

WWG School Board Meeting

December 19, 2022

Walnut Grove, 6:00 PM

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

Maas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made Warner by seconded by Kleven November 21, 2022. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports -

Old Business –

- Charger Daycare updates Exterior doors have been started.

Administrative Reports

AD Theisen – Several postponements of activities lately. All basketball teams having success! Theisen sent in the form declaring that WWG will field a varsity football team to the MSHSL last week. The stat board has been used successfully. The shot clock was used in our first girls basketball game vs Cedar Mtn. (Currently some digits are not working – have consulted Daktronics). The Together We Make a Difference Student Statewide Conference Registration is set for Friday January 13, 2023, at Park Center High School. Registration is now open and is limited to 1500 students (recommended 10 per school). Two smaller sportsmanship banners have been ordered that the Red Rock Conference has promoted. Speech – practice underway and attending SMSU workshop on January 7. One Act Play – Director Adrienne Kletscher is trying to have practices. Subsection is January 28. Elementary Cheerleading performances at half times January 17 & 24.

Mr. Jenniges – E-Learning snow days “attendance”

Friday, December 16 - Dental sealants - Part of the Dental grant in cooperation with Sanford 4-6 Concert was December 5 / K-3 tonight. Long term sub for Jamie Kirsh will be Kobe Lovell. Adjustments to SPED to assist Mr. Wiggins and Mrs. Johnson. 4-H classes coming to elementary, starting in January. Floor sweeper for the west hallway, adding cameras (playground, upstairs, hallways). Key fob to ambulance for access to the Fitness Center in case of emergency. New copiers - with color print options for teachers. Thursday we will have a Teacher Swap Day (am) / Family Day (pm). Classroom holiday celebrations on Friday.

Proposed changes for 2023-24 school year

- Looking at some updates to the library.
- Shuffle preschool days
- Three day group to Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

- Two-day group to Tuesday, Friday
- Transitional Kindergarten (Begindergarten)

Principal Woitalewicz – WBWF/A&I Plan submitted.

A few construction projects over Christmas break

- Main project is new flooring at tech campus
- Misc. construction around building
- Installing walls in locker rooms
 - Installing storage for PE
 - Installing storage at tech campus
- Continuing work on Daycare Center space
- Darren and crew work extended hours over Thanksgiving break. Darren and crew work extended hours over Christmas break. Darren and crew are in early clearing snow. Darren and crew do a lot of awesome work and we appreciate them very much!

This past week has included some crazy weather.

- We've used 2 of our 5 e-learning days this week.
- Friday the 16th we decided to have our first official snow day (no in-person, no e-learning).

Mid-terms came and went last Tuesday, December 13th.

- Eligibility list run on Friday. I'm moving back the effective date for eligibility to Wednesday, December 21st because students have not had much time in school over the past week to be able to connect with teachers over their grades and eligibility.

Students given PASS Universal Screener in early December - put together by Mrs. Campbell

- "Effective learning starts with the social and emotional well-being of students. PASS helps identify fragile learners who are held back by factors such as a lack of confidence, motivation, or connection to school. By uncovering how students feel about themselves and school, educators can give them the support they need to thrive."
- Results will be disseminated with teachers in PLC after Christmas break
- Teachers are also discussing ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) during PLC with the intended outcome of understanding how trauma affects our student body and learning the most effective ways to address this issue in the classroom.
 - Statistically, 3 of 10 students have a score of 4 or more on the ACEs study, which indicates they've endured significant trauma in their life. How do we best help these students in the classroom and in school?
 - Do we have our own students take the ACEs study?

MTSS (Multi-tiered Systems of Support) group gathered on December 8th for more training.

- Many things to do and many ways to improve.
 - Do we fix our outdated Strategic Plan? The plan is set to expire in 2022.
 - Completing needs assessment in advance of next MTSS meeting end of January.
- Working on creating a high school leadership team of various staff members because of MTSS training.

MHS Program rebranding – many new ideas on how to improve the program.

Between 2 events, Fall Ball and Winter Formal, Student Council raised \$1089 and were able to purchase multiple gifts for 43 kids in the WWG Community.

Superintendent Woelber –

New full size handicap accessible bus not here yet. A newer van this week and additional vans up in the air. Next year try to add a bus route and end 2 van routes.

Facilities: snow removal, daycare doors,
Administrative / staffing updates

- Special Education in WG covered until March 1st.
- Teacher evals in WG by Kathy Vondracek for non-tenured and by me for the tenured.

Shared Services (October 31st in RTR)

Enrollments (K-12 at 441) for December 2022

PreK- 57 (3 day 29 / 2 day 29), K-45,
1st-42, 2nd-39, 3rd-36,
4th-40, 5th-36, 6th-25, WG Bldg K-6 263 (up 2) + (58) PreK
7th-29, 8th-38, 9th-39
10th-25, 11th-26, 12th-24; WB Bldg 181 (down 4)

Digitizing annuals and additional pictures in the district.

End of school day for elementary students in WG and busing.

Walnut Grove housing inquiry regarding FB field.

Negotiations in the spring. Support staff handbook updates

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

- I. Board level ballot for MREA board of directors (Becky Palauch).

New Business

Motion made by Madson and seconded by Hemp to approve the purchase of 2019 minivan from Klasse Sales and Service (\$18800). Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Madson to approve the following Staffing updates / approvals.

- Hiring of Rachael Caspers as paraprofessional in the Westbrook building
- Hiring of Ryan Baker and Lynn Wichmann as part time paraprofessionals in the Walnut Grove building
- Resignation of Porsha Martinez as Walnut Grove paraprofessional.
- Hiring of Jessie Jorgenson as 7-12 special education teacher to begin late January
- Gary Phillips as Westbrook part time vehicle maintenance

Walnut Grove playground updates

- Funds raised so far including the education foundation \$210,000 raised so far.
- Structure recommendations

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Foster for the approval of tax levy pay 2023 to fund the 2023 - 2024 school year in the amount of \$1,028,732 which is a 3% increase over last year's levy. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl to approve the Resolution establishing combined polling places for multiple precincts and designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. The combined centers will be the Walnut Grove Community Center and the Westbrook Community Center. Hemp – aye, Kleven – aye, Warner – aye, Kuehl – aye, Madson – aye, Foster – aye Maas (absent) Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl for the Building and Grounds committee to enter into discussion regarding potential possibilities of purchasing Gary Phillips building (shop for maintenance, vo-tech classroom, etc). Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk