

WWG School Board Meeting

October 24, 2022

Walnut Grove, 7:00 PM

Members present: Maas, Hemp, Madson, Warner, Kuehl, Kleven, Foster, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz, Derrick Jenniges also present were Leo Theisen, Robyn Hansen, Dan Klumper and Tom Merchant. Absent

Maas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made Foster by seconded by Hemp to approve the agenda. Motion Carried

Motion made by Madson seconded by Kuehl to approve the meeting minutes from the September 19, 2022. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl seconded by Kleven to approve the claims, account balances, treasurer reports and vendor payments. Motion Carried

Visitor reports – Dan Klumper came to talk about Charger Designs.

Old Business –

- ESSER Updates

Administrative Reports

AD Theisen – Congratulations to VB team for their 2nd place finish in the Red Rock Conference. Congrats to Addeson Jenniges and Dan Kleven for being named KNUJ players of the week. MSHSL Grant A request due on Friday; based on FRL numbers. JH boys' basketball coach still needed. Season starts November 14th. Shot Clock wiring taking place this week. Baseball scoreboard cement posts and wiring still need to be completed. Baseball field seeding not going well. Together We Make a Difference – took 4 juniors to Redwood Falls for the conference put on by the MSHSL on cultural awareness, fan behavior and to provide language and expectations on what schools and events should be. Decisions on the Varsity football season for next year need to be made soon. A meeting of all male students with all the football coaches is planned for the week on November 7-11 during homeroom.

Mr. Jenniges – West wing mural is in progress, also looking to add to walls by STEAM Lab / Library Last week used new screen in gym for large group movies - kids loved it! Popcorn donated by Tyler Hansen Insurance. Attended the Homecoming Parade / Pep fest; thanks to high school for hosting! Fire safety visit from Walnut Grove Fire Department during Homecoming week; thanks to Mr. Kletscher for taking the lead. Vision and Hearing - Thanks to Pam and Chee, as well as Lions Club for assistance. We hosted a group of international students from SMSU that toured the building. SMSU Men's BB team sent visitors to school to help us in PE class. STEAM LAB has been open for a couple weeks; Thank you to Maydra Maas, Sophie Jenniges, Darla Bloch, Patti Thomas for helping students with these projects.

- Upcoming events

- Thursday - attending the play for grades 2-6
- Thursday - Book Bingo night
- Eat 6:00 / Bingo 6:30-7:30 / 200+ books to choose from
- Friday - Charger Pals (second visit)
- Friday - Family Day
- PT Conferences - Adjusted from original school calendar
 - Thursday, November 3 and Monday, November 7
- Thanks to all staff for their efforts in reaching the first calendar milestone of MEA break!

We have positive changes for the students and continue to look for ways to adapt!

Principal Woitalewicz – Homecoming Week last week was a success; thanks to Mrs. Klumper and the rest of our high school staff for planning and making things work. It was an enjoyable week for kids. HUDL Cameras are fully operational. A few kinks to work out with the scoreboard view, but everything else is working correctly.

Teacher PLC had Greg Scheitel come in from SWWC Coop to talk about Suicide Prevention and Awareness

- Greg's services are free this year so we will try to have him back to talk with teachers about PACES (Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences)

Fall Conferences for high school on Thursday, October 27th from 3:30pm to 7pm. Band/Choir Concert coming up Thursday, October 27th at 7pm.

Fall Musical performance this week; public are invited to the show!

- Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 1:30pm for public performances

Eligibility and Grading Policies

- Ran the first eligibility list on 10/5.
- Good process

Started an after-school program for high school students who are failing classes

- Program has 3 lead teachers (Mrs. Dibble, Ms. Guertin, and Mrs. Bonnsetter) each working 2 days per week from 3:15 to 4:15.
- Has helped so far (our eligibility list is down 15 names since we started the program)

Class schedules, credits toward graduation, etc.

- Looking to the next few years, we will continue to have the high school student population rise. This is awesome!
- I have concluded that 40-minute classes are just not enough time for students in class and am looking at ways to move back to at least 45-minute class periods.
- All this in mind, it makes more sense to have a 7-period school day.
- This would change the number of credits earned per year and change the number of
- credits needed for graduation.
- This would also change the amount of prep time high school teachers receive.
 - **state statute for MN lists that teachers should have 5 minutes of prep for every 25 minutes of teaching time

Class trip itinerary is almost set. Flights booked, hotels booked, most of transportation is booked. Need to finalize plans for NYC and continue to book events and attractions as they become available for booking. Right now, the approximate cost of the trip without food costs included is \$975

Daycare Center - Fire inspector through last week, signed off on our project ideas. We will need to have him come back when projects are completed for a final review and approval. Things are going very well, and we may just be ahead of schedule!

Superintendent Woelber –

- Vans are here and being used. New handicap bus not here yet.
- Facilities (Locker Rooms) waiting to do the floors; company is coming early November. Still waiting on some lockers to be delivered.
- Administrative / staffing updates
 - Special Education in WG being monitored by Adm with new staffing added around Christmas. Working on another addition for fall of 2023
- Shared Services (October 31st in RTR)
- Enrollments (K-12 at 441)
 - PreK- 57 (3 day 28 / 2 day 29), K-44,
 - 1st-40, 2nd-39, 3rd-35,
 - 4th-38, 5th-36, 6th-25, WG Bldg K-6 257 + 57 PreK
 - 7th-31, 8th-38, 9th-39
 - 10th-25, 11th-26, 12th-25; WB Bldg 184 up from 171
- WG murals in West hallway
- Digitizing annuals and additional pictures in the district.
- Playground discussion and outside help
- Fitness center updates of bicycles, TVs, and floor plan.
- District Audit looked good.
- Possible need for an additional used minivan or car.
- WG gym upgrades with baskets and projector / screen
- Preschool fees for next year and setting a small stipend for those on free and reduced lunches.
- USDA dollars

Board reports and recognition of donors / supporters – Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Dan to approve the following – motion carried

- Sanford for the donation of some fitness equipment
- Janice Tostenguard and Deb Berg for donations of winter clothing
- WAV/Loggers donated funds to support the student of the week
- Westbrook Lions club to help with the vision screening at both locations
- WGFD for coming to Fire Prevention Week
- Tyler Hansen for donation of popcorn for the movie in the elementary school

New Business

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hemp to approve the MN State High School League Scholarship resolution. Foster – aye, Hemp – aye, Kleven – aye, Kuehl – aye, Warner – aye, Madson – aye, Maas – aye. Motion Carried

Discussion regarding the request of the Walnut Grove EDA and interest in housing for Habitat for Humanity.

Approval of the Annual WBWF plan update to approve – November.

After school care / Daycare center updates (Karla Gunderman) November meeting.

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Warner for the approval of 3 doorways and a hallway door.

Walnut Grove playground – Education Foundation meeting held tonight with Discussion held to start promoting a \$75-\$100k + project. There would be a drive for funds to community clubs, private donors, Ed Foundation, School, etc. Motion made by Madson and seconded by Maas to approve up to \$75,000 to be used for the updates to the Elementary School Playground. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hemp to approve the lane change for Karley McClellan BA45 to Masters. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Kuehl to declare surplus electric stove from WB kitchen and sell. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Madson to approve the purchase of snow removal / mower New Holland equipment to replace the old one. Also declare surplus of old equipment. Motion Carried.

Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk