

WWG School Board Meeting

November 20, 2023

Walnut Grove 7:00 PM

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

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

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

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Warner to approve the October 16, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports –

Old Business –

AD Klumper – The football team ended their season with 3 and 4. We plan to compete as a varsity team next fall. The schedule is already done and refs are hired. The volleyball team ended their season 23 and 5. Girls basketball has completed week one and scrimmaged in Windom on Saturday. The scrimmage was delayed slightly at times so the refs could discuss rules of the shot clock, which is new this year. The shot clock did not go off in either of the scrimmage games the Chargers played in and was a nonfactor for the most part except for when the refs would discuss whether it was a full or 20 second reset. Dan Peterson will run the shot clock for girls home games and will practice running the clock at practice this week. The boys begin Monday and will scrimmage in Westbrook on Saturday. This will be a good opportunity for Reed Bakken to get practice running our shot clock for games. Winter cheer will be for junior high athletes only. No high school kids want to cheer so ten home games will be chosen by cheer coach Makayla Ewy, and the girls will cheer in Walnut Grove for junior high games. There are three WWG boys out for wrestling this year. Our elementary basketball players will play at halftime of varsity games this year. An informal “Dance Club” will also perform at four halftime breaks during basketball season. Paula Byers is the advisor for the club. Red Rock Central brought a proposal to Loy, Abby, Greg and Maury last week. We met with their Superintendent, AD and three members of their school board. The proposal was to pair in all sports and share everything 50/50. They brought up that our football team is low on numbers and their basketball teams and wrestling team is low on number. They believe we could both benefit from pairing. A coaches meeting was held a few days after the proposal to discuss the proposal and how our WWG coaches feel about a pairing. The coaching staff is not interested in a pairing as our numbers are good in all sports except football. We have larger class sizes coming up and our coaches feel that we are thriving.

Mr. Jenniges

Several staff attended a webinar / training on STAR reading / math programs and data collection

- We are looking ahead to alternative assessments options due to READ ACT legislation

Halloween Book Bingo Event

- 150 books and around 50 students attended

Family Day - October 27 (Apple Theme)

Parent Teacher Conference Attendance

- 90% attendance over the two days (scheduled)
- Fall preview conferences had 40% (not scheduled)
- In March we will have just ONE evening

Veteran's Day Program

- Well attended
- Mr. Woelber was speaker
- 5th grade teachers organized

Two Charger Pals sessions

- October - Cookie Decorating (Charger Designs funded) / Thank you letters
- November - Things to be thankful for

4-6th Concert was Thursday, Nov 16

- Thanks to Connie Knott for leading and for helping us get to this point of the school year

Title Application resubmitted and approved

- See District Family and Engagement Plan

Annual fall PreK craft days were Thursday / Friday

Football bleachers

- Seems as though someone has been trying to get into the storage doors
- Thoughts on future removal and rebuild of bathroom (summer rec / outdoor PE)

Uptick in student behaviors after the time change

Recent PLC sessions

- A.I. (ChatGPT / Eduaide) for teachers
- SEL (Classroom Management Tips / Adjustments / Concerns)

Principal Woitalewicz –

Band/Choir/Vet's Day - All programs went very well over the past month.

Quarter 2 began Wednesday the 8th - Eligibility list was run for quarter 1 on Monday 11/13

- 21 students on the list, none of whom are in a winter sport.

Charger Pals program rocking and rolling. Students are loving it and it's great to see our high school kids over at the elementary making a difference.

WBWF/A&I Plan Update

- Requesting approval of updated WBWF Plan.

New sound system purchased for high school gym - - many thanks to our anonymous donor (11/21/22)

- **This was finally installed two weeks ago.
- We now have the same setup in our elementary gym, high school theater, and high school gym

Example of Behavior Report Card sent to school board members

Cory Greenwood coming back to town tomorrow.

- Speaking on mental health and overcoming obstacles.
- Elementary in morning and high school in afternoon.

Have a few students asking about early graduation

- Notes on this topic provided to school board members

Senior Class Trip

- Officially Scheduled for 3-27-23 thru 4-1-23
- 20/22 students planning to go at this time
- Chaperones will be Mr. Barron, Mrs. Bonnsetter, and Mrs. Klumper
- Much easier to plan this year, and a better plan after learning from last year’s struggles.
- Total cost will be around \$1200 per person.

Superintendent Woelber –

Transportation changes for December forward

- 6 bus routes vs. 7
- Added a van route and to try to get away from 2 contracted vans

Facilities (daycare door seals, stage cleanup)

Administrative / staffing updates

Shared Services (October 31st in RTR)

Prek – 57 (3day 39 / 2day 16)	4 th grade – 37	8 th grade – 32
Kindergarten – 36	5 th grade – 43	9 th grade – 32
1 st grade – 37	6 th grade – 36	10 th grade – 35
2 nd grade – 38		11 th grade – 25
3 rd grade – 37	7 th grade – 29	12 th grade – 23

K – 6 enrollment total – 321

7th – 12th grade enrollment total – 176

Total – 497

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

Lease levy to assist in supporting city parks (discussion)

Board Reports and recognition of donors/supporters

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

- Groups supporting Cory Greenwood presentation, along with Macie Christians
- Donors to date for Christmas Giving Tree
- Subs – Connie Knott, Brenda Derickson and Joyce Madson

New Business

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl to approve the Assurance of Compliance annual report.

Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Knakmuhs to approve the following Staffing updates / approvals. Motion Carried

- Resignation and many thanks to Pam Buschwitz

- Approval of Kelly Weis for food service/transportation office
- Approval of Manda Jorgenson as contracted grant writer
- Approval of Ruppert Vang for van driver
- Approval of Shelly Merrick, Kelly Danielson and Autumn Christians for daycare leadership team.
- Approval of Sam Malmberg and Jill Kleeberger for speech co-coaches

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Knakmuhs to approve the Annual WBWF plan. Motion Carried

Early Graduation policy discussion for later action if needed.

Ballots for the SWWC Board of Directors.

Model MSBA student handbook approval for 2024-2025 Updates and progress (discussion)

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hemp to approve the principal contracts for the 23-24 and 24-25 school years. Motion Carried.

Community Ed Report

- 91 Kids in Summer Rec
- 5 Field Trips (65-75 kids on average went)
- 55 Alive
- Open Gym
- Fitness Center/Silver Sneakers
- Babysitting class

Next meeting Monday **December 18, 2023**, in Westbrook.

Adjourned 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk