

## **WWG School Board Meeting**

**December 20, 2021**

**Walnut Grove, 7:00 PM**

Members present: Maas, Madson, Warner, Hemp, Kuehl, Kleven, Foster, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz, Principal Olson also present were Leo Theisen and Tom Merchant.

Maas called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Hemp to approve the agenda. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Madson to approve the meeting minutes from the November 15, 2021, meeting. Motion Carried

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

### **Visitor reports –**

### **Old Business –**

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Warner to approve the following staffing changes. Motion Carried

- Long term substitute in elementary SPED Diana Johnson
- Resignation and many thanks to Karen Kolar (31 years)
- Resignation of Dan Wahl for Long Term SPED
- Misty Green para for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

### **Administrative Reports**

AD Theisen – Westbrook Fire Department donated \$3000 to the Football team for sideline capes and JH jerseys. Looking at prices for upgrades to the scoreboard. Adding a Stat board and a shot clock. Total cost would be \$15,900. An offer to donate ½ the cost of the stat board has been made, will need to look for ways to pay for the rest. Motion made by Warner and seconded by Hemp to approve the purchase of the additions to the score board. Motion Carried

Principal Olson – Dan Wahl will move to the Preschool to be a one-to-one Para. Winter clothing was donated by Our Saviors Church. Multiple local churches in Walnut Grove donated socks. Many local donations of various winter items by local members of the communities.

Principal Woitalewicz – Distance Learning updates - I think the school's mindset should be to use available snow days if possible, instead of distance learning days. I think we should continue to plan snow days in the calendar and use them before we start using our distance learning days. I have filed truancy reports for 5 of the 6 distance learning students at the high school. 5 of the 6 are failing almost

every class. For our full-time distance learning students currently - I would like to pass a motion stating that any distance student who is not passing all their online classes by the end of semester 1 will be required to come back to the building and start in-person classes beginning semester 2.

Going forward, I would also like to put this in as policy for our distance learning students.

- For students in full-time distance learning through WWG High School, the school will expect students to complete work in their online classes on each day school is in session.
- Additionally, on days when school is in session, we expect students in the distance learning program to work in their classes for at least 240 minutes (this equals 4 hours of work). If online students do not complete at least 240 minutes of work in a school day they will be considered absent-unexcused for that school day. A note that too many unexcused absences can lead to student truancy being filed with the county of residence.
- \*\*The school will not draw a hard line on this minute's expectation from day-to-day. We will look at minutes put in each week, and if the total for a regular week average out to 240 minutes per day the school will not count unexcused absences for that week. If total minutes for the week fall under the 240-minute average, the school will look back at the week and count any days under 240 minutes as absent-unexcused.
- If a full-time distance learning student does not meet the 240-minute per week average for 3 consecutive weeks their situation will be reviewed by administration and the school counselor, and a determination will be made as to whether or not they will be required to come back to the school building for in-person learning or continue in their distance learning program.

Would like to pass a motion stating that any student currently in truancy mediation should not be able to participate in extra-curricular activities until their truancy situation is in motion and their school attendance is improving. Basically, if a student can't show up to school, I don't think they should be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities either.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation – (new bus, no van, bus garage).
- MSBA Convention is in January
- Administrative/staffing updates
- Food Service
- Exploring Math Curriculum in the elementary
- Daycare task force for the district
- MREA ballots
- Enrollments
  - PreK- 53, K-38
  - 1st-38, 2nd-36, 3rd-34
  - 4th-35, 5th-25, 6<sup>th</sup> - 29 (WG Bldg 235)
  - 7th-36, 8th-39, 9th-25
  - 10th-28, 11th-24, 12th-20 (WB bldg. 172)
  - Total – 407

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Kleven to acknowledge the Board reports and recognition of donors/supporters Motion Carried– Thanks to: Motion Carried

- Sock donation by WG Ecumenical Sunday School
- Penny Drive for gifts for kinds in need organized by Abby Klumper and Mandy Dibble
- Winter Clothing from Our Saviors Lutheran Church

- Westbrook Fire Department \$3000 to the Football program

### **New Business**

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Foster to approve a Resolution supporting full funding of special education by the Federal Government. Madson – Aye, Warner – Aye, Hemp – Aye, Foster – Aye, Kleven – Aye, Maas – Aye. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Kleven for the approval of the pay 2022 levy in the amount of \$998,769 at a 3% increase from last year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Madson to approve the purchase of used pickup from Westbrook Utilities. Motion Carried

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Hemp to approve changes to the Distance Learning protocols. For our full-time distance learning students currently any distance student who is not passing all their online classes by the end of semester 1 will be required to come back to the building and start in-person classes beginning semester 2. Motion Carried

Update to Truancy protocols – tabled.

Next meeting will be on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Foster  
Board Clerk