

## WWG School Board Meeting

June 26, 2023

Westbrook 5:30 PM

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

Madson called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl to accept the Resignation effective June 30, 2023 and many thanks to Maydra Maas for her years of service on the Walnut Grove and WWG School Board.  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl to approve Madson as Chair. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hemp to nominate Warner as Vice Chair. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Foster seconded by Hemp to approve the agenda as presented. Add Special Election Resolution. Add approval of Makayla Ewy as Cheerleading advisor. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Warner to approve the May 22, 2023 meeting minutes.  
Motion Carried

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

### Visitor reports –

### Old Business –

- Daycare updates (Karla Gundermann) -
- Playground updates in WG – Sign up sheet has been sent out for July install dates.
- Cross Country in WWG – 14 interested 10 girls and 4 boys (no football players, couple VB players). Cross Country is registered with MSHSL for next fall if this passes tonight. It is easy to join meets; easier than track meets. In order to make points, you need 7 boys and 7 girls for team points. Can participate in no more than 10 meets. Motion made by Hemp to approve Cross Country for 1 year in the fall, motion dies due to lack of second.

### Administrative Reports

#### AD Theisen/ Klumper –

- Coaching vacancies needed to be filled for this year..... Jr. High Football Tyson Crosby is the returning JH coach---If nobody is hired, the AD or one of the assistants should be on the sidelines for games in case of injury, etc. Makayla Ewy has agreed to coach the cheerleaders in

the winter. She does not want to coach the fall cheerleaders but would consider it if there is enough interest.

- MSHSL resolution needed tonight..... Short Video and electronic signatures.
  - **School Fee \$ 100.00**
  - **Per Enrollment Fee \$ 207.00**
  - **Activity Fees \$ 2,400.00**
  - **15 activities @ \$160 each**
  - **Total Fees \$ 2,707.00**
  - **Advisory Committee...Board-Greg Madson, Parent-Maury Kuehl, Faculty-Adam Kletscher, Student-Abby Wiggins**

- The Golf team finished as the Region Runner-up. Lakeview won the state golf tournament. Our two golfers finished 26<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> out of 88 golfers. The WWG Spring Trap Shoot team did well at the State meet in Alexandria.

- Cross Country---I will discuss it with the two school board sports reps before our meeting.
- The Region committee responded to a letter from area churches about rescheduling some basketball games to Wednesdays during lent. All efforts will be made to stay off Wednesdays unless the weather does not cooperate.
- The WG Area Foundation had a successful golf fundraiser recently. It was the 28<sup>th</sup> year of the Alumni tournament. This year's scholarship recipients—Shelby Foster and Dan Kleven volunteered their help at the tournament. Made approximately \$6000 profit.
- Boys basketball, Girls basketball, and Volleyball all had good attendance at their camps. Football is having some camps during the evenings.

Mr. Jenniges

Successful end of the school year

- Several field trip, talent show (20+ performances), and K-6 trip to the County Park
- Five students with perfect attendance

Summer cleaning is underway. Summer lunch has had a good turnout so far

Shuffling a few rooms

- Sensory to old preschool
- Preschool to sensory
- Angi preschool room will shift to intervention space

Library remodel is underway!

- Tile removed, wall built, electric and drywall

Air conditioners are being installed. Preschool registration for the fall is 50+. Summer band lessons are happening in both buildings. Thank you to the summer crew for their efforts and communication, we are making great progress!

Principal Woitalewicz –

Graduation 2023 - Went as planned. Successfully graduated 24 students.

Ending the school year

- Have had 5 junior high students in summer school. All have come into complete work and get their grade(s) up to passing.
- Have 4 upper classmen who have failed classes and are now far enough behind that they will go to Windom ALC for credit recovery next year.

## Daycare Updates

- New fencing and playground set installed.
- Many thanks to Hammer and JP for fencing help and to Dave Schneider, Lee Fast, Scott Jorgenson, and Darren Peters for installing playground equipment.
- Licensor came last Tuesday, a few minor fixes to make, but we were given the go-ahead to open today (6/26).
- We are starting out with 32 kids, 5 teachers, and 2 teacher aides. By the time school begins we will have closer to 45 kids, 5 teachers, and 3 aides.
- We are still actively looking for 2 additional teacher aides for the school year.
- A HUGE thank you to Karla Gundermann, who has put in so much time and effort to get our center off the ground.

## Changes to handbook

- Many changes to the handbook are coming due to changes in state legislation. Waiting for MSBA to put out official guidance and handbook information before making those changes.
- One change I'd like to make from the last board meeting: 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 now 2009 or newer).

Food Service (summer lunch planning in the works) (Daycare lunch planning and staff reconfiguration for Westbrook) (Lunch debt around \$2,500). We will continue to send reminders.

## Administrative updates

- Student support in Walnut Grove (Social worker, counselor)

## Shared Services

ESSER will be used up June of 2024

## Enrollments (Fall)

- PreK- 37 /17 (3's and 4's), Begindergarten 11 K-26,
- 1st-40, 2nd-39, 3rd-39,
- 4th-37, 5th-41, 6th-36, WG Bldg K-6 269 + 54 PrK = 323 total students
- 7th-27, 8th-29, 9th-39
- 10th-40, 11th-25, 12<sup>th</sup>25-; WB Bldg = 129

## Summer in Walnut Grove

- The playground and tree removal completed. Installation on schedule. Library work on schedule. Air conditioning work on schedule.

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

- Dave Schneider family, Scott Jorgenson family, Darin Peters, Hammer, and Butch Olson for their equipment and / or labor on the removal of the old Westbrook playground and installation of new ones for the daycare.

### **New Business**

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Hemp for the approval of Sara Brudwick and Ashley Kircher as part time elementary paras. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Warner to approve the lane change for Dan Klumper MA to MA15 and John Wiggins for BA to BA15. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hemp for the approval of the annual updated Literacy plan / Read well by 3rd grade. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Kuehl to approve the renewal of MN State High School League membership. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Warner to approve the Model Policy 516.5 Overdose Medication (handout). Motion Carried

Projects summer of 2023 updates. Discussion / action of parking lot, sidewalks, tech campus boiler and Walnut Grove landscaping. Planning document proposal from APEX. Discussion Only – put on July Agenda

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Kleven to approve the preliminary budget for 2023-2024 with total revenues of \$9,295.133 and expenditures of \$9,261.764. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Warner to approve the Resolution to adopt Kerry Knakmuhs as a board member. Kleven - aye , Warner - aye , Kuehl – aye , Hemp - aye , Foster -aye , Madson - aye.

Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Foster to approve Makayla Ewy as the Cheerleading Coach for Winter season. Motion Carried

Other – Thank you to Leo Theisen for all of your years of dedication and service to the District.

Next meeting Monday **July 17th**, 7 p.m. in Westbrook

Adjourned at 8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Foster  
Board Clerk