

## WWG School Board Meeting

May 20, 2024

Westbrook 5:00 PM

Members present: Madson, Kuehl, Warner, Kleven, Foster, Hansen, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz and Jenniges, also present were AD Klumper, Bonstetter, Shelly Merrick, Rachel Christians, and Tom Merchant. Absent – Hemp

Madson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl to approve the April 15, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

**Visitor reports** – Rachel Christians came to discuss community ed. 55 Alive course is still happening. Summer Rec there is 43 Westbrook and 31 Walnut Grove kids signed up. There will be an art camp in July. Discussion regarding Summer Rec coach wages. Motion made by Warner and seconded by Foster to approve the proposed wage increase for summer rec coaches. Kleven abstained. Motion Carried.

**Old Business** – Discussion regarding the current operating levy and possible bond projects.

**AD Klumper** – Athletic Banquet was well attended. Thank you to WASC for providing a great meal. Playoffs will begin this week for spring sports. There are 42 kids who signed up for our strength and conditioning program this summer. Winter sports coaches met a couple weeks ago with RRC winter coached and discussed pairing. WWG explained that it doesn't make sense for us to pair in the winter. Discussion last month regarding updating youth JH jerseys – Boys Basketball jerseys - \$49/jersey (22 needed), Volleyball jerseys for JH can be made by Charger designs for a reduced cost at \$20/jersey (30 are needed). Roughly \$1600 total. Pops Concert will be held tonight.

### **Mr. Jenniges**

Busy time with many field trips across multiple classes. The Fire Alarm went off on Thursday, May 2. Fire and Ambulance responded to the alarm at 1:15. Staff and kids did a great job getting out of the building. Unsure of the reason for the alarm to go off. Will continue to test the system over the summer. Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6 -10). 6th to 7th Grade Orientation - Wednesday, May 1. Anticipated numbers for PreK 24-25 are 3 Day group (27-30), 2 Day group (28-32), Preschool staff is working with new resources to rebuild PreK curriculum. Beginndergarten is maxed out at 12. READ Act Updates, Curriculum will be purchased. There will be days for training later in the summer. Discipline Referrals (47% of last year's numbers). Staff Leave Requests (Decreased from 2022-23 by 100 requests).

**Principal Woitalewicz** – Lockdowns were completed in late April. Teachers talked with students each day of the week regarding different parts of ALICE training and what to do in their classroom. The last day of school is May 30<sup>th</sup>. Last week we helped with Food for Kids. Thank you to Joyce Vortherms for her help and organization of this event. Graduation will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm. Thank you to Wendy Knakmuhs for planning the schedule. Summer school will be held at the high school for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We will have 9-12 grade students who failed a course retake the course next year or take an Acellus course to make up the credit. Discussed eligibility guidelines with the board. Discussed the results of the cell phone restriction proposal survey sent to Parents and students. Over 80% are in favor of increased cell phone restrictions. Many comments regarding better communication if this policy goes into effect.

**Superintendent Woelber –**

- Transportation: repairs are ongoing.
- Food Service
- Shared Services (READ Act assistance) OLA

**Enrollments**

Prek – 54	4 <sup>th</sup> grade – 38	8 <sup>th</sup> grade – 30
Kindergarten – 36	5 <sup>th</sup> grade – 42	9 <sup>th</sup> grade – 42
1 <sup>st</sup> grade – 38	6 <sup>th</sup> grade – 35	10 <sup>th</sup> grade – 34
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade – 37		11 <sup>th</sup> grade – 26
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade – 25	7 <sup>th</sup> grade – 29	12 <sup>th</sup> grade – 24

**PreK – 6 enrollment total – 305**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment total – 185**

**Total – 490**

- Staffing:
  - READ act / literacy specialist update Kelly Quade will be taking on this role
  - Daycare – summer staffing is hired
- Security updates this year are ongoing. Working out the bugs
- Daycare updates (space within a week of school being let out)
- Increase in Greater MN and counselor update – no applicants at this time. Mandy Dibble will work on the Career portion of the role and we have contracted time with Brad Bakken for some counseling hours.
- Summer - school aged daycare not enough numbers
- Art teacher update: we are looking at Tina mentoring an interim.
- Tech campus rent \$10,500/year
- Board feedback about another pro wrestling event and a live band in the gym or parking lot

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

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

- Knakmuhs Agency, Hansen Ag, State Farm (Westbrook) for their donations to the school for teacher appreciation week.
- Joyce Vortherms for her help with the Food for Kids and Charger Sparks programs
- WASC for their help with the Athletic Banquet meal.

### **New Business**

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Warner for the approval of required procurement procedures for WWG. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Hansen for the approval of WG outdoor bathroom/storage building of the current footing size. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hemp for the approval of district wide remodel projects (Boiler in Tech campus, courtyard windows, Exterior door replacements (2)). Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Hansen to approve selling two days a month of Principal services (Mandy Dibble) and two days a month of Superintendent services to the Ivanhoe School and selling one day per week of Superintendent services to Lake Benton for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hemp to approve the updated support staff and bus driver handbooks. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Foster to approve the hiring of Kristy Baker for 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Motion Carried

Next meeting is Monday **June 24, 2024**, in Walnut Grove.

Adjourned 6:59pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Foster  
Board Clerk