

WWG School Board Meeting

May 22, 2023

Westbrook 5:30 PM

Members present: Maas, Madson, Kuehl, Warner, Hemp, Kleven, Foster, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz, Derrick Jenniges also present were Megan Bonnstetter, Abby Klumper, Leo Theisen, and Tom Merchant. Absent – none

Maas called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Kleven to approve the April 17, 2023. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports –

Old Business –

- Daycare updates (Karla Gundermann) June 12th start date
 - Staffing 8-9 staff hired
 - Remodeling
 - Playground
- Playground updates in WG

Administrative Reports

AD Theisen/ Klumper – Softball plays at Nicollet in Section play on Tuesday at 5:00pm. Baseball has their final regular season game vs RCW at Milroy on Tuesday at 4:30. Section baseball starts on Saturday – seedings are on Wednesday. JH Baseball plays RCW at WG on Tuesday at 3:30. Subsection Tracy is at Redwood Falls on Thursday at 3:30. Section golf is at Worthington on Wednesday at 9:00 am. Athletic Awards banquet was last Friday night. A big thank you to the Westbrook Area Service Club for providing the meal. Congrats to these teams who finished at the top of the Red Rock Conference this year:

- Boys Golf – Champions
- Girls Basketball – Runner Up
- Boys Basketball – Runner Up
- Volleyball – Runner Up

These athletes won major awards this year

- Athletes of the year – Isabella Rentschler and Kole Curry
- Marines Distinguished Athlete – Dan Kleven
- Charger Scholarships – Brady Ross, Jessica Harder and Aydn Vue

The Red Rock Conference ADs discussed the ticket prices for next year. It was suggested that all conference schools raise prices to adults (\$7.00) and students (\$5.00). RTR will be joining the conference this fall and already charge those prices.

Boys Volleyball received enough votes to be added as a MSHSL sport in 2024.

There has been some interest shown in adding a Cross Country team in the fall.

Mr. Jenniges

Recent Field Trips

- 1st Grade to Children Theater at Martin Luther (New Ulm)
- 2nd Grade Pen Pals with RRC
- 3rd Grade to Windom
- 4th Grade to Planetarium at SMSU
- 5th Grade Ag Day at Gilfillan
- 6th Grade Orientation

5th Grade Integration Camp Trip at Lake Shetek

- Successful first try

Upcoming Field Trips

- 2nd Grade to Wilder Museum
- 2nd Grade to Lake Shetek Environmental Center
- Kindergarten to Butterfly House
- May 31 - Preschool to City Park

Kindergarten Roundup - end of April

- All Kindergartens attended, about 3/4 of the Kindergarten

Successful concerts - great comments from community

- Thanks to Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Cuff for leading the way

Preschool registrations - 48 thus far

Mental Health Speaker (4-6)

Teacher Appreciation Week

- Thanks to Bubai Foods (candy bars), Integrity Bank (pop), and group of parents (bars / treats)

Finished MCA / NWEA testing -Reviewing / comparing data

Last Family Day of the year was today

Medical Updates

- 40 Pink Eye few weeks
- 85 office visits per week / average 17 per day / 30 visits on May 5 / 14 areas of need

Last week of school events

- May 30 - Talent Show
- May 31 - K-6 to County Park for activities / picnic
- June 1 - Outdoor lunch

Thank you to all staff for their role in helping me make a smooth transition! Excited about what we were able to accomplish and look forward to building off that in 2023-24!

Principal Woitalewicz –

Lockdowns completed in late April

- Called lockdown and teachers talked with students each day of the week about different parts of ALICE training and what they would do specifically in their classroom. Overall develop a mindset to fight back and not hide.
- All lockdowns are completed for the year, and a few fire drills are left to complete.

Graduation

- Sunday, May 28th at 2pm
- Thanks to Wendy Knakmuhs for planning the schedule.
- Seniors will follow our “normal” last day of school schedule for them on Friday, May 26th. Clean out lockers, get fitted for cap and gown, go through graduation practice, take picture, then be released from school.
- Seniors will not be coming back to school after graduation.

Talk about summer school options

- At high school we are planning on summer school for 7th and 8th grade students.
- We will have 9-12 grade students who failed a course retake the course next year or take an Acellus course to make up credit.

Student handbook addition

- Trying to combat the problems that come along with lack of school attendance, specifically if working with an enabling parent and/or if truancy is not an option.
- Essentially stating that quite a bit of learning takes place in the actual classroom environment (even if it isn't graded) and it is very important for our students to regularly attend those classes.
- **Barring an extraordinary extenuating circumstance for the student or family, any high school student missing more than EIGHT (8) classes per quarter in one period, excused or unexcused, will receive no credit for that class. This credit denial can be appealed with the parent and student initially meeting with the teacher(s) and building principal. If the decision to withhold credit is upheld, it can be appealed to the superintendent and to the school board, with the school board making the final decision.”**

Superintendent Woelber –

Transportation (vans, suburban, age limits)- looking for at least one more driver for next fall.

Food Service (summer lunch planning in the works) (Daycare lunch planning and staff reconfiguration for Westbrook) (Lunch debt in the area of \$5,000)

Administrative updates

- 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

Legislation

Summer in Walnut Grove

- Playground removal (early June)

- Ground prep / tree removal (mid-June)
- Playground installation (Tentative July 10)
- Air Conditioning (early June)
- Library Asbestos

Board reports and recognition of donors/supporters. Motion made by Hemp and seconded Kleven
Motion Carried.

- Bubai Foods, Integrity Bank Plus and parents for donations to the school
- WAV and Gene Kronback and Marlow Nelson for their donations to the Daycare playground
- Kim Holm Insurance for their donation of doughnuts for teacher appreciation.
- Adam Kletscher, Orion Knakmuhs, Derrick Jenniges and Nate Knakmuhs for their work on the County Park ball fields.
- Westbrook Area Service Club for Food and their service for Scholarship event and the Athletic Awards event.

New Business

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Foster to approve the resignation and many thanks to Brenda Nolte – Food Service. Motion Carried

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Kleven to approve the change to Josh Barron 75% contract for 2023 – 2024 and rescind the motion from the April board meeting stating he would be on a Leave of Absence. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Kuehl to approve the 1st semester maternity leave for Tasha Cuff. Motion Carried

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Hemp for the approval of 1 year contract with Superintendent Woelber for the 23 - 24 school year. Motion Carried

Looking ahead to projects summer of 2023 approval. (Handout)

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Warner for the approval of the 2023 - 2024 Preschool fees to increase for the 3-day program (\$750) as well as the 2-day program (\$500) per year. A lesser fee (\$250 3 day /\$100) will also be instituted for families that qualify for free and reduced lunches. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hemp to approve the resignation and many thanks to Preschool teacher Breanna Golda. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner by Kleven and seconded for the approval of Preschool teacher Breann Nilius for 23 – 24. Motion Carried

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Hemp for the Approval of Brittany Erickson for WG Sped / Student Support for 23 - 24. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Warner to approve the resolution placing the following support staff personnel on leave of absence beginning June 5th, 2023. Foster – Aye, Madson – Aye, Kleven – Aye, Kuehl – Aye, Warner – Aye, Hemp – Aye, Maas – Aye. Motion Carried

Other

Next meeting Monday **JUNE 26th**, 7 p.m. in Westbrook

Adjourned at 6:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk