

West Salem Approves Contracts/New Health Coming?

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The West Salem School Board has approved contracts for 2011-12 teachers and support staff that include a wage freeze and paying a higher share of their health insurance and pension. Superintendent, Troy Gunderson says it was a relatively smooth process.

The adjustments will put the district in line with health insurance and pension requirements proposed in Governor Scott Walker's budget repair bill. Employees will be required to contribute 5.5 percent of their salary toward their pensions, and 12.6 percent toward health insurance.

An alternative health insurance plan has also been included in both contracts.