

WWG School Board Meeting

September 18, 2023

Westbrook 7:00 PM

Members present: Madson, Kuehl, Knakmuhs, Warner, Hemp, Kleven, Foster, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz also present were, Abby Klumper and Mandy Dibble. Absent – none

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

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

Motion made by Knakmuhs and seconded by Kuehl to approve the August 21, 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 –

AD Klumper –

The volleyball team is playing very well and is undefeated. The girls were the Champs of the Lakeview Tournament recently. We are currently ranked #9 in Class A, but we just beat SWC and who were ranked #3. Cross country has had three meets and the kids are doing well and enjoying the season. Football decided to go JV and a schedule was put together which was sent to the board (there is the possibility to return to a Varsity schedule next year). The JV team won their first JV game. We will have three more home games this year and a full schedule of eight games.

Homecoming week will be October 1-7. It will begin with coronation on a Sunday night this year at 6:30 and end with a Saturday evening football game vs. Buffalo Lake Hector at 6pm. The Boosters Club will serve a meal at the Homecoming football game. Our JH seasons are off to a good start with some great new coaching staff.

Mr. Jenniges

First two weeks of school have gone well

- Took a few days to iron out the timing of afternoon transportation
- Fresh fruit / vegetable daily afternoon snack
- Playground / Gaga Ball have been very popular with students
- Compliments to our staff for being patient and adjusting as needed
- Annual Bus Safety training sessions completed throughout last week

AC units were completed before school started. Picture Day was September 13.

Adjustments to PreK two-day group.

- Combined three groups into two
- Student groups rotating between three teachers
 - Teachers using open time to prep for the much larger / busier group of 4-year olds

Thanks to Crystal Knakmuhs / Half Pint Coffee for bringing coffee for the staff last Monday. Parent Teacher "Back to School" Conferences completed; thanks to Charger Designs for sending some clothing to raffle off. September 19th - 4th grade goes to experiment station in Lambertton. Friday we will have our first Charger Pals session - approximately 50 students from each building will participate. Preschool screening (15 students scheduled) - September 26 (no PreK class this day). Fire Safety Week will be October 9-13. Kindergarden has 8 kids, so far it is going well.

Principal Woitalewicz –

School year off to a good start - morale is high - hope things continue to go well

- Dealing with some sickness to start the school year
- Fall Festival went well again - - thanks to those who helped out
 - Most attended Fall Festival yet

NWEA Testing results in math and reading - our 7-11 grades tested last Wednesday. Still assessing scores. Forming building goals in part from these scores to improve our spring MCA results building-wide and accurately monitor student growth year-over-year and from fall to spring.

- 7th - Math 62% Reading 19%
- 8th - Math 55% Reading 38%
- 9th - Math 70% Reading 50%
- 10th - Math 70% Reading 52%
- 11th - Math 54% Reading 33%

Sports/activities in full swing

- Football, volleyball, junior high sports doing well
- Fall musical starting shortly, set to present weekend of October 10th
 - Play is "9 to 5". Senior-laden cast. Should be a fun show!

Applying for Remick Grant for updated kitchen supplies in FACS room

- Many are broken, rusty, or just plain old and in bad shape.
- If anyone is willing to donate we would definitely take a look at what people have to give!

5. Class Trip Update

- Itinerary is set - figuring out cost
- Still need to decide on the 2nd chaperone to go with.
 - Looking for board guidance on how chaperones are chosen now that our teachers are not as involved in the fundraising process.
 - Looking for board guidance on whether staff chaperones are allowed to bring their spouse with them on a class trip, even if that spouse is not employed by the school.

Student Council is working on a project to spend some of their Live Streaming advertising money to wrap the wall by the concession stand/locker rooms – like the wall in the library. Estimated cost is about \$4000.

Superintendent Woelber –

Bus updates (route prepping, drivers, inspections)

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

- Car to Marshall

Site improvements at both facilities

Administrative / staffing updates – need daycare workers and drivers

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 – 3’s -	4’s -	4 th grade – 37	8 th grade – 31
Kindergarten – 34		5 th grade – 41	9 th grade – 40
1 st grade – 38		6 th grade – 37	10 th grade – 35
2 nd grade – 38			11 th grade – 25
3 rd grade – 38		7 th grade – 29	12 th grade – 24

K – 6 enrollment total – 263

7th – 12th grade enrollment total – 184

Total - 447

Board Reports and recognition of donors/supporters

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

- Daycare ladies’ “Rockers” for rocking babies
- Hammer Hamilton for fence/gate work at daycare
- Crystal Knakmuhs Half Pint Coffee – bringing coffee to Elementary.
- Kim Holm State Farm – brought in Apples for elementary and high school staff
- All volunteers that helped with the Fall Festival

New Business

Motion made by Knakmuhs Hemp to approve the lane change approval for Diana Johnson. BA to BA15. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hemp to approve the Election and appointment of a ballot board. Motion Carried

- Ballot board
 - Becky Foster
 - Maury Kuehl
 - Greg Madson
- Canvass election results Monday November 13, 2023

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Hemp to approve the following New Employee hires: Motion Carried

- Randy Knutson (daycare)

- Jill Kleeberger (Library / teacher sub)
- Rochelle Jarmer (daycare)
- Julie Gavin (WG para)
- Cami Hafner (WG kitchen assistant / para sub)

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Foster to approve the Substitute teacher pay increase to \$160 a day from \$150. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Knakmuhs for the preliminary approval of levy for the maximum amount allowed for pay 2024 for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl to ratify the FY2023 - FY2025 Teacher contract as negotiated by Greg, Jim, and Becky. Changing quarter credit lanes to semester credit lanes of BA+10 BA+20 etc. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Warner to approve the resignation of Rachael Caspers as daycare paraprofessional. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Warner to approve the resolution establishing an absentee ee ballot board which included John Madson, Mary Ann Erickson, Marlys Erickson. Kuehl – Aye, Warner - Aye, Foster – Aye, Hemp – Aye, Kleven – Aye, and Madson – Aye. Motion Carried.

Next meeting Monday **October 16, 2023**, 7 p.m. in Walnut Grove.

Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk