

## WWG School Board Meeting

October 16, 2023

Walnut Grove 7:00 PM

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

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

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

Motion made by Knakmuhs and seconded by Kuehl to approve the September 18, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

**Visitor reports** – FY '23 Audit Report

**Old Business** –

**AD Klumper** –

Football: The JV season will come to a close this Wednesday, Oct 18th with a home game vs HLOF. The cheer team is hosting parent's night and will serve cake afterward. Walking tacos will also be available to purchase thanks to Annalie, Senior Advisors and the Senior Class.

The JH football team was supposed to conclude their season with a Jamboree on October 14th, but that was canceled due to wind, rain and field conditions. The boys had a good year with Coach Tyson Crosby and Layne Wiborg along with volunteer coach, Jason Algyer. We thank them for their efforts with the boys. Coaches, AD and Board members will discuss plans to stay varsity or go to a JV schedule before Winter break. The varsity schedule that was made last year is a two-year schedule. If we decide we have to go JV, a new schedule will have to be made by Klumper and also the teams we play will be affected by this so it's not a decision to be made lightly.

Volleyball: The girls are playing very well coming into the playoffs. There will be a seeding meeting and I should know by Wednesday morning more about when and where we play. Information will be posted on the school calendar, sent out via JMC and posted to WWG Schools Facebook page.

The JH volleyball season will come to an end on Tuesday, Oct 17th, and end with a home game. Coach Anne Woelber did a great job this season and we thank her for her time and dedication.

Cross Country: Their final regular season meet is on Tuesday in Canby. The Section Meet will be in Madison, MN on Oct 26th.

The 7-12 Band and Choir Concert has been moved from October 26th to October 24th. We will not have a football playoff game that night which has created an opening for our concert. This is a better date for all as the CC team has a Section meet on Oct 26th.

Red Rock Central has expressed interest in renting our football field for their first playoff game which would potentially be Oct 28th at 2:00pm. More details to come on that date.

Basketball season is right around the corner with the girls' basketball team allowed to begin practice on November 13th according to the MSHSL rules. The boys will begin the following week.  
Cheer Team: There may not be a cheer team this winter due to only one student being interested.

### **Mr. Jenniges**

Added several students in past few weeks.

Six trees were planted around the playground. SMSU Basketball Team visitors during PE. 5-6th went on Canoemobile field trip; weather did not cooperate. Thanks to the high school for inviting us to the Homecoming festivities. Thanks to all our bus drivers for going with the flow!

Fire Safety week

- Visits to the fire station and a visit from the fire department. Thanks for taking time out of their day to provide the opportunity for students!

### **OCTOBER PROGRAMS**

- Breakfast Club
  - 50 students participate in this before school activity
- Reading Buddy Program
  - 5-6th with 1st-2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 30 minutes on Fridays
- STEAM Lab
  - Collaboration between Dan Wahl and classroom teachers

Thursday, October 26

- Second Charger Pals activity
- Title Book Bingo event

Tuesday October 17

- 4-5-6th CPR course

First of four Family Day sessions next Friday. Scheduled meetings with STAR / Fastbridge, which is our assessment and progress monitoring programs; currently use NWEA, AimsWeb Plus, and STAR on limited basis.

Updates on Begingergarten from Mrs. Pabst – added a student a few weeks ago. For a total of 9.

Focusing on school readiness. Kids get a lot of one-to-one attention.

Teacher responses on the use of end of daytime with adjusted transportation for Walnut Grove town Students.

Report on student discipline referrals and staff leave requests

- 25 less subs than last year at this time
- Significant decrease in student behavior referrals

### **Principal Woitalewicz –**

Down to 4 paras at HS (need 7). If you know of anyone, please encourage them to apply. We have job postings out for paras, bus drivers, and daycare workers.

Working on Report Card addition to include a separate behavioral component. Still figuring out language and category specifics, but example attached to email.

- I think it's a very positive thing to separate the behaviors and let parents know how their child behaves in class as that is an important part of school.

Handbook language on absences

- Didn't do a good job of notifying parents and families about our new absence policy, so I'm going to start enforcing it beginning of 2nd quarter. Sent out informational email to students and families this morning.

Band/Choir Concert coming up on Tuesday, October 24th.

- Moved from Thursday the 26th due to unforeseen conflict with CC sections.

Fall Musical performance this past weekend

- 9 to 5
- Mr. Malmberg says things went well.

Food Production class harvesting first round of veggies for school

- Mr. Malmberg's new Food Production class harvested some lettuce heads for our school kitchen in early October.

2 New students from Guatemala are here with us for the next 9 weeks

- An 8th grade and 9th grade student are excited to experience Minnesota life here with us for the next 9 weeks and we are excited to have them.

Eligibility and Grading Policies

- Ran the first eligibility list on 10/4.

### **Superintendent Woelber –**

Transportation meeting needed to discuss bus rotation.

Facilities (daycare door seals, stage cleanup)

Administrative / staffing updates

Shared Services (October 31st in RTR)

Prek – 53 (3day 39/2 day 14)	4 <sup>th</sup> grade – 37	8 <sup>th</sup> grade – 32
Kindergarten – 35	5 <sup>th</sup> grade – 43	9 <sup>th</sup> grade – 41
1 <sup>st</sup> grade – 37	6 <sup>th</sup> grade – 36	10 <sup>th</sup> grade – 34
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade – 38		11 <sup>th</sup> grade – 25
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade – 37	7 <sup>th</sup> grade – 29	12 <sup>th</sup> grade – 23

K – 6 enrollment total – 263

7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment total – 184

Total – 447

Purchasing pork and hamburger from Lucan Locker and seeing how it goes and the cost over time.

### **Board Reports and recognition of donors/supporters**

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

- WGFD for Fire Safety week.

### **New Business**

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hemp to approve the lane change for May Thao from BA10 to BA20. Motion Carried

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

- Resignation and many thanks to Karla Gundermann
- Maternity leave for Rachel Clark spring of 2024.

Annual WBWF plan update to approve. Move to November

Motion made by Knakmuhs and seconded by Hemp for the approval of Fiscal year 2023 audit. Motion Carried

Motion made by Knakmuhs and seconded by Kuehl to approve the nomination of Becky Foster for the SWWC Board of Directors. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Warner seconded by Kleven to approve the Model MSBA student handbook approval for 2024-2025 School year. Sam to begin work on the transition as we go through the year. Motion Carried

Next meeting Monday **November 20, 2023**, 8:22 p.m. in Westbrook.

Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Foster  
Board Clerk