swim team beat Wisconsin Rapids 95-70.
4. The high school cross country team raced at Colby on Saturday with the boys' team taking 1st and the girls' team taking 2nd.

Correspondence

A letter from Shannon Torrance was provide to the Board.

Public Comments

The following citizens commented on COVID-19 related components: Erica Boland, Kortney Getter, Shannon Torrance, Lori Szymanski, Shayna Arndt, Mike Mesmer, Rachel Pierce, and Karla Schams.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy/Communication and Engagement Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the agenda item – Neola policy updates.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Griffin reported on the Board's September 1 meeting.

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

Mr. Rieber shared pictures of campus updates during the summer break.

Mr. Rieber shared information on the start of school.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021;
- b) invoices to be paid;
- c) to accept donations from Max Yahnke for the high school soccer program, from 1st Community Credit Union for the elementary school; from Brenengen Auto and Morries Auto for the elementary school; from the West Salem Lions Club for students of the district, from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Cooperating Teacher Appreciation Grant for Angie Hemker/Middle School Art Department, from The La Crosse Community Foundation-Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund;
- d) to hire Allen Schroeder as a .25 FTE elementary school art teacher; and
- e) to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations, for Brian Baker and Dennis Kreuser-tennis assistant coach, Richie Brown-volunteer soccer coach, Aaron Bahr-middle school assistant coach, Charlie McConkey-7th grade head football coach, and Josh Laack-volunteer middle school football coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to approve for a second reading of Neola Policies #2260-Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Education Opportunity, and #2260.01-Section 504/ADA prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. E. Peterson moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to accept the Outdoor Education Center timber bid from Lambert Forest Products LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Board Development

The Governance Core: School Boards, Superintendent and Schools Working Together (Chapter 5) discussion in accordance to our Strategic Plan.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

Practice Makes Perfect!

Our 4th grade students have been hard at work with Mrs. Schifelbein practicing their multiplication facts using a research based intervention called “incremental rehearsal.” New facts are introduced in “increments” and then one new fact with 9 mastered facts are practiced 3 times in a row, saying the problem and answer out loud each time. The new fact is checked 24 hours later and if the student can answer

within 3 seconds, it becomes part of their mastered pile which continues to be practiced for the next nine days. These students did an awesome job mastering their multiplication facts, which are so important as they continue to develop their computational skills! Not only that, they also had some fun at the same time! Now that’s what we call success!



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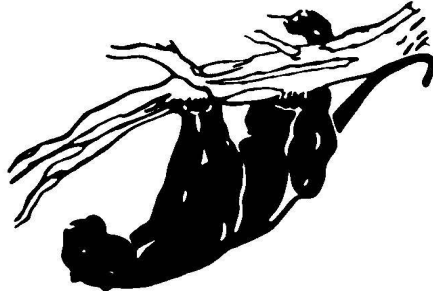


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