

WWG School Board Meeting

August 15, 2022

Walnut Grove, 7:00 PM

Members present: Maas, Hemp, Madson, Warner, Kuehl, Kleven, Foster, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz, Derrick Jenniges also present were Pat Merrick, Karla Gundermann, Leo Theisen and Tom Merchant. Absent

Maas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion made by Madson seconded by Kuehl to approve the meeting minutes from the July 18, 2022. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports – ESSERIII Public meeting on return to school and ESSER feedback. Daycare/after school program – application has been submitted; it does need a little bit of tweaking. Hopefully when school starts the after-school program will kick off, lower numbers than expected right now. Around 30 kids are currently signed up for the daycare program. Have started the process for applying for some grants to help with expenses. Applications for employment for the daycare center will be out within a week or so.

Old Business –

- Election filings close tomorrow. All three incumbents have filed.

Administrative Reports

AD Theisen – First day of practices have happened. Football – 18 students, Volleyball 30 (8-12) and cheerleading 6. Fall potluck/rules meeting will be on Thursday August 18th at 6:30 at the Community Center in Westbrook. MSHSL 2022-2023 membership dues \$100 membership, \$160/activity, \$2.25/student(MSHSL enrollment), reduction of the per student fee from the \$4.60 per student in 2021-2022. Stat boards and shot clocks are installed. Shot clock will only be used for non-conference games this year. Tyson Crosby, new JH football coach will be working with Nate Knakmuhs. The fall musical directors are Adirenne Kletscher and Sam Malmberg. Open coaching positions – JH boys' basketball and baseball, Head baseball. Still looking for line judges for this fall.

Mr. Jenniges – Summer reading camp finished. Staff did a great job of preparing and providing a mixture of activities. 35 different students participated at some point during the four days. August 15-18 - four days of math.

- RTI reading testing in both buildings. Aug. 22-24 several staff members helping - 30-45 minutes per student, have groups set and in action during first week of school.

- Handbook approval / minor adjustments to some of the language.
- Preschool roundup will be held on August 25 - 30+ students in both the three day and two-day groups. VB team is going to assist in giving tours / riding bus. We have added preschool craft days to calendar Nov. 17-18 / April 20-21. There will be NO Preschool on Tuesday, Sept 27 due to needed space / teachers for preschool screening.
- Elementary / High School connections - Possibility of having some high school students outside elementary on first day to welcome kids to school, Homecoming royalty and cheerleaders to visit elementary Tuesday, Oct 11, High school / elementary "Pal" program / monthly visits.
- Last week we had 7 staff members complete CPI Initial Training. 25+ others will be completing similar trainings in the next couple weeks. Kelly Quade and Derrick Jenniges attended the first session of the SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Grant Research. More to come.
- Currently at 12 new students (K-6) and 2 that have moved out of district.
- Thanks again to the summer crew for great work that was done!

Principal Woitalewicz – School starts in 3 weeks

- A lot to do yet at high school, with many projects still in progress. Janitorial staff and students are working hard and will have things ready to go by school start.
- Wednesday, August 31st - 1st day of workshop
- Wednesday, September 1st - 2nd (final) day of fall workshop, Fall Festival, New Student Orientation.
- Tuesday, September 6th - 1st day of school.

Construction updates

- Mud and tape up in teach campus FACS and Silk-Screening rooms and my office. Paint next
- Flooring installed in Mrs. Dibble's new math room (old choir room), my office, and Mrs. Koppien's Art room. Still in progress.
- Locker room concrete islands demo'd, new lockers have arrived, and old lockers currently being sandblasted. New lockers should be painted by next week, wall installed in locker rooms, then lockers back in. Almost completed.
 - Student council raised \$9,000 thanks to various community groups. A huge thank you to these community groups for supporting our students in this way.
 - Would like to do a couple different things with some of the \$9,000.
 - Speaker systems for both locker rooms. Already purchased for around \$1200 total.
 - Heavy-duty locker room carpet in new varsity locker area. Getting a quote.
 - New stools for varsity athletes so they can sit around the whiteboard during pre-game or at halftime.
 - New landscaping block installed around flower beds on west end of school. Looks very nice.
- Handbook Update - Updated HS Handbook has been sent to you for approval. No major revisions, just minor changes to bring it fully up to date.
- Senior class trip - Class trip will be on as scheduled for the upcoming school year. Plan is to return to normal scheduling to Washington DC and NYC.
- Thank you to all of the staff who have been working on all of the summer projects.

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Hemp to approve the updates to the Elementary and High School handbooks as presented. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation looks good, vehicles in good shape and inspections. Working on routes (7 bus and 2 vans) we shouldn't need to add any routes. 2010 Van did not get extension. New bus should be here around Christmas.
- Facilities (FACS, locker room, office, WG hallway, A/C)
- Administrative / staffing updates
 - Special Education in WG STILL in limbo
- Shared Services
- ESSER should be able to be used for extracurricular activities (161)
- Enrollments – not updated as of time of meeting
- Auditors come tomorrow from the new firm.

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

- Integrity Bank Plus and Knakmuhs Agency for donations to the stat board
- Mary Osland for help with Fall Festival and landscaping
- Summer Grounds crew at both locations for their work this summer
- Groups/Individuals that donated to the Locker Room updates – Westbrook Area Service Club, Sports Boosters, Walnut Grove Loggers, Westbrook Area Volunteers, Westbrook Women's Club, Westbrook Fire Department, WWG Boys Basketball Team.
- Student Council for their fundraising efforts for updates to the school

New Business

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Madson for the approval of the updated return to school plan for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Foster to approve the lane change request for Megan Bonnstetter from BA to BA15. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Kuehl to approve the following staffing updates / approvals. Motion Carried

- Resignation of J.C. Noding and many thanks.
- Maternity leave request for Jamie Kirsh (January 3rd -May 1st)
- Extended contracts for Jolene VanDeVeire and Steph Doubler for added time due to Special Education and ELL staffing shortages.
- Hiring of paraprofessional Melinda Lee.

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hemp to approve the updated fees schedule and activity fees and tickets (handout) Motion Carried

- Adult lunch
- Waive all activity fees and replace with ESSER dollars
- Activity tickets – stay the same
- Mileage rate will change to \$.55/mile

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Kleven to approve Surplus items (food mixer, lockers, tables) Motion Carried

Adjourned at 8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk