

WWG School Board Meeting

April 17, 2023

Walnut Grove 7:00 PM

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

Maas called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Kleven to approve the agenda as presented. Add change in FTE for Meghann Westover to Q under New Business. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Warner to approve the March 20, 2023. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports – Speech participants gave 2 performances for the board. Community Education – open gym was not as well participated this year. Summer Rec will start June 5th – Same coaches as last year. 10 new members to the fitness center. Pickleball has grown some interest.

Old Business –

- Day Care updates – Tentative start date of Monday June 5th. Huge need for infant spots. Rachel, Jane and Karla are going to visit the Mt. Lake school daycare later this week.
 - A. Staffing -working on hiring 5 people. Completed many interviews.
 - B. Remodeling – countertop is installed, working on the plumbing.
- Playground Updates and upcoming Education Foundation meeting – meeting April 18th.
- Telephone service for both buildings – Courtney recommends updating both buildings. Work can begin over the summer.
 - A. Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl to update the telephone service for both buildings. Motion Carried

Administrative Reports

AD Theisen/ Klumper – State Speech is next Saturday 4/29 at Eastview High School in Apple Valley. We are having a send off for the team next week and the WB Fire Department will lead them out of Westbrook. The 7th Annual WWG/RRC Speech Showcase will be on 5/7 at 2:00 pm at the WWG High School Auditorium. Spring sports have been able to get in a few events by the weather has caused many cancellations. Derrick Jenniges & Adam Kletscher and crew have done a great job getting the WG County Park fields ready to play. Games were played there last week for Softball and Baseball. Plan to hold multiple Softball and JH Baseball games out there. Golf has not had any matches yet, hopefully tomorrow. Track team has had four meets. There was a sports meeting with the RRC administration last week. Maury, Abby, Loy and Leo attended. The wind damaged the Sona Tube supporting the

baseball scoreboard last spring. Darren is still trying to get someone to replace that support so we can put up the scoreboard. The baseball field still needs work. Are not able to use it as is at this point. Athletic Awards night will be on May 19th at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. The gym floor refinish is scheduled for June 27th-July 9th. Black out week is July 1-7. No football schedule for next fall yet. Music Solo & Ensemble Region Contests are May 6th at Mt. Lake. High School Spring play on May 11, 12, 13. Jim Kleven agreed to fill the one-year term for a Sub-Region 9 school board member on the region 3A committee. Thanks for the kind words expressed to me for the AD of the Year Award.

Mr. Jenniges

- 5-6th grade field trip to the Twin Cities last week was a success. History Center, State Capitol, Twins Game. More field trips starting to hit the calendar
- Last week Tracy PD came to visit with 6th grade about local drug use, etc.
- 5th grade integration camping trip (used to be by Alexandria) at Lake Shetek May 18-19
- Muffins for Moms on April 5. Donuts for Dads on Wednesday, April 19
- Next week we have elementary music concerts on Tuesday / Thursday
- Reading curriculum update - 4 teachers completed Orton Gillingham phonics training. Assessment season is underway
- Preschool curriculum
 - Preschool registration fees increased to \$750 / \$500
 - Online spring registration process seems to be going well
 - Preschool screening next week Tuesday
- SPED caseloads / minutes update - Teachers - 2500 minutes of daily direct services. Para count (currently 25)
- Upcoming events
 - April 19 - Donuts for Dads
 - April 20-21 - Preschool Craft Days
 - April 22 - Regional Spelling Bee
 - April 25 - Preschool Screening (NO CLASSES)
 - April 25 - Concert 4-6th (7:00)
 - April 26 - SEL Learning Walks (Grades 3-6)
 - April 27 - 1st grade to New Ulm 9:30-2:40 & Concert K-3 (7:00)
 - April 28 - Raptor Center presentations for (PreK-6)
 - April 28 - Charger Pals (11:00-12:30)
 - May 4 - Secret Pal picnic. Music Street does Beginning Band meeting with 4th grade parents (3:15-5:30)
 - May 5 - 4th Grade field trip to SMSU Planetarium & Greenhouse (9:00 am -back before 3:00)
 - May 10 - 5th Grade Ag Day - Gilfillan Estate 8:10-2:00
 - May 11 - 3rd grade to Windom
 - May 12 - Family Day
 - May 17 - 6th grade orientation at high school

Principal Woitalewicz – Order for playground will ship on July 7th, with delivery on July 10th approximately. WWG/RRC Speech sending 2 students to State in late April – Elijah Merrick and Phoenix Nelson Weckman. FFA taking a whole host of students to state in late April as well. 10-12 grade students Job Shadowing this week; a very good program to get our kids out into the workforce for a day. MCA testing will be held next week. Senior band/Choir trip coming up Wednesday May 4th. Senior Class trip was a success; many minor things to change as this is the first year it was planned in house, but

overall many highlights for students who went. Spring play public viewings 5/12 and 5/13 at 7pm. Capital Outlay Requests discussed. Also requesting \$45,848 in grants from Remnick Foundation – hopeful to hear back in late April or early May. May 17th is the Senior award night.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation (new bus ordered March of 2022 and arrived in Monticello February 20, 2023) should arrive tomorrow WWG.
- Food Service (summer lunch planning in the works) (Daycare lunch planning and staff reconfiguration for Westbrook)
- Administrative updates
 - May agenda for Supt sharing.
 - Student support in Walnut Grove (Social worker, counselor)
- Shared Services
- ESSER will be used up June of 2024
- Enrollments (March)
 - PreK- 59 (3's and 4's), K-46
 - 1st-42, 2nd-40, 3rd-37
 - 4th-40, 5th-36, 6th-25, WG Bldg K-6 266 + 59 PrK
 - 7th-29, 8th-39, 9th-39
 - 10th-25, 11th-25, 12th-23; WB Bldg 180
- Updating Strategic Plan (MSBA or Cliff Carmody) I really like our mission and vision statements.
- Legislation

Board reports and recognition of donors/supporters.

New Business

Snow days update, discussion, and action.

- 6 no school days
- 5 flexible learning days
- Make up days on Monday February 20th, Monday April 10th, Tuesday May 30th - Thursday June 1st.
- 1 day online / packet day to be subtracted from student contact days.
- Friday March 17th? Forgive the student day?
- Motion made by Madson and seconded by Foster to amend the student contact days for the 2022 – 2023 school year to 173. Motion Carried

Approvals for the following staffing changes -

- Halle Steen for .65 Title / ELL to begin December 2023. Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Warner – motion carried.
- Kobe Lovell for .80 Elementary Special Education for 2023 - 2024. Motion made by Foster seconded by Kuehl. Motion carried.
- Sheryl Woelber for 7-12 Math Instructor for 2023 - 2024. Motion made by Madson seconded by Foster. Motion carried.
- Megan Bonstetter approval for lane change BA15 to BA30. Motion made by Warner seconded by Kleven. Motion carried.

Looking ahead to projects summer of 2023 and beyond

- Walnut Grove playground (20 volunteers for 3 days)
- Walnut Grove Elementary Library facelift. (carpet)
- Walnut Grove Classroom A/C
- Westbrook parking lot patching
- Westbrook replace some galvanized pipe in Tech campus
- Westbrook Tech campus parking lot (concrete or rock)
- Westbrook Gym ridge cap and east entry roof / walkway
- Walnut Grove rock between building and playground
- Westbrook concrete apron van garage and scoreboard concrete.
- Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Kleven to approve the proposed capital outlay requests from the following - WWG High School capital requests approximately \$24-27,000. Athletic requests – approximately \$30-45,000. Elementary requests approximately \$35-40,000. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Warner to approve the resignation and many thanks to Lynn Caygle as paraprofessional and speech coach at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Madson for the approval of leave for Josh Barron for the first quarter of the 2023 – 2024 school year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Kuehl for the donation of any needed WG playground equipment to the RW county park. Motion carried.

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Kleven to approve the resignation and many thanks to Erin Richards Altmann as special education instructor and Cheer Coach. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Kuehl to approve Anne Woelber for secondary special education teacher for the 2023 -2024 School year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Kleven to approve the 2-year agreement moving forward with PEIP for the 23 - 24 and 24 – 25 school years. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Foster to approve the agreement with USICG (HILDI) for Actuarial consulting services for two years. (\$2,300 + \$650). Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Madson to approve Makayla Ewy for speech language therapist for the 2023 - 2024 school year. (Amount adjusted from the Service coop agreement from 1.0 to .2). Motion Carried.

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Foster to approve Meghann Westover increase in FTE from .75 to 1.0 for the 23-24 school year.as a FACS instructor. Motion Carried.

Other

Next meeting Monday May 15, 7 p.m. in Westbrook

Adjourned at 9:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk