

WWG School Board Meeting

January 23, 2023

Westbrook, 7:00 PM

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

Maas called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officers

- Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Foster to nominate the following – Motion Carried
 - A. Maas as Chair.
 - B. Madson as Vice Chair
 - C. Kleven as Treasurer
 - D. Foster as Clerk
- Motion made by Madson and seconded by Kuehl to approve Compensation. Motion Carried
 - A. \$30 per meeting,
 - B. \$400 clerk
 - C. \$400 treasurer
 - D. mileage paid from home
- Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Warner to approve the Committee membership
 - A. MSBA Legislative Representative – Maas
 - B. World's Best Workforce – Maas, Madson, Hemp
 - C. Negotiations Personnel & Admin. – Madson, Kleven, Foster
 - D. Negotiations alternate – Maas
 - E. Redwood County Collaborative – Maas/Alternate Warner
 - F. Cottonwood County Collaborative & Tri-County Day Treatment – Madson /Alternate Woelber
 - G. Bldgs & Grounds/Safety – Kuehl, Hemp, Madson
 - H. Transportation – Kuehl, Kleven, Warner
 - I. Technology – Foster, Kleven, Madson
 - J. Meet & Confer – Maas, Warner, Foster
 - K. Community Ed/Wellness – Maas, Madson, Hemp
 - L. MSHSL Rep – Kuehl, Madson, Theisen
 - M. SWWC Service Cooperative - Maas

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Foster to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Kuehl to approve the December 19, 2022. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports – Lisa Mischke shared information for Stigma-Free Zones which is a collaborative campaign against the stigma of Mental Illness. Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl to

approve the resolution of the STIGMA FREE campaign as presented. Kleven – aye, Foster – aye, Warner – aye, Maas – aye, Kuehl – aye, Madson – aye. Motion Carried

Old Business –

Child Care Center updates – Progress continues. Rooms are nearing completion and painting will begin soon. Waiting for remodeling projects to be completed in order to schedule Fire and DHS inspections. Donations are always welcome and additional funding (grants) are being explored and applied for. Updates are being made in the review licensing stage. As the licensing component moves forward, staffing openings will be posted. Currently looking for adult help with the After School Program – contact Karla if interested. Also looking for an assortment of items to stock the daycare. Items must be clean, in good working order and not missing pieces.

Collection Dates and Times –

- 2/27 6:00pm-8:00pm
- 3/4 10:30am-2:00pm
- 3/7 – 6:00pm-8:00pm

Administrative Reports

AD Theisen – Winter activities are going well. Both basketball programs are having outstanding seasons. The girls have a 11-3 record and the boys have a 12-1 record. The One Act Play Contest is January 28 at Redwood Falls. Adrienne Kletscher is the director. They will present at WWG on January 26 at 2 and 7 in the auditorium. Speech practice is going well led by Mrs. Caygle with 23 students participating. 18- WWG/5-RRC. First speech date is February 11th. These are some added events at upcoming Basketball games –

- 1/27 Meet the Chargers Night after the game and WAV Taco Feed Fundraiser.
- 2/6 Sanford Red-Out Night and Lamberton School of Dance performing at half time.
- 2/9 Sanford Boys Red Out Night and Parent's Night
- 2/10 Girls Parent's Night

Coaching positions still needed this spring

- JH Baseball
- JH Softball
- Isaac Jenniges is being approved as the interim head baseball coach.

Fall Coaching positions open

- JH Football
- JH Volleyball
- And potentially a 3rd High School Volleyball coach if projected numbers stay around 28-30 students

Red Rock Conference designed some new sportsmanship banners to hang in the gym.

Mr. Jenniges – SEL grant work - Relationships, discussions, empathy, self-awareness. Dental sealants / varnishing - January 6 - Approximately 30 students. Family Day - January 6 (Next up is Feb 10); come witness the action! Four WWG graduates spent time in the elementary over their holiday break - Para subs and corrections / completions in older grades. Latest Charger Pals visit - Jan 20; New Year's Resolutions! NED Show - Virtual on February 10 - Never give up / Encourage others / Do your best
Upcoming important dates

- Lake Shetek Winter Camp for grades 5-8 - February 16
- 4-6th Concert - February 23
- Spelling Bee in late February

Reading curriculum update.

Changes for 2023-24 school year

- Transportation
 - A. Align the teacher day in the elementary / high school
 - B. Open time for elementary teachers to explore
 - C. Mental health of students and staff
 - D. Provide map of Walnut Grove
- Preschool day shuffle
 - A. Monday / Wednesday / Thursday
 - B. Tuesday / Friday
- Begindergarten Approval
 - A. Next steps would be to contact parents
 - B. Continue curriculum work

Thank you to ALL staff for a smooth transition back into the school routine after the holiday break /weather disruptions!

Principal Woitalewicz – 2nd semester begins next week - ½ day on Friday the 27th, with high school teachers staying until 3:45pm to finish up semester grades and submit.

High School After School program

- A struggle to get students to come for the 1 on 1 or small group help.
- Has reduced the number of students on our failing list.
- Continuing the program through the end of the school year and then re-assessing.

One Act Play this week - Performance for high school at 2pm on Tuesday the 24th. Saturday the 28th is sub-sections. Mrs. Kletscher is directing.

Daycare Center Update

- Construction continues - - waiting on Exit signs to come in. Once those are installed, we can invite the daycare inspector back and hopefully get approved.
- Karla is working on revising our application as requested as well.
- Additional updates from Karla Gundermann to be presented at board meeting.

\$1500 grant for teacher's lounge improvements - Many thanks to Shelby Foster and the rest of Mrs. Koppien's Interior Design class, as they received a \$1500 grant from the Remick Foundation for teacher's lounge improvements. The class has been working this quarter in the lounge to make those improvements.

Locker Room update

- Walls to house new lockers are being installed in both locker rooms.
- New bench tops have arrived and will be installed shortly.
- Lockers are set to arrive and be installed around February 6th.

New flooring installed at tech campus. The tiles look great.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation is tricky – hats off to our bus drivers for all of the obstacles they have had so far this school year.
- Food Service has additional funds for fresh foods
- Administrative updates

- A. I'll get into elementary classrooms after February 1st.
- Shared Services
 - ESSER III is this year and next year
 - Enrollments – not available
 - Staffing:
 - Non renewals (if any) will take place at the March board meeting.
 - LTTTS training for 2023 - 2024

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

- Matt Wahl for the donation of a 1500 gallon diesel fuel tank for buses.
- City of Westbrook and Walnut Grove for the work around the school and along the routes with snow removal and sanding.
- Bus/Vans Drivers
- Shelby Foster for her initiative and the Interior Design class for their remodeling project in the teacher's lounge

New Business

Revised budget for 22 - 23 school year in February.

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Kleven to follow the recommendation of Mr. Woelber for Snow Days. Add Monday February 20th leave the Easter weekend as is for now. Discuss any additional days later if needed. School will go through the end of May. Motion Carried

Paraprofessional days related to weather.

Motion made by Maas and seconded by Kleven to approve the resignation of Karen Nissel for her 30+ years of service to the Walnut Grove and WWG School System. Motion Carried

Information of new hires

- Robyn Hansen moving to previous position of library, substitute and paraprofessional. Many thanks for filling in 1st semester.

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Foster to recognize and give gratitude for Paraprofessional staff - Paraprofessional week January 23 - 27th. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Madson to approve the Begindergarten program for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion Carried.

Adjourned at 8:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk