

## WWG School Board Meeting

June 29, 2022

Walnut Grove, 7:00 PM

Members present: Maas, Warner, Kuehl, Kleven, Foster, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz, Principal Olson, Derrick Jenniges also present were Adrienne Klestcher, Mandy Dibble, Leo Theisen and Tom Merchant. Absent Hemp, Madson

Maas called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion made by Kuehl seconded by Foster to approve the meeting minutes from the May 16, 2022.  
Motion Carried

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

**Visitor reports** – Jessie Jorgenson and Mandy Dibble discussed the possibilities of Daycare/After school program.

### Old Business –

- Math Curriculum purchase – It is here, just waiting for the manipulative kits. Training will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Locker Room update –
- Hudl – estimate was shared with the board. Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Kleven to approve the 3-camera set up for the Hudl program. For a total of \$11,000. Motion Carried
- Daycare/After School programming – Motion made by Warner and seconded by Kuehl to approve the continuing efforts of the committee to pursue the options of opening a Day Care Center and after school program with space allocation in the High School Building. Motion Carried

### Administrative Reports

AD Theisen – Coaching vacancies for next year – JH boys basketball, JH baseball and Head Baseball. MSHSL cost is \$2845. Trap shoot team did well at the State meet in Alexandria. They received 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Novice Division. Info on potential pairing in football with RRC – there have been discussions with coaches, fans, parents with mixed responses. Decision will have to be made after October 1. Not interested if we have to go up to 11-man football. RRC can't host games in the fall of 2023 due to their building project. Looking at a 50/50 split in games/practices in a proposal if the decision to proceed is made. A group of students approached Theisen about getting updated speaker system on the football field. Theisen will check with the sports boosters to potentially help with funding. Football starts early this fall because of BLHS dropping football. Practice for varsity starts on August 8<sup>th</sup>. VB/Cheer will start on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Jenniges – Summer Cleaning Crew is making way through the building - Thank you for their efforts. Moving six classrooms - SPED moving to the middle of the building, Preschool to west end together and by lockers / bathrooms. Summer Lunch is in full swing 40-45 kids each day depending on summer rec. Students of the Week- Two students per week throughout the year, working on community sponsors. New math curriculum shipped shortly after it was ordered. July 21 training has been scheduled for teachers. This will be the “makeup” day from last November. We will be looking at some adjustments to how we structure our SPED / EL programs to best use the staff that we have in the building. Large magnetic whiteboards that were ordered for the main hallway were shipped damaged, so we will be looking to get these replaced and that time frame is questionable. The hope is to make this an interactive board for all students to answer weekly questions and see responses of students from all grade levels. Large projector screen for the gym has finally arrived after a year plus of waiting. Breakfast Club - Considering different options to have our early arriving Walnut Grove students with leadership skills work in small groups with younger students to practice / review different academic skills, motor skills, and game play. August schedule at elementary - August 1-4 Reading Challenge Quest (8:30-11:30). Invitations sent based on teacher recommendation / spring scores. August 15-18 Math Adventure (8:30-11:30). Invitations sent based on teacher recommendation / spring scores. August 22-24 RTI Reading Testing (Both buildings). Thank you to Mr. Olson for helping during this transition.

Principal Woitalewicz – Graduation 2022 - Went as planned, successfully graduated 19 students. The 1 student who dropped out last year was also able to graduate this spring. Ended the year with 6 students on our eligibility list: all junior high students. Those students were expected to come in for summer school to complete work they had missing. Only 2 came in to complete the work. The rest will be required to re-take the course(s) they failed because they did not satisfactorily complete course requirements. Construction Updates - Remodeling HS Office space. Removing middle room and adding to my office space to be able to have small meetings in my office as necessary. Moving staff copy room and all copiers across the hall. Install of new toilets and sinks in girls and boy's locker rooms. They look nice. Construction in old FACS room is underway. Adding full wall in between FACS room and shirt-making room to house our new FACS teacher at tech campus. Changes to handbook - Student Absences: Looking to remove policy that gives detention time for unexcused absences. The consequence for unexcused absences is possible truancy violations (which serve a good purpose and work well). Detention time for unexcused absences does not deter students who struggle with school attendance, so is not a necessary component of our absence policies. Requesting the school board approve this change beginning the 22-23 school year. Eligibility (new language underlined): Looking to update and simplify our eligibility policies. An eligibility list will be run twice per quarter, once at mid-quarter and again at quarter end. Students who are failing one or more courses at mid-quarter will be placed on the eligibility list. Students on the eligibility list at mid-quarter will be required to sit out the next event or activity they are to participate in. Students must still attend all practices and other team activities but must sit out their next event. A failing grade for any quarter, semester, or year-long course makes the student ineligible for the following quarter or semester or year for a period of one or two games or two weeks, whichever is greater. The student must attend every practice during this time but cannot participate in any events when serving their penalty. \*\*If a sport or activity season has under 15 events, the ineligible student must sit out one event if it is the greater penalty. If a sport or activity season has more than 15 events, the ineligible student must sit out two events if it is the greater penalty. \*\*Any time a student is on the eligibility list, they have the ability to immediately remove themselves from it if

they get their grade up to passing. Requesting the school board approve this change beginning the 22-23 school year.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation – minibus September / Full size bus January / Van soon
- Summer projects update
- Administrative / staffing updates
  - EL opening will not be filled at this time
  - Special education – opening yet in WG
- Shared Services
- Health Insurance issues / Increases – increase of 25% next year
- ESSER III (modify the application)
- Enrollments
  - PreK- 61, K-38,
  - 1st-39, 2nd-38, 3rd-39,
  - 4th-37, 5th-36, 6th-25, WG Bldg – 283
  - 7th-29, 8th-36, 9th-38
  - 10th-24, 11th-27, 12th-25; WB Bldg - 179
- Kindergarten and Preschool 3 sections next year
- Preschool playground area thoughts (cove in WG) fundraising
- Solar for schools’ program webinar 4/26 (Sam checking it out)
- Thank you from the DeSmith’s over the loss of Dale’s mother

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

- Thank you to all who helped with Fun Days/Mis Westbrook scholarship program.
- Thank you to all who are helping with the Day Care Center (Jessie Jorgenson)

### **New Business**

Motion made by Maas seconded by Kuehl to approve the lane change for Carter Ross BA45 to BA60.

Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster seconded by Maas to approve a one-year contract with Supt. Woelber at 3% increase to district. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl seconded by Warner to approve the part time contract for Kobe Lovell in Elementary Sped beginning mid-year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Maas for the Part time approval of Carli Johnson for RTI Math. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Foster to approve the Resolution to be members of the following MREA (\$1,300) and MSBA (\$4,000) and MSHSL (\$2845) membership for 22-23. Kuehl – Aye, Warner – Aye, Foster – Aye, Maas – Aye, Kleven – Aye. Motion Carried

Motion made by Maas and seconded by Warner to Designate Loy Woelber as the IOWA (Identified Official with Access) for the Dept of Ed sites. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Foster for the approval of Literacy plan for 22-23 school year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Kuehl to approve the leave of absence approval for seasonal school year employees. Motion Carried

Motion made by Maas and seconded by Warner to approve Joyce Madson for long term substitute 6th grade for the beginning of the school year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Maas for the approval of Robyn Hansen for Secondary special education. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Foster to approve the updated support staff rates for 22-23. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Kuehl to approve Surplus property (tables, student desks). Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Foster to approve the resolution for candidates filing for fall school board election. Kuehl – Aye, Warner – Aye, Foster – Aye, Maas – Aye, Kleven – Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Kleven to approve the 2022-2023 budget with revenue of \$7,901,233 and expenditures of \$8,151,425. Deficit of \$250,192. Motion Carried

Motion made by Maas and seconded by Warner to approve Jessica Lamb as a para in the Elementary.

Motion Carried

Proposed Locker Room Updates - Updated locker rooms, especially new and refinished lockers, would be wonderful for our student body, both our regular ed students (in PE/Health classes) and our student-athletes. Additionally, our locker rooms represent the quality of our school facilities to opposing teams who use them. \*\*Student council will dedicate all the fundraised money they have in their account towards this project (\$7,000) and the full amount they plan to raise with ad revenue during the 22-23 school year (projected \$8,000) towards this locker room project.

Project Details:

- \*Install new varsity lockers in both boys and girls locker rooms - Quote with install is \$36,360
- \*Install wall in both locker rooms to create contained varsity locker space \$2,250
- \*Install extra cement pad in both locker rooms \$8,175
- \*New partitions in the showers for both locker rooms \$1,750
- new heating system (take heating off back wall and put into ceiling tiles) \$15,000
- new floor covering (poly-tec spackle floor covering) \$10,706
- \*Refinish existing lockers no quote at this time

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Warner to approve moving forward with the locker room updates as noted by \* above. Motion Carried

Adjourned at 9:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Foster  
Board Clerk