

November 2024



# Newsletter

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## Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

### A Time of Thanksgiving

As I am authoring the November edition of our school newsletter, we are a few short days away from the upcoming election on November 5th. As all eyes have been pointed on this day for some time, there will be a lot of anticipation of what is to come. Henry Ford said, “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is a success.” No matter the election outcomes, I hope we will all be able to work together, as Henry Ford stated. I also want to extend my heartfelt thank you to each of you for taking the time to consider the needs of our school district as you head to the ballot box. With essential decisions on the recurring \$3.5 million operational referendum and looking towards the future with the \$28 million capital improvement question, your careful thoughts on these questions and the future educational opportunities of our students are greatly appreciated. In the December newsletter, I will provide more information on the election’s outcomes and what that means from the school’s perspective.

This past month, School District of West Salem Transportation Director Rick Kline shared an important transportation update, highlighting a growing issue with vehicles ignoring school bus stop signs—a nationwide problem facing our district and many others. This violation puts students at serious risk. Recently, High School Principal Justin Jehn sent a public service announcement to high school students, educating them on the law and dangers associated with passing a stopped school bus, with insights from Amanda Jackson, the prosecuting attorney for West Salem and Onalaska. Attorney Jackson provided an excellent instructional news clip. This brief instructional video and a graphic on the next page are provided to reinforce these critical regulations. If you didn’t know, the fine for passing a stopped school bus is \$691, deducting 4 points from a driver’s license. Please remember these safety regulations the next time you see the flashing red lights and stop signs on the buses. It is all of our job to help keep our children safe!

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## School District of West Salem

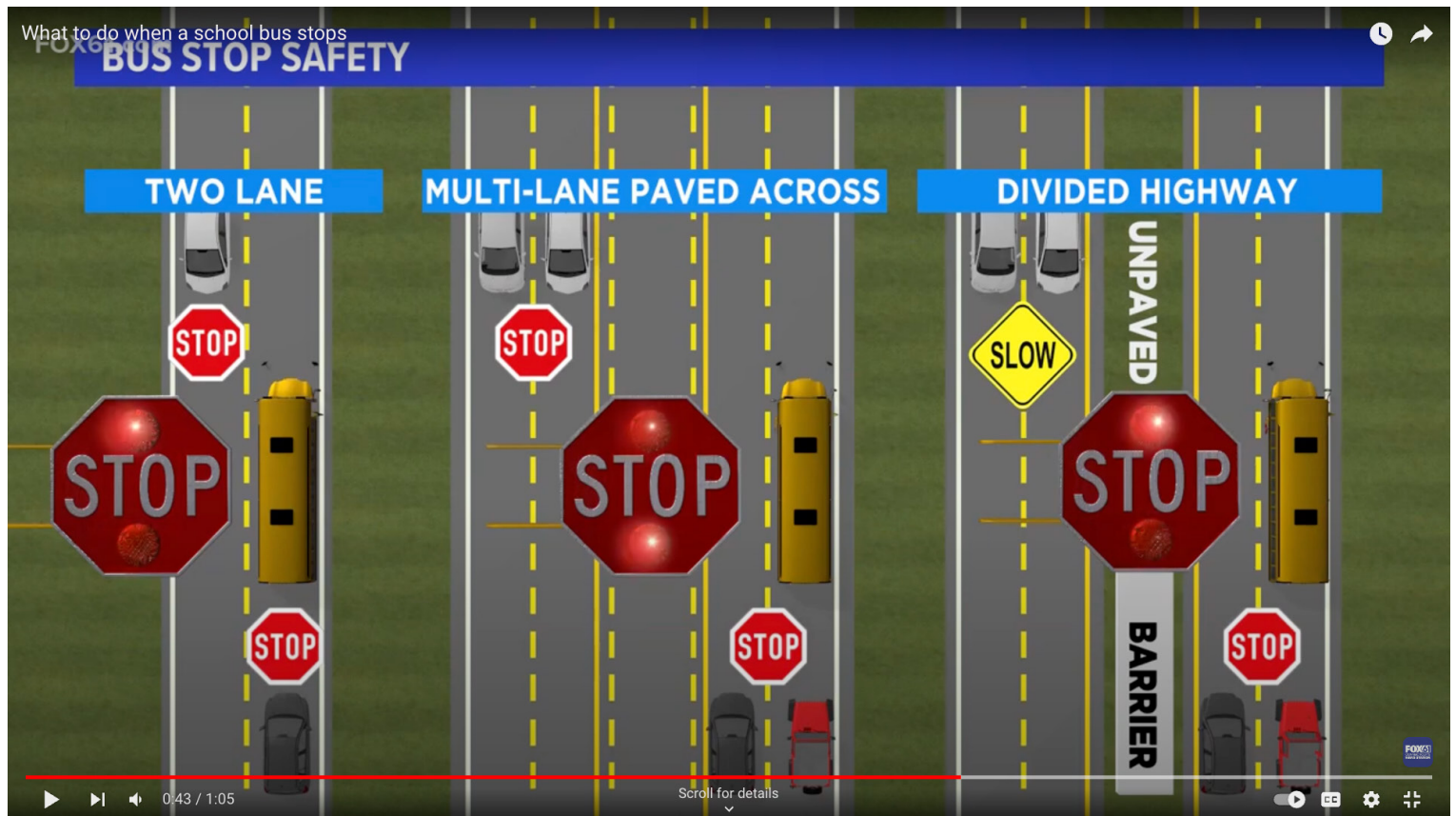
We are now accepting nominations for the West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame! If you know a remarkable WSHS graduate who has made outstanding contributions to their profession, community, or the world at large, we encourage you to submit a nomination. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor alumni whose achievements inspire students and our community. Nominations are due by December 15th, so take the chance to recognize an exceptional Panther!

As November transpires, the District will share the results of our most recent school and district report cards. We continue to have much to be proud of and be thankful for throughout the district. There are many reasons we can sustain the success of our district, from our staff to our supportive parents and community, with our high expectations and standards and a focus on continuous improvement. Eckhart Tolle stated, "Acknowledging the good that you have in life is the foundation of all abundance."

In this time of thanksgiving, thank you for all you do to continue making the School District West Salem and the community a wonderful place to live, work, and educate our children!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ryan Rieber  
Superintendent



# Calendar of Events November

## Athletic Events

### Saturday, November 16, 2024

9:00am Basketball: Girls Varsity Scrimmage vs. Altoona, Cochrane-Fountain City, Durand-Arkansaw & Fall Creek @ Fall Creek High School

### Thursday, November 21, 2024

5:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. DeForest & Reedsburg @ RACA  
6:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. Baldwin-Woodville Area School District, Eau Claire Memorial, Elk Mound, Regis & Royall @ Eau Claire Memorial High School  
7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Central @ Central High School

### Friday, November 22, 2024

5:30pm Ice Hockey: Girls JV Game vs. Middleton @ Madison Ice Arena  
7:30pm Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game vs. Middleton @ Madison Ice Arena

### Tuesday, November 26, 2024

7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Logan @ West Salem High School  
7:00pm Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game vs. Baraboo @ Panther Den Arena  
7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Oregon @ Oregon Ice Arena

### Friday, November 29, 2024

1:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Eau Claire Memorial, Eau Claire North & Superior @ Eau Claire North High School

### Saturday, November 30, 2024

1:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Eau Claire Memorial, Eau Claire North & Superior @ Eau Claire North High School

## Elementary School Events

### Friday, November 1, 2024

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

### Thursday, November 7, 2024

6:15pm 4th Grade Music Concert @ Heider Center

### Friday, November 8, 2024

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

### Monday, November 11, 2024

9:00am Veterans Day Program @ WSES Gym

### Tuesday, November 12, 2024

8:15am 4th Grade to Madison Ihle, Hoff & Steiner

### Wednesday, November 13, 2024

8:15am 4th Grade to Madison Miller, Allind & Wegner

### Thursday, November 14, 2024

5:00pm Read Like an All Star Literacy Event @ WSES Gym

### Friday, November 15, 2024

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

### Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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

### Friday, November 22, 2024

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

### Wednesday, November 27-Friday, November 29, 2024

All Day No School-Thanksgiving Break

## Middle School Events

### Thursday, November 7, 2024

All Day 8th Grade to the OEC - 1/2 of class

### Friday, November 8, 2024

All Day 8th Grade to the OEC - 1/2 of class

Calendar of events continues on next page...

## School District of West Salem

**Monday, November 11, 2024**

8:00am Veterans Day Program @ WSMS Gym

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**

All Day Trimester 1 Ends

**Wednesday, November 27-Friday, November 29, 2024**

All Day No School-Thanksgiving Break

### High School Events

**Monday, November 11, 2024**

10:40am Veterans Day Program @ WSHS Gym

**Wednesday, November 27-Friday, November 29, 2024**

All Day No School-Thanksgiving Break

## CLASS OF 2025: 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.**



### 2. Times of Our Lives

This may be less formal.



### 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.



### 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. 15,  
2024

Submit **300 dpi jpeg** photo(s) via email to [armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto: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.

## Community Partnership

We are proud of the relationship we have established with the West Salem Police Department and the important role of our School Resource Officer in developing positive relationships with our students and community.

We'd like to share the new look of SRO Schmidt's squad car, showing the partnership between the School District, the Village, and the Police Department.

We'd like to thank Signarama for their great work on the vehicle, as well as SRO Schmidt, Chief Alo, and the Village Police Department for their continued partnership and support of the School District of West Salem!



# District Announcements



## Maintenance Team Named Midwest Facility Team of the Year

We'd like to give a huge congratulations to our Maintenance Team for being named the first ever Midwest Facility Team of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials (WASBO)! They were honored at the Midwest Facility Masters Conference in Wisconsin Dells at the end of October. The team, made of up Director of Buildings and Grounds, Scott Johnson, and maintenance workers, Seth Hatz, John LaFleur, Matt Mingus, and Tim Schaller, go above and beyond every day to serve with passion. Whether they are fixing a piece of equipment, installing furniture, clearing snow, or problem solving a power outage, they are the quiet heroes that make sure everything on our campus runs smoothly and that students and staff have a comfortable and safe work environment. Thank you Maintenance Team for all that you do!



## 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

“Horsepower” - Photography by  
Morgan Lance  
Runs October 15-November 27,  
2024

### “Parrots of the Caribbean” Jimmy Buffet Tribute Saturday, November 30, 2024

A high energy, original Trop-Rock stage show that “Puts the ROCK in tropical rock,” A salute to Jimmy Buffet. “The #1 Jimmy Buffett tribute act in the country.” It’s been delighting audiences throughout the U.S. and Canada for over a decade!

**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](http://www.heidercenter.org)



## Survival Skills at the OEC

Our 6th grade students recently enjoyed their annual survival day out at the OEC, completing a variety of stations and activities which relate to a book they are all reading called “Touching Spirit Bear.” From fire starting to tying knots and building forts they practiced some new skills while enjoying the beautiful weather!



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 October 14, 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 October 10, 2024.

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jessa Hickey led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Caitlin Wilson recited the District Mission Statement.

#### Roll Call

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

#### Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard 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.

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: revenue limit worksheet, student count, preliminary budget, mill rate, and tax levy planning; roof replacement; future district interest in county farm property; review of policy 7230 - Gifts, Grants, Bequests, and Memorials.

Open enrollment/third Friday report. Superintendent Rieber provided information on our current enrollment information.

Director of Instruction provided a report on summer school 2024.

#### Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The girls' volleyball team has their last week of regular conference games this week. They will play Westby tomorrow night and take on Arcadia at home on Thursday, which is senior night.
2. This past Friday night was senior night for the football and dance teams. The dance team performed with 45 elementary students for their kid camp, along with their team performance afterwards. The football team lost 18-20 against Aquinas.
3. The trap team kicked off their season a few weeks ago. They compete in Conference 10, which is the largest conference by participation numbers, and they are currently in 3rd place.
4. The cross-country team competed at Wisconsin Rapids this past weekend. Their conference meet is this Thursday at GET.

Brennon Anderson, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Megan Johnson qualified for the girls' tennis individual state. The tournament is this Thursday through Saturday.
2. The marching band also had senior night last Friday night.

3. Boys' soccer plays tomorrow night at home. Their record on the season is 8-6-1.

4. The first Math Club competition is this Wednesday at UW-Platteville.

5. This past Wednesday was a CCLR Day at the high school. Sophomores toured at either Winona State or Minnesota State - Southeast Technical College, juniors took the Pre ACT, and seniors took the civics test. Freshman were introduced to the basics of CCLR.

6. Homecoming Parade Marshall was Dave Hundt.

#### Correspondence

•State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor proclamation, October 6-12, 2024, as School Board Week.

•Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction proclamations for the following: National Farm to School Month-October 2024, National School Lunch Week-October 14-18, 2024, Wisconsin Science Week-October 14-20, 2024, Keep Kids Safe Online Month-October 2024, and Gifted Education Month-October 2024.

Public Comments – None.

#### Consent Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024;
  - b. the invoices to be paid;
  - c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for elementary school advisors, middle school advisors, high school advisors, middle school basketball and wrestling, and high school wrestling, gymnastics and head girls' basketball;
  - d. to accept donations.
- Motion failed.

S. Gavaghan moved, C. Wilson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept donations from the La Crosse Area Autism Foundation for the West Salem Adaptive Sports League from an anonymous donor for the Nutrition Department Jane Doe Fund, from Finley Garbers & Ellie Hass, Morrie's of West Salem, Carol & Rodger Schomberg, and Cynthia & William Innes for the Random Acts of Kindness Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Wilson and B. Minard seconded to move the co-curricular recommendations to closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion/Action Items:

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to adopt the 2025-2026 school year calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, B. Gollnik seconded to approve the Early College Credit/Start College now requests. Motion carried. C. Griffin abstained.

Shawn Handland provided information on the revenue limit worksheet, preliminary budget, mill rate and tax levy. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rieber led a discussion on future district interest in county farm property. 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



## School District of West Salem

### School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued... October 14, 2024 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Notice.

#### 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 a co-curricular assignment.

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Gollnik seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:11 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: C. Wilson, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; B. Gollnik, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, was not in attendance when the vote was taken. Motion carried. (6-0)

#### Closed Session

#### Adjournment

E. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Peterson, Clerk

### School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 28, 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 October 24, 2024.

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

#### 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 Management

Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Human Resource updates: the retirement of district office administrative assistant Monica Quinn and bus driver Angela Devenport.

#### Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Senior Megan Johnson had a great finish to her tennis season, taking 6th place at the state tournament. She now holds the school record for the highest place finish for girls' tennis at West Salem.
2. Both the girls' and boys' cross country team are sectional champs after their meet in Black River Falls this weekend. All seven of the boys finished in the top 20. The teams will compete in the state tournament this Saturday at Wisconsin Rapids.
3. On Thursday night the show choir hosted a Halloween event for elementary students at the high school which included performances by both the kids and high schoolers, along with trick-or-treating.
4. The football team took down Platteville 30-27 on Friday night at home in the first round of playoffs. They will play in Columbus this Friday in the regional final game.
5. The girls' volleyball team ended their season with a 1-3 loss against Mount Horeb on Saturday night.
6. The boys' soccer season also came to an end this weekend after losing 4-0 to Platteville on Friday night.
7. The girls' swim team took first place overall at their meet on Saturday at the Onalaska YMCA. This was their last meet before sectionals, which will be on November 9th at Hudson.
8. The trap team finished their fall season last week. They finished 3rd in the conference. Three boys and nine girls were in the top 25 of the conference.
9. The winter athletics meetings will be held next Monday, November 4th as we near the beginning of the winter season.

#### Correspondence

- A Department of Public Instruction Proclamation HOSA-Future Health Professionals (HOSA-FHP) Week, November 4-8, 2024, was read.
- A thank you note from Shawn Handland's family was read.

#### Public Comments – None.

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings speakers were

#### Consent Agenda

T. Grosskopf moved, C. Wilson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 14, 2024;
  - b. the invoices to be paid;
  - c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for Brennan Kennedy to move from assistant basketball coach to middle school coach and Jacob Iverson & Stephen Shimshak-assistant boys' hockey coach;
  - d. to accept the donation from Cynthia & William Innes to the Random Acts of Kindness Fund, from Amy & Nolan Nolte, Luanne & Trenton Anderson and Donna & Merle Bruemmer to the Unsung Hero Quintin Browne Memorial Scholarship Fund, and from Culver's for the Future Farmers of America organization.
- Motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion/Action Items:

T. Grosskopf moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee and Administration's recommendation to select the bid from Ledegar Roofing for the roof repair and replacement project. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Gollnik seconded to set the budget for the 2024-

## School District of West Salem

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### Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued...

October 28, 2024

### Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

-2025 school year as presented at the Annual Meeting – proposed Fund 10 revenues \$28,133,528 and proposed Fund 10 expenses at \$28,044,056. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to set the 2024-2025 school year Tax Levy at \$11,189,036 with a mill rate of 0.00759943 regardless if the recurring referendum passes or not, and if the capital referendum passes set the Tax Levy at \$12,844,117 with a mill rate of 0.00872353. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Grant volunteers to review the Board Grant applications are C. Wilson, S. Gavaghan and C. Griffin.

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

Adjournment

S. Gavaghan moved, C. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erik Peterson, Clerk



# READ LIKE AN ALL-STAR

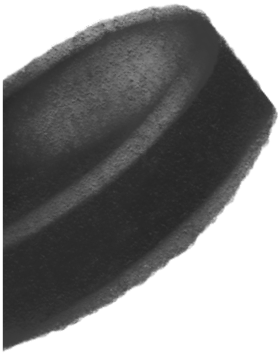


**NOVEMBER 14, 2024  
5:00 - 6:30 P.M.**

## WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

You are invited to an evening of sports themed fun as we celebrate literacy at West Salem Elementary School!

There will be guest readers, games, prizes, and opportunities to learn about supporting your young reader!



### OUR GUEST READERS ARE...

- 5:00 p.m. - Mrs. Meyers - WSES P.E. Teacher
- 5:20 p.m. - Luke Baginski - WSHS Athlete
- 5:40 p.m. - Mr. Brewer - WSHS Wrestling Coach
- 6:00 p.m. - Ms. Kruser - WSHS Dance Coach
- 6:20 p.m. - Mr. Olson - WSHS Baseball Coach



**ALL OTHER STATIONS WILL BE OPEN DURING STORY TIMES!**

**FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE DINNER FROM 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Please complete and return this portion of the page to your child's teacher if you plan to join us!**

**Student Name(s):**

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**Grade Level(s):**    4K    K    1    2    3    4

**Total Number of Family Members Attending:**

**WEST SALEM ATHLETICS**  
**BOOSTER CLUB**  
**Sponsorship Form**

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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	Mariette Stefferud - Secretary
Jason Lassen - Vice President	Therese Novy - Treasurer
Members: Mark Donahue, Mike Brudos, Tim Jones	

**Yearly Family Sponsorship-\$40.00**  
(2024-2025 School year)

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

*With each sponsorship you will receive a  
Panther Yard Sign or a Panther Fan Pack (Draw String bag, Water Bottle)  
Please mark your selection. Yard Sign \_\_\_ Panther Fan Pack \_\_\_*

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

## Enjoying the Beauty of the Outdoors

We live in a beautiful area with lots of places to explore and whenever possible, our students and staff try to get outside and enjoy it while also learning at the same time! Our 7th graders recently went on their annual trip to Perrot State Park and the Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge. At Perrot, students went canoeing, hiking, and met with archaeologists from the Mississippi River Archaeology Center. At the Refuge, students searched

the water for macroinvertebrates, biked the trail, and quietly sat to make a variety of observations about the environment around them. This trip allowed them to practice skills in physical education, science, English, and more! They had beautiful weather and a couple of great days!



### Did You Know?

Cranberries are the state fruit of Wisconsin! 62% of the cranberries grown in the U.S. come from Wisconsin!

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 X  
@WestSalemSD  
and Instagram  
@schooldistrictofwestsalem



For WSHS athletic events, visit our website:

\*click Calendars and then

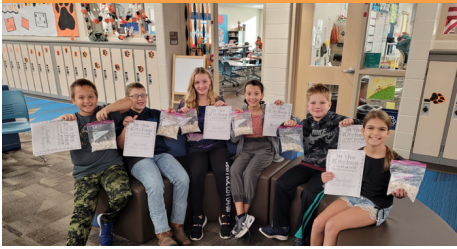
\*click Coulee Conference/Mississippi Valley Conference

You can also set yourself up to receive automatic text or e-mail notifications for any of the activities listed OR subscribe to RSS.



# School District of West Salem

“Serve with Passion to Ignite Creativity,  
Innovation and Excellence.”



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