

WWG School Board Meeting

August 21, 2023

Walnut Grove 7:00 PM

Members present: Madson via phone, Kuehl, Warner, Hemp, Kleven, Foster, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz also present were Pat Merrick, Shelly Merrick, Mandy Dibble, Abby Klumper, and Tom Merchant. Absent – Knakmuhs

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

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

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hemp to approve the July 17, 2023, and July 31, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports –

Shelby McQuay from Ehlers via Google.

- Discussed funding options for improvements to the parking lot at the High School.

Old Business – Surplus 2010 Black Minivan and auction 8/21 at 6:30 p.m. – Van was sold for \$250.

AD Klumper –

Varsity football, volleyball, cross country, and cheer practice started on August 14th.

- Football has 21 kids out in grades 9-12
- Volleyball has 26 kids out in grades 8-12
- Cross country has 12 kids out in grades 7-12
- Cheer has 8 kids out in grades 7-12

JH Volleyball and Football started August 21st.

The All Sports Potluck was well attended with about 150 people in attendance. Boosters provided pulled pork sandwiches and student athletes brought sides.

- Eligibility was explained
- Conflict Resolution was explained and given as a handout
- Expectations for sportsmanship according to the MSHSL was a handout
- The kids helped create a great video about “Why We Play Sports”

Dan Klumper will assist as cross-country coach.

AD Abby and Principal Sam have been organizing the trophy cases. We ordered more shelving to make the trophies easier to view. We moved the band trophy case by the band room and moved another small case to the entryway and have it dedicated to the Wildcats. We created seating for concessions in the hall by moving the trophy cases.

Coach Carter Ross is wondering if we could order an AED machine that is portable to have outside for fb practices and games. The time it would take to run inside and get the AED machine on the wall located by the gym might be a matter of life and death. The cost for a portable AED machine would be around \$2,000. It would also be available for Track and Field practice and available for PE classes when outside, especially during the mile run.

Track and Field is up for new jerseys. Coach Klumper will order those this fall.

Mr. Jenniges

Completed summer Math / Reading sessions

- Math (30) / Reading (55)
- 4 teachers / 4 paras helping

August 21-23 RTI testing in both buildings

- 8-10 staff helping get these assessments completed

New staff orientation was on August 17

- 11 new staff in Walnut Grove

Several In / Out student enrollments over the past couple weeks

Fall "Back to School" PT Conference date will be Monday, Sept 18

- Teachers will give multiple presentations about their classroom / expectations

Elementary transportation update

- End of day plan

Preschool Open House will be Wednesday, August 23 (6:00-7:00)

School supply drive will be Friday, August 25 from 9:00-12:00

Playground has been busy, added picnic tables, garbage cans, and gaga ball pit

Handbook approval

- Note the attendance piece

Fitness Center hours preschool hallway

Principal Woitalewicz –

Fall Festival Wednesday, August 30th from 3:30 to 7:30

School starts in 2 weeks

- Minor projects left to finish, but buildings are ready to go.
- Tuesday, August 29th - 1st day of workshop
- Wednesday, August 30th - 2nd (final) day of fall workshop, Fall Festival, New Student Orientation
- Tuesday, September 6th - 1st day of school.

Handbook Update

- An updated HS Handbook has been sent to you for approval.
- In the future I would recommend we implement the model MSBA handbook, which would be a complete overhaul of our high school handbook.

Senior class trip

- Class trip officially in the works for the upcoming school year. Plan is to use same schedule as last year with minor revisions.

Superintendent Woelber –

Bus updates (route prepping, drivers, inspections)

- Westbrook: 3 busses and 2 vans
- Walnut Grove: 4 buses and 1 van
- Van to Belview
- Van to Windom

Site improvements at both facilities

Administrative / staffing updates

- Teaching full and looking for paras, drivers, custodial
- Resignation and many thanks to McKenna McFarland

Construction of a recognition area for the playground.

Daycare committee: Loy Woelber, Sam Woitalewicz, Karla Gundermann, Darin Peters, Jane Hass, Mandy Dibble, Jessie Jorgenson, Shanelle Schneider, Becky Foster, and Greg Madson

Prek –	4 th grade – 39	8 th grade – 30
Kindergarten – 37	5 th grade – 41	9 th grade – 39
1 st grade – 39	6 th grade – 37	10 th grade – 40
2 nd grade – 39		11 th grade – 27
3 rd grade – 40	7 th grade – 28	12 th grade – 24

Prek – 6 enrollment total – 272

7th – 12th grade enrollment total – 188

Motion made by Hemp Foster to approve the Board reports and recognition of donors/supporters.

Motion Carried.

- Daycare ladies' "Rockers" for rocking babies
- Summer helpers in the daycare
- Playground help
 - C&B from Slayton
 - Butch Olson
 - Jason Erickson

New Business

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hemp to approve the lane change for Mandy Dibble from MA to MA15. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Kleven to approve the recommendation to do a facility study with APEX for all buildings for \$17,000. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Foster to approve the following New Employee Hires. Motion Carried

- Brady Ross – PT WG Para
- Whitney Wood – FTWG Para
- Rachael Caspers – Daycare
- Stacey Ramthun – Daycare
- Tiffany Ewy – WB Lunchroom
- Toni Arner – PT Daycare
- Hannah Kleeberger – PT Daycare
- Karolyn Byers – FT WG Para
- Ashley Kircher – sub-Para WG
- Brady Lewis – PT Custodian WB
- Isiah Pregler – PT Custodian WB
- Dan Klumper – Cross Country Assistant Coach
- Jason Algyer – Volunteer JH Football Coach

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hemp for approval of the following preschool fees:

- \$750/year for 3 day
- \$500/year for 2 day
- \$250 (3 day) \$150 (2 day)/year for families qualifying for free and reduced
- (Daycare \$680/month)

Motion made by and seconded by to approve the resolution calling for a public hearing to consider granting property tax abatement for the purpose of parking lot reconstruction in Westbrook. No Action

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl to approve a resolution calling for a special board election for the election of a school board member. Kleven - aye, Foster - aye, Hemp – aye, Kuehl – aye, Warner – aye. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Kuehl to declare select trophies from the 1970's – 1990's from Westbrook as surplus and create a display utilizing the information / achievements. Motion Carried

Next meeting Monday **September 18, 2023**, 7 p.m. in Westbrook

Adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk