

School District of West Salem  
Annual Budget Hearing  
October 28, 2024  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:00 p.m.

**Convene**

President Catherine Griffin called the annual budget hearing of the School District of West Salem to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the La Crosse Tribune on October 14 and October 22, 2024, and posted in the district office on October 24, 2024.

There were ten district resident/voting members present at the meeting.

**Presentation and Explanation of the Budget and Fund 73 Report**

Catherine Griffin called on Director of Finance and Business Operations Shawn Handland who presented a report on the proposed 2024-25 budget, tax levy by municipality, annual levy/mill rate, long-term debt, enrollment, and post-retirement trust account, Fund 73.

Amount in Fund 73 Trust as of June 30, 2024: \$202,198.71

Investment return earned since last annual meeting: \$9,237.92

Total of disbursements made since last annual meeting: \$401,848.94

Name of investment manager if investment authority has been delegated: MidAmerica

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2023-24</u>	<u>Proposed 2024-25</u>
General Fund (10)	27,945,113.90	28,044,056.00
Special Revenue Trust (21, 23, 29)	847,919.10	1,012,463.00
Special Education (27)	4,702,880.19	4,643,708.00
Debt Service (38, 39)	1,867,366.26	3,012,331.00
Capital Projects (41, 46, 48, 49)	78,806.68	2,300,000.00
Food Service (50)	1,597,984.07	1,310,951.00
Community Service (80)	170,253.80	177,406.00

Scenario 1 - Property Tax Levy

General Fund	8,716,036.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	2,310,000.00
Community Service Fund	160,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	11,189,036.00

Scenario 2 - Property Tax Levy

General Fund	8,716,036.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	3,965,081.00
Community Service Fund	160,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	12,844,117.00

**Call for Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Catherine Griffin moved, Tom Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erik Peterson, Clerk

School District of West Salem  
Annual School District Meeting  
October 28, 2024  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:30 p.m.

**Convene**

President Catherine Griffin called the annual budget hearing of the School District of West Salem to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the La Crosse Tribune on October 14 and October 22, 2024, and posted in the district office on October 24, 2024.

Catherine introduced the board members and administration that were present.

There were ten district resident/voting members present at the meeting.

**Election of Permanent Chairperson**

Catherine Griffin called for nominations for a permanent chairperson.

Erik Peterson moved, Tom Grosskopf seconded to nominate Catherine Griffin

Erik Peterson moved, Sean Gavaghan seconded to close nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for Catherine Griffin. Motion carried.

Director of Finance and Business Operations, Shawn Handland, presented the Treasurer’s Report.

**Business**

Review of Community Service Fund 80.

**Electorate Authorizations:**

Sean Gavaghan moved, Tom Grosskopf seconded to authorize the salaries for the West Salem Board of Education during the 2024-25 school year. (Per State Statute, §120.10(3))

Motion carried.

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
President	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Student Representative	Hourly (\$10.00/hr)	Hourly (\$20.00/hr)
All others	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00

Ryan Rieber moved, Tom Grosskopf seconded to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses of board members who travel in the performance of their duties. (Per State Statute, §120.10(4))

Motion carried.

Sean Gavaghan moved, Tom Grosskopf seconded to authorize the School Board, pursuant to §120.10(5m) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to acquire, by purchase or condemnation under ch. 32, real estate and structures and facilities appurtenant to such real estate necessary for school district purposes, to purchase additional land from owners adjacent to the School District’s property as needed, under the terms and conditions to be accepted by the School Board.

Motion carried.

**Superintendent’s Report.**

Superintendent Rieber reviewed items from his letter, which is included in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

**Call for Resolution: (Per State Statute, §120.10(7) (8) (9) (10))**

Sean Gavaghan moved, Caitlin Wilson seconded to propose the resolution as follows if the capital referendum question does not pass:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education be given the authority to establish the tax levy at \$11,189,036 (0.00759943 mill rate) under the State imposed revenue limits as is necessary to support the District for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried. (Scenario 1 as noted on the Revenue Limit Worksheet located in the Annual Meeting Handbook)

Erik Peterson moved, Sean Gavaghan seconded to propose the resolution as follows if the capital referendum question does pass:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education be given the authority to establish the tax levy \$12,844,117 (0.00872353 mill rate) under the State imposed revenue limits as is necessary to support the District for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried. (Scenario 2 as noted on the Revenue Limit Worksheet located in the Annual Meeting Handbook)

**Time and Date of 2025 Annual Meeting**

Tom Grosskopf moved, Caitlin Wilson seconded to approve the date for the 2025 Annual Budget Hearing at 6:00 and Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Ryan Rieber moved, Sean Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erik Peterson, Clerk