

December 2024



Newsletter

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

December Greetings

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to express our appreciation for the incredible community support for the School District of West Salem. The passage of the operational and capital referendum on November 5th is a clear testament to our community’s trust and shared commitment to investing in our students’ futures. The District is excited about the opportunities in front of us, and we are honored to carry forward this vision, knowing that together we are equipping our students to be college, career, and life-ready as they cross the stage at West Salem High School.

On Veterans Day, the District extended its gratitude to the brave men and women who have served our country with courage, dedication, and sacrifice through our traditional Veterans Day programs. Our veterans’ commitment to protecting our freedoms and ensuring a safe future for us all is inspiring. Thank you to our students, staff, and community members for participating

in our Veterans Day celebrations. The heartfelt tributes, thoughtful messages, and activities throughout the district reflect our commitment to honoring our heroes. Thank you for coming together to celebrate the remarkable individuals who have given so much to us all.

Reflecting on the year’s achievements, I am thrilled to share the joyous news from our latest district report cards. Our overall score has risen, allowing us to proudly rank second in our region with a score of 72.3. This accomplishment and our designation of “Exceeds Expectations” reflect our staff, students, and families’ collaboration, hard work, and resilience. In the spirit of Vince Lombardi’s words, “The dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Work is the key to success, and hard work can help you accomplish anything.” The District results and report cards from all of our buildings can be found on our district website under the “District” tab and “School Reporting.” The dedication of our staff and administration in our three buildings is inspiring. The collaborative work they do is vital to our student success.

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We must also thank our families for supporting and actively engaging in their children's education as your child's first teacher.

December will kick off the winter co-curricular season and will be highlighted by holiday concerts and performances. Please look at our district activity calendar to come and enjoy a performance or event.

With the holiday season upon us, the District wishes you warmth, joy, and meaningful moments with loved ones. May this time be one of rest, reflection, and cherished memories. A reminder that school will be out of session from Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 1st, resuming on Thursday, January 2, 2024. We hope this break brings relaxation and renewal as we prepare for an inspiring new year ahead.

Thank you again for your support and partnership in making the School District of West Salem a place where students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Together, we are making a lasting difference in their lives.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ryan Rieber
Superintendent

WEST SALEM HOLIDAY MUSIC CONCERTS

WSHS Holiday Choir Concert - Sun. Dec. 8 - 4:00 pm

Tues., Dec. 10 - 7th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 6:00 pm

8th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 7:30 pm

WSHS Holiday Band Concert - Sun. Dec. 15 - 4:00 pm



Calendar of Events December

Athletic Events

Monday, December 2, 2024

7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Logan @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

5:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua Community Arena

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem Panther Den Arena

Thursday, December 5, 2024

5:45pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

6:00pm Wrestling: Varsity Quad vs. G-E-T, Logan & Tomah @ Logan High School

7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Tomah

Friday, December 6, 2024

7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Antigo @ Langlade County Multi Purpose Rink

Saturday, December 7, 2024

9:00am Wrestling: Varsity Invitational vs. Adams-Friendship, Amherst, Aquinas, Blair-Taylor, Cashton, Hillsboro, Kickapoo, Mauston, Montello, New Lisbon, North Crawford, Poynette, Richland Center, River Ridge, Royall, Spencer & Westfield Middle @ Royall High School

12:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Eau Claire Memorial, Hudson, Northwestern, Prescott, River Falls & St. Croix Falls @ UW-River Falls Don Page Arena

3:00pm

Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. New Richmond @ New Richmond High School

Monday, December 9, 2024

5:00pm Ice Hockey: Girls JV Game vs. Winona Senior @ West Salem Panther Den Arena

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game vs. Winona Senior @ West Salem Panther Den Arena

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

5:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse

7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse

7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School

Thursday, December 12, 2024

6:00pm Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Triangular vs. Holmen & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game vs. Eau Claire North @ Panther Den Arena

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ Onalaska Omni Center

7:15pm Wrestling: Varsity Dual Meet vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School Gym A/B

Friday, December 13, 2024

5:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

Saturday, December 14, 2024

9:30am Wrestling: Varsity Invitational vs. Abbotsford, Arrowhead, Auburndale, Baldwin-Woodville, Blair-Taylor, Bloomer, Burlington Area School District, Chetek/Prairie Farm, Chippewa Falls, Cochrane-Fountain City, Eau Claire Memorial, Eau Claire North, Indian Trail & Academy, Kaukauna, Medford, Menomonie, Mondovi, Mosinee, Neenah, Neillsville, Nekoosa, New Richmond, Rice Lake, St. Michael-Albertville, Simley, Somerset, Spencer, Superior, Wausau East, Whitehall & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ Eau Claire North High School

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TBD Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game vs. Fond Du Lac @ Blueline Family Ice Center

10:00am Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Invite vs. Baraboo, G-E-T, Logan, River Valley, Sauk Prairie & Tomah @

6:15pm Ice Hockey: Girls JV Game vs. Fond Du Lac @ Blueline Family Ice Center

Monday, December 16, 2024

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Panther Den Arena

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

5:45pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse

7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game vs. DC Everest @ West Salem Panther Den Arena

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

Thursday, December 19, 2024

5:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School

5:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

Friday, December 20, 2024

5:00pm Wrestling: Varsity Invitational vs. Brown Deer, Cedarburg, Franklin, Germantown, Grafton, Greenfield, Janesville Craig, Joliet Central, Kenosha Christian Life, Milwaukee Hamilton, Milwaukee Lutheran, Mukwonago, New Berlin West, South Milwaukee, Waterford, Watertown, Waukesha North, Wauwatosa West, West Allis Central, West Allis Nathan Hale, Whitefish Bay, Whitnall & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ E.H Stech Fieldhouse - West Allis Central

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game vs. Brookfield Central

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Baldwin-Woodville Area School District

@ West Salem Panther Den Arena

Saturday, December 21, 2024

10:00am Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Dodgeville, Onalaska, Platteville, Prairie du Chien, River Valley & Southwestern @ Prairie du Chien High School

11:00am Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Menomonie @ Menomonie - Fanetti Ice Arena

12:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Amery, Ashland, Hudson, Logan, Menomonie, Prescott & Somerset @ UW-River Falls Don Page Arena

2:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Menomonie @ Menomonie - Fanetti Ice Arena

2:30pm Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game vs. Beloit Memorial

Friday, December 27, 2024

TBD Basketball: Girls Varsity Invite vs. Aquinas, Caledonia Area Public Schools & Milwaukee Academy of Science

TBD Basketball: Boys Varsity Invite vs. Caledonia Area Public Schools

9:00am Wrestling: Varsity Invitational vs. Multiple Schools - Bi-State Classic @ La Crosse Center

Saturday, December 28, 2024

TBD Basketball: Girls Varsity Invite vs. Aquinas, Caledonia Area Public Schools & Milwaukee Academy of Science

TBD Basketball: Boys Varsity Invite vs. Caledonia Area Public Schools

9:15am Wrestling: Varsity Invitational vs. Multiple Schools - Bi-State Classic @ La Crosse Civic Center

Monday, December 30, 2024

5:15pm Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. De Forest @ Waunakee Deforest Ice Rink

7:15pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. De Forest @ Waunakee Deforest Ice Rink

School District of West Salem

Band Events

Sunday, December 15, 2024

7:00pm Winter Concert @ Heider Center

Monday, December 16, 2024

6:00pm Rotary Lights Performance

Elementary School Events

Thursday, December 12, 2024

6:00pm 3rd Grade P.E. Night

Thursday, December 19, 2024

6:00pm 2nd Grade P.E. Night

Monday, December 23, 2024-Wednesday, January 1, 2025

All Day No School-Christmas Break

Middle School Events

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

8:00am Trimester 1 Grades Due

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:00pm 7th Grade Band & Choir Holiday
Concert @ Heider Center

Students should report @ 5:30 p.m.

7:30pm 8th Grade Band & Choir Holiday
Concert @ Heider Center

Students should report @ 7:00pm

Monday, December 23, 2024-Wednesday, January 1, 2025

All Day No School-Christmas Break

High School Events

Friday, December 6, 2024

8:00am End of Progress Period 3

Sunday, December 8, 2024

4:00pm WSHS Choir Holiday Concert
@ Heider Center

Sunday, December 15, 2024

4:00pm WSHS Band Holiday Concert
@ Heider Center

Monday, December 23, 2024-Wednesday, January 1, 2025

All Day No School-Christmas Break

Connect Learning to Real Life

Wisconsin government is a focus of 4th grade social studies instruction and to take their learning one step further, students recently visited the state capitol in Madison! This experience culminated learning about Wisconsin statehood and the branches of government. Students gained knowledge through a guided tour of both the inside of the Capitol as well as the exterior observation deck.



District Announcements



Onto the Next Level

Congratulations to WSHS seniors Mia Olson and Megan Johnson on signing their National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers after graduation! Mia will compete in cross country at Division II Minnesota State University, Mankato and Megan will play basketball at Division II Winona State University! Both of them have had excellent athletic careers here at WSHS, competing at the state level multiple times in both sports. Mia recently competed at the state cross country meet for the fourth time, helping to lead the team to an 11th place finish, while Megan finished 6th in Division 2 singles at the state tennis tournament, the highest ever finish for a WSHS athlete and hopes to head back to the state basketball tournament this year for the third year in a row. Way to go, Panthers! We can't wait to see what you achieve next!



School Board Members

- Catherine Griffin, President ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf, Vice President ~~~~~ 386-0168
- Erik Peterson, Clerk ~~~~~ 792-5370
- Sean Gavaghan, Treasurer ~~~~~ 797-3585
- Bob Minard, Director ~~~~~ 786-9998
- Bob Gollnik, Director ~~~~~ (612) 720-1852
- Caitlin Wilson, Director ~~~~~ (608) 780-3836

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

District Announcements

Heider Center



Art Gallery

Drawings and Painting "Bound to Fly" by Hailey Puent
Runs December 2nd-January 10, 2025

The Three Divas - "A Very Diva Christmas" Thursday, December 19, 2024 7:30 p.m.

Get ready for a dazzling holiday experience that will make your Christmas season sparkle like never before! The Divas pay tribute to classic Christmas hits that have warmed hearts for generations, while gliding through the decades to the modern pop holiday tunes that define today's festive spirit. From soulful ballads of the past, to high energy dance beats of today, "A Very Diva Christmas" promises to be a night of holiday magic!



Box Office Hours

Monday & Thursday: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Open Everyday 1:30-4:00 pm the week before a show
www.heidercenter.org

Read Like an All-Star!

West Salem Elementary held their annual family literacy night, "Read Like an All-Star" recently and it was a huge hit! The evening was filled with guest readers including WSHS athletes and coaches, games, prizes, food, and fun! The Panther even made a surprise appearance! Thank you to our wonderful WSES reading interventionists and our district literacy specialist for putting on such a great event!



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 2024-2025

Are you new to the district and looking to enroll your students for the 2024-2025 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

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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

Expenditures	Actual 2023-24	Proposed 2024-25
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, Erik Peterson, Clerk

School District of West Salem

Annual 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.

	2023-2024	2024-2025
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)

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School District of West Salem Annual Meeting Minutes continued... October 28, 2024

Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

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,

Erik Peterson, Clerk

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 11, 2024

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 November 7, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Bob Minard, Catherine Griffin, Caitlin Wilson, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Justin Jehn, Ben Wopat, Alex Hubing, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Jessa Hickey and Brennon Anderson. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Bob Gollnik and Alyssa Harlan.

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

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

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

Board Grant Review Committee – C. Wilson reported on the agenda items:

Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. With today being Veteran's Day, all three schools in the district held assemblies to honor veterans. Mike Greene, a West Salem alumni and veteran spoke at the high school assembly, and the band and choir performed.
2. The football season came to an end on November 1st against Columbus. The boys lost 27- 41.

3. The one-act play "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" put on by the drama department qualified for the state competition. It will take place on November 21 and 22 at UW-Milwaukee.

4. The cross country teams competed at state Saturday the 2nd. The girls got 11th and the boys got 2nd. This is the first time in 30 years the boys have gotten on the podium. Carter Quackenbush of the boys' team finished 7th individually.

5. The math team competed at UW-Platteville last Wednesday. This was their first competition of the season, and they will have another one in February.

Brennon Anderson, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The girls' co-op swim team sent four West Salem girls to sectionals. Although they didn't have the outcome they wanted, the team still had girls from Logan qualify for state in their relay.

2. Today is the start of winter sports for girls' athletics. This includes girls' basketball, hockey, and gymnastics. Boys' athletics including basketball and wrestling will start next week, and hockey started today.

3. Thursday is a College Career and Life Ready Day at the high school. The day will consist of a variety of activities including an activities fair for the sophomores. Various sports and clubs will try to get them involved by hosting tables to inform students about their groups.

Correspondence

The week of November 11-15 is National School Psychology Week. A Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Proclamation, November is Homelessness Awareness Month, was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2024;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for assistant girls' basketball coach-Payton Steiner, Tanner Gibbons and Mariah Wick, and 8th grade assistant boys' basketball coach-Jason Holter;
- d. to accept the retirement of Superintendent/School Board Executive Assistant Patrick Bahr.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Brian Brewer, Managing Director from Baird, provided an updated referendum financing plan and timeline, and gave options that should benefit the district. E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to continue to move forward with paperwork for the November 25, 2024 Board Meeting for possible action. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to accept the Board Grant Review Committee's recommendation and approve the following Board Grants:

Emily Callinicos-Sensory Walk - \$2,200

Michelle Schwier-Take us into the next generation - \$4,097

Laura Wagner-Light table for STEM - \$1,170.47

Motion carried unanimously.

S. Gavaghan moved, C. Wilson seconded to approve policies for a first reading:

Uniform Grant Guidance (Ugg) - Edgar Updates

Po3440 - Job-Related Expenses

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued...

November 11, 2024

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

Po4440 - Job-Related Expenses

Po6110 - Federal Funds

Po6111 - Internal Controls

Po6112 - Cash Management Of Grants

Po6114 - Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds

Po6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds

Po7310 - Disposition of Personal Property

Po7450 - Property Inventory

District Recommended

5341 - Emergency Medical Authorization

5500 - Student Conduct Rules and Discipline Guidelines

Legal/Recommended

Po0164 - Meetings

Po0174.1 - Annual Report

Po2131 - Educational Outcome Goals and Expectations

Po2340 - District-Sponsored Trips

Po3120.04 - Employment of Substitutes

Po3120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular Activities

Po3431 - Employee Leaves

Po4120.04 - Employment of Substitutes

Po4162 - Rescind - Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Employees that Transport Students

Po4431 - Employee Leaves

Po5200 - Attendance

Po5330 - Administration of Medication/Emergency Care

Po5430 - Class Rank

Po5460 - Graduation Requirements

Po5505 - Academic Honesty

Po5610 - Suspension and Expulsion

Po5771 - Search and Seizure

Po6423 - Use of District Credit Cards

Po7540.05 - Assistive Technology and Services

Po7544 - Use of Social Media

Po8395 - Student Mental Health Services

Po8500 - Food Services

Po8510 - Wellness

Po8531 - Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Po8540 - Vending Machines

Po8550 - Competitive Food Sales

Po8600 - Transportation

Po8601 - Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Employees that Transport Students

Po8640 - Rescind - Transportation for District-Sponsored Trips

Po8651 - Rescind - Nonroutine Use of School Buses

Po8660 - Transportation by Private Vehicle for District-Sponsored Activities or Trips

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Community calendar events
- Referendum outcomes – next steps and planning
- West Salem Spirit Wear Retailer / PEL Industries Inc.

No action was taken on Board Development items.

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 and compensation of a district employee.

B. Minard moved, C. Griffin seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:05 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: C. Wilson, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Clerk

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

School District of West Salem

April 1, 2025

An election is to be held in the School District of West Salem, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

Office

School Board Member
School Board Member
School Board Member

Incumbent

Sean Gavaghan
Tom Grosskopf
Bob Minard

The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

A Campaign Finance Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the school district clerk. The office of the school district clerk is located at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669

If a primary election is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Village of West Salem on November 21, 2024

Erik Peterson, Clerk

NHS GIVING TREE

SELECT A TAG WITH A GIFT CARD SUGGESTION FROM THE GIVING TREE IN THE HS LMC TO HELP A FAMILY IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

\$25 OR \$50 GIFT CARDS TO VARIOUS BUSINESSES

TAGS AVAILABLE: **TUES. NOV. 19 TO THURS. DEC. 12 OR UNTIL GONE**

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CONTACT MRS. STENBERG AT STENBERG.JENNIFER@WSALEM.K12.WI.US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE AN NHS STUDENT TO SELECT A TAG FOR YOU.



Thank You, Veterans!

Today is Veterans Day, a day to honor and thank our veterans for their sacrifice and service to our country. Each of our schools held their annual Veterans Day programs this morning to honor these heroes. Students shook the hands of our veterans, listened to Army Veteran and WSHS Alum Mike Greene speak about his experience in the Army and what it means to serve, honored the various branches of the military by per-

forming their songs and spent a moment in silence to remember vets that have passed while serving or that are POW/MIA. These ceremonies are always incredibly impactful for our students and staff. We'd like to thank the American Legion Post 51-West Salem, WI 54669 Honor Guard and all of our local veterans for joining us and for their service!



Did You Know?

Most of the beets grown in Wisconsin are red beets, but there are also pink, purple, white, and yellow beets!

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

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