

September 2023



Newsletter

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Welcome Back!

Where did the summer go? It is hard to believe it's over, but it's also very exciting knowing that school is back in session. Even though students have been on campus in many different capacities throughout the summer, electricity is in the air when school is in session. We are excited that our students are in classrooms with our staff, providing the high-quality education we are proud of in West Salem. Preparations are complete, and we are collectively ready for an outstanding school year thanks to the support of our community!

Thank you for participating in our community feedback survey this past month. This will help the district gauge what our community, families, and staff desire. I also appreciate the number of comments that were provided. I am taking time and reading every one of those. Results will be made available to the public and posted on our website. I will also hold a discussion session to provide an overview of the results, listen to community feedback, and explain some of the thought process behind the

questions. Thank you again for your help!

The District completed many summer projects to prepare for the new school year. The most visible was the clean-up of the district facilities after the storm on July 28th. First, I hope you and your families are okay after the storm. It impacted many people residing in and around the school campus. I thank our maintenance crew for their time and effort in restoring our campus. Some of the more visible damage that occurred was fallen trees and fence damage. Other affected areas were our rubber roofs, the Panther Den roof, the soccer dugout roofs, damage to our aquaponics lab, and the solar panels on the top of the middle school. We have been working cooperatively with our insurance company and using the proper channels to repair the damage.

Among other projects this summer, we updated and improved the flooring in many of our second-floor classrooms at the high school. At the elementary school, we continued replacing carpeting with laminate flooring, and the middle school added some cupboards for storage

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outside of our STEM labs. At our Outdoor Education Center, we added two park shelters to provide an educational learning space and shade for our students' visits. I want to thank local donors from our school community for assistance and a sizable donation to have concrete added to these shelters. Please see the pictures of the new shelters below.

As we move into September, Homecoming Week is September 18th, culminating with the traditional Homecoming parade and football game on Friday, September 22nd. This continues to be a fantastic tradition and a great community event. Please monitor the school's social media and our district website for more details and information.

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." As we begin another school year, thank you for allowing the School District of West Salem to serve your family and our community. We do not take this for granted and are constantly looking to improve. We are very excited about this year and all that it will bring. Please find a way to engage and participate in the number of events, activities, and gatherings we offer!

Thank you for your continued support!

Ryan Rieber
Superintendent

New Shelters at the OEC



Calendar of Events September

Athletic Events

Friday, September 1, 2023

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

Saturday, September 2, 2023

9:00am Cross Country: Boys & Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Aquinas, Arcadia, Arrowhead, Baraboo, Beloit Memorial, Eau Claire Memorial, Eau Claire North, Edgerton, Fort Atkinson, Lakeside Lutheran, Madison East, Madison La Follette, Madison Memorial, Madison West, Mauston, McFarland, Middleton, Monona Grove, Monroe, New Glarus, Oregon, Platteville, Stoughton, Sun Prairie East, Sun Prairie West, Verona, Watertown Luther Prep & Wisconsin Dells @ Verona Area High School

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School

5:30pm Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Triangular vs. Black River Falls & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln 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

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School

Thursday, September 7, 2023

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Mauston @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Central High School @ Field for Kids

5:30pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team/ JV Match vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Central High School @ Field for Kids

Friday, September 8, 2023

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

Saturday, September 9, 2023

9:00am Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Central, DeForest, Dodgeville, McFarland, River Valley, Watertown Luther Prep & Whitefish Bay @ De Forest High School

10:00am Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Quad vs. Baraboo, Logan & Mondovi @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts

4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Soccer vs. Logan @ West Salem Middle School

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

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

6:00pm Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Baraboo & Oshkosh @ Baraboo - Jack Young Middle School

7:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

Thursday, September 14, 2023

4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Soccer vs. Central @ Central High School

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska Game Field #1

5:30pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team/JV Match vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School

7:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School Soccer Field #1

Friday, September 15, 2023

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Altoona @ Altoona High School

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Saturday, September 16, 2023

8:30am Cross Country: Boys & Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Adams-Friendship, Albany, Altoona, Amherst, Antigo, Appleton East, Athens (Cloverwood), Auburndale, Butternut, Colby, De Forest, De Pere, Delavan-Darien, Eau Claire Memorial, Eau Claire North, Eau Claire Regis, Edgar, Faith Christian Academy, Fox Valley Lutheran, G-E-T, Iola-Scandinavia, Kaukauna, Kiel, Lakeland Union, Laona-Wabeno, Little Chute, Madison Memorial, Marathon, Medford, Merrill, Mosinee, Nekoosa, Northland Pines, Oregon, Pacelli Catholic, Peshtigo, Port Edwards, Prentice, Pulaski, Rhinelander, River Falls, Rosholt, Seymour, Shawano Community, Shorewood, Spencer, Stevens Point, Three Lakes, Tomahawk, Tri-County, Waunakee, & Wausau East @ Wausau East High School

9:00am Volleyball: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Logan, Neillsville, Platteville, River Valley & Royall @ Verona High School

12:00pm Swimming: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Chippewa Falls, Menomonie, Rhinelander, Black River Falls, Eau Claire Memorial, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln, Holmen & Superior @ Chippewa Falls Middle School

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Luther @ Luther High School

4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Soccer vs. Onalaska @ West Salem Middle School

Thursday, September 21, 2023

4:30pm Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Match vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Tomah @ West Salem Elementary

5:00pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team/JV Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School

7:30pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team Match vs. Luther @ West Salem High School

8:00pm Volleyball: Girls JV/Varsity Match vs. Luther @ West Salem High School

Friday, September 22, 2023

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School

Saturday, September 23, 2023

9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Black River Falls, Luther, Mauston & Viroqua @ West Salem High School

12:00pm Cross Country: Boys & Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Black River Falls, Brookwood, Central, De Forest, Eastview, Eau Claire Memorial, G-E-T, Holmen, Lake City, Lancaster, Melrose-Mindoro, Sparta, Stillwater, Tomah, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Maple Grove Cross Country Course - West Salem

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Soccer vs. Holmen @ West Salem Middle School

4:30pm Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Match vs. Reedsburg @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Aquinas @ Field for Kids

6:00pm Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Black River Falls & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ Black River Falls Middle School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Aquinas @ Field for Kids

Thursday, September 28, 2023

5:30pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team/JV Match vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

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

Friday, September 29, 2023

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School

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Band Events

Friday, September 8, 2023

6:30pm Band Night with 7th & 8th Grade Bands
@ Home Football Game

Sunday, September 10, 2023

TBA Kellogg Watermelon Days Parade
Marching Band Uniform Required

Sunday, September 17, 2023

TBA La Crescent Applefest Parade
Marching Band Uniform Required

Friday, September 22, 2023

2:00pm Homecoming Parade
Orange & Black Attire
6:30pm Homecoming Football Game vs. G-E-T
Arrive at 6:15pm
Marching Band Uniform Required

Saturday, September 30, 2023

TBA Oktoberfest Parade
Marching Band Uniform Required

Elementary School Events

Monday, September 4, 2023

All Day No School-Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

8:00am First Day of School for 4K Students

Friday, September 15, 2023

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

Friday, September 29, 2023

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

Middle School Events

Monday, September 4, 2023

All Day No School-Labor Day

Friday, September 8, 2023

7:00pm Band Night with HS Band @ Home
7th & 8th Grade Band
Arrive at 5:45pm
Performance Uniform Required

Friday, September 22, 2023

2:00pm Homecoming Parade
7th & 8th Grade Band
Orange and Black Attire

Thursday, September 28, 2023

7:00pm Oktoberfest Torchlight Parade
7th & 8th Grade Band
Arrive at 5:45pm
Performance Uniform Required

High School Events

Monday, September 4, 2023

All Day No School-Labor Day

Wednesday, September 14, 2023

All Day School Picture Day

Monday, September 18, 2023

All Day Start of Homecoming Week

Friday, September 22, 2023

2:00pm Homecoming Parade
7:00pm Homecoming Football Game vs. G-E-T
@ West Salem High School

Saturday, September 23, 2023

7:00pm Homecoming Dance @ WSHS Gym

CLASS OF 2024: 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 Slideshow. 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 Slideshow

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. 17,
2023

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

What a year for West Salem Panther Athletics!!! From Conference Championships to State Tournament appearances, this year was one to remember. 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. The Booster Club supports all athletic programs. This Sponsorship drive is one way the Booster Club raises money to support the athletic programs. Please consider becoming a West Salem Booster Club Sponsor today.

Board Members include:

Bryan Novy - President
Jason Lassen - Vice President

Matt Quick - Secretary
Therese Novy - Treasurer

Members: Mark Donahue, Mike Brudos, Dennis Greer

Yearly Family Sponsorship-\$40.00 (2023-2024 School year)

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

*With each sponsorship you will receive a Panther seat cushion,
Panther yard sign, or a T-Shirt to show your support.*

Please mark your selection. Seat Cushion ___ Sign ___ T-Shirt ___ Circle 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

All Star Artist

Congratulations to Samantha MacRogers, an incoming 9th grader at WSHS, who recently won Best in Class at the WEA Member Benefits Student Art Contest! This contest was open to students K-12 across the state.

She was named one of just 10 finalists earlier this spring, and will take home a \$1,500 prize! Her piece, titled, "The Heart of Wisconsin" was inspired by a visit to Madison. This was an additional opportunity for our students, meaning that she chose to dedicate time outside of her other assignments to complete it. Excellent job, Samantha!



District Announcements



Solar Powered Learning

As they prepared for the upcoming school year, our middle school staff members participated in professional development with staff from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Solar Connections to learn more about the solar arrays on our middle school and how they can teach students about a variety of concepts using the system. Staff took a trip to the roof to view the panels, many of which were damaged during the recent storms, but will be replaced. Using thermal cameras, they could see where the panels were still generating energy and where the damage affected them. They learned how our various seasons affect the panels and the amount of energy they generate and they also ran through some simulations demonstrating how the sun powers the panels and creates electrons that work to generate energy. It was a great way for them to learn more about this innovative system and how they can incorporate lessons in the classroom!



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*

District Announcements

Heider Center



Art Gallery

“Does The Center Hold?” - A Collection of Abstract works by Quenten Brown

Display Cases

Glass Etchings and More by MAC
Runs September 1-October 13, 2023

Art Reception

Thursday, September 14, 2023
6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

The Purdue Varsity Glee Choir Sunday, October 8th 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$26/\$24/\$10

This dynamic musical troupe employs a versatile repertoire including gospel, vocal jazz, swing, contemporary hits, romantic ballads, classical choral selections, barber-shop, folk melodies, patriotic standards, familiar opera choruses, country & novelty tunes, & utilizes small groups & outstanding soloists to further enhance each show.



Reminder from our Transportation Department

School is officially in session and our bus drivers are out on the roadways working hard to get our students safely to and from school and other events. The transportation department would like to remind motorists to be mindful of students crossing the street at bus stops and on their way to school. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!



Mark Your Calendars!

West Salem Elementary's 2nd annual Camp Read-a-Lot will be held on Thursday, November 16th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at West Salem Elementary. We hope to see you there!



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. Navigate by going to "Schools" > "High School" > "Students" > "Student Services" > "Transcripts."

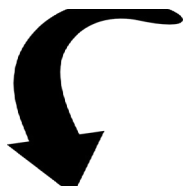
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

Enrollment for 2023-2024

Are you new to the district and looking to enroll your students for the 2023-2024 school year?

All enrollment information can be found by going to our website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and clicking on "Enrollment" at the top of the page. Here you can learn more about our district and print off the required enrollment forms. Once completed, you can bring them to the District Office to complete registration. If you have any questions, please call (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.wsalem.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.



School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 24, 2023 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 July 20, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Robin Fitzgerald led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob Minard 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, Alyssa Harlan and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Sean Gavaghan, Alex Hubing and Mike Malott.

Approval of Agenda

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

Annual Joint Review Board (TIF District)-T. Grosskopf reported on the meeting.

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

Human Resource updates: the employment of cook-Thomas Cunningham, paraprofessionals-Darwin Carranza, Lizette Cisneros, Hayley Davidson, Rachel Dopson, Anna Erdman, Alaina Govek, Nicole Hockert, Taylor Klemmensen, Makida Lathrop, Sierra McKinney, Jessie Skiles, and Heather Wolff, and the resignations of cook-Bethany Hooker and bus driver-Cole Viner.

Director of Pupil Services Heidi Horton provided information on Seclusion and Restraint for the 2022-2023 school year.

Connection with the Community

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. High school registration opened on July 14. In person registration and pictures will be August 8
2. Legion baseball regionals started Friday; first game against Holmen, which they lost
3. Legion softball won their regionals and their first game for state is Friday against Sparta
4. Summer boys' basketball lost both games Tuesday night against Sparta and Caledonia
5. Summer girls' basketball won both games Tuesday handedly
6. Volleyball will have one more contact day coming up before the season starts on August 14
7. Football had a camp this past week which included a paintball outing last Friday
8. Football begins their practice on August 1
9. Youth football camp happened where football players taught skills to youth football players

10. Tennis practice starts the August 8

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Dance team will hold camp week the first week in August
2. Cross country practice will be starting on August 14
3. This will be the last week for the CAT program this summer; this week is performance week
4. Fall sports meeting will be next Monday
5. NHS Blood Drive is coming up on August 8, from 11:00-4:00, with a goal to get 52 units, so about 75 people will need to donate
6. There will be a calling night on Sunday, August 6, for the blood drive, with poster distribution happening tomorrow
7. Show choir will hold a choreo-camp the first weekend in August and the theme this year is modern-day teenager

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Ken Wortman was read.

A thank you letter from Kaitlyn Knutson was read.

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 July 10, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. there were no resignations to accept; and
- d. the hiring of a 1.0 FTE middle school special education teacher Maria Holicky, 1.0 FTE District Literacy Specialist Karen Kais, 1.0 FTE 3rd grade teacher Natalie Stevens.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Director of Nutrition Services Emily Klunk provided a report for the 22-23 school year and a recommendation for meal prices for the 23-24 school year. C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to accept the Director's recommendation to keep the prices the same for the 23-24 school year:

	Full-pay	Reduced
Breakfast		
Elementary	1.80	Free
Middle	2.00	Free
High	2.15	Free
Adult	2.75	N/A

Lunch		
Elementary	3.10	.40
Middle	3.30	.40
High	3.45	.40
Adult	4.25	N/A

Elementary Milk Break		
K-4	.35	Free

Ala Carte Milk or Juice	.50	.50
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Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Rieber shared a technical correction for policy #7544 Staff Use of Social Media. No action was needed or taken.

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

Adjournment

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued...

July 24, 2023

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2023

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 August 10, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Sam Stenberg led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Payton Greer recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Robin Fitzgerald (7:03). Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Crystal Becker, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Bob Minard, Sean Gavaghan and Ben Wopat.

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

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

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: traffic study, storm damage, percent of fund balance, and state budget and future forecasting.

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

Connection with the Community

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The high school National Honor Society hosted a blood drive and collected 37 units of blood.
2. Last week was the first week of tennis practice.
3. Girls' swimming started practice last Tuesday.
4. Today was the first day of practice for volleyball, cross country and boys' soccer.

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Softball held a camp today for high school players
2. Football had a scrimmage last Friday with 5 teams participating: West Salem, Mauston, Reedsburg, Ellsworth, and Central. The first football game is this Friday against Onalaska.

3. Last week, show choir held a choreography camp to learn dances and music.

4. High school registration was last week Tuesday.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Madison Odenbach was read.

Public Comments

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speaker was high school student Syd Martin.

Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2023, and the revised Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2022;
 - b. invoices to be paid;
 - c. the hiring of Scott Johnson as the Director of Buildings and Grounds;
 - d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for 8th grade assistant volleyball coach-Sarah Weber, assistant volleyball coach-Jordyn Trager, assistant football coach-Jamie Olson, assistant boys' soccer coach-Tyler Leren, and Fitness Center Director-Nick Seibert.
- There were no resignations to act upon. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland reviewed state budget and future forecasting. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rieber provided a campus storm damage update. 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

Superintendent Rieber led a discussion on Expanding District Collaborative Culture.

Closed Session

C. Griffin welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility," regarding the employment of a teacher.

C. Griffin moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:14 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; and T. Grosskopf, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

E. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to reconvene into open session at 8:25 p.m.

The Board, if appropriate, will return to open session following the closed session to take action on the items discussed in the closed session.

T. Grosskopf moved, E. Peterson seconded to hire Kim Rieber as a 1.0 FTE reading interventionist teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk



HOME COMING

WEST SALEM VS. TOMAH

September 22, 2023

7:00 p.m.



Welcome to Our Newest Panthers!

On Thursday, August 17, we welcomed our newest group of Panthers to the district at New Employee Orientation. There will be 36 new faces joining us this year spread across all three of our buildings, our bus garage, and our district office. Staff were welcomed to our district with breakfast and a presentation by Superintendent Ryan Rieber, followed by meeting our administration and district staff. Later, they got to have

some fun completing a Goose Chase as they familiarized themselves with campus. They also had time to meet other new staff and their mentors, experienced School District of West Salem staff members who are there to share their knowledge and help them as they begin a new school year. They finished the day with a fun social outside at Features! Welcome to all and we hope you have a great first year!



Did You Know?

Red, orange, and yellow bell peppers are very ripe green bell peppers!



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

Check out our Facebook page
@SchoolDistrictofWestSalem
and
Follow us on Twitter
@WestSalemSD
and Instagram
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For WSHS athletic events, visit our website:

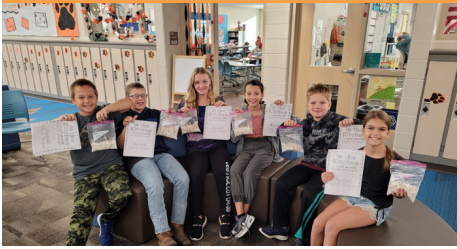
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