

WWG School Board Meeting

February 22, 2024

Walnut Grove 7:00 PM

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

Warner called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Foster seconded by Kleven to approve the agenda as presented. Add under new business – long term sub-Carrie Kleven and Halle Steen. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Kuehl to approve the January 22, 2024, 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 –

Old Business –

AD Klumper –

The Girls BB team got the #2 seed and will play on Saturday, Feb 24th at 2:30pm in Worthington. They will face the winner of Thursday's pigtail game between MCC and HLO-F. The girls have set a new record of most wins in a season with 21 wins and 4 losses. The Boys BB team seedings come out on Friday, Feb 23. Our wrestlers finished up their JV season last week and showed much potential, said Coach Campbell. The One Act Team got first place at Subsections and third place at Sections. The speech team's season is underway with 17 students competing this year. Eleven students are WWG students. A second referee slipped on our polished cement and fell while refereeing a basketball game here. I talked to him about the nature of his fall and he said he slipped on the cement. New rugs have been ordered for the entrance area into the gym. A couple students have requested a Dr. Dish shooting machine to be purchased for the Walnut Grove gym so that it's easier for our students in WG to access a shooting machine without driving to Westbrook. Cost is about \$3000 new, it would need to be put in a storage place. The Student Council could possibly help with some of that cost if the students vote to do so. The auditorium at the tech campus is in the process of being cleaned out. Principal Woitalewicz and I have high hopes of getting that space looking better and possibly using it for concerts. We would like to utilize that space for all fine arts and not only plays. We already have a grand piano over there that was donated. Track and Field jerseys arrived and look great.

We have 83 kids who have signed up for spring sports and participation at WWG is high.

1. Track and Field : 54
2. Golf: 8

3. Baseball: 11

4. Softball: 13

I am in the process of looking for a Junior High baseball coach and have one person interested in the position. Dave Rentschler will take the Junior High Football assistant coach position and assist Tyson Crosby next fall. We recently held a signing session in the high school library for Addeson Jenniges and Isabel Klumper. Addison has signed with the University of Northwestern - St. Paul and will play volleyball for the Eagles. Isabel signed with the University of Sioux Falls and will play basketball for the Cougars.

Mr. Jenniges

February Events

- Logger Wrestling event (Feb 2)
- Family Day (Feb 9)
- Valentine's Parties (Feb 14)
- Kids Heart Challenge (Ended February 16)
- Charger Pals (Feb 16)
- Learning Walks / SEL Grant (Feb 20)

Annual Spelling Bee was held this afternoon (February 22) There were 20 participants, the winners were 1st place was Elyasa Kopperud, 2nd place was Nolan Baker, 3rd place was Dominc Scott 4th place was Avery Westover and 5th was Sam Wiborg. They have the opportunity to compete in Luverne on April 6. High number of absent students / staff over the past several weeks. Leave updates – spring.

Warmer winter weather sparked conversations of spring field trips.

- 5-6th to Fort Snelling, Twins Game (April 10) paid through a grant that Mr. Ross completes
- 1st Grade to MLC Theater (early May)
- Kindergarten to Sioux Falls Butterfly House (May 10)
- 5th to Lake Shetek overnight camp (week before Memorial Day)

Beginndergarten '24-'25 letters have been sent (we have 17 potential students based on date of birth)

READ Act –

- Professional Development
 - Awaiting more information after registration paperwork was submitted
- Assessment / Screener
 - Transition to Fastbridge, trying to line up a demo
- Curriculum
 - Awaiting details of resubmissions
- Local Literacy Plan
 - Template in April Due June 15

Principal Woitalewicz –

2nd Semester in full swing

One Act

- Our One Act team (directed by Mrs. Kletscher) made it to section competition but did not advance to state. Overall a great effort from our senior-laden team, many of whom will be greatly missed in both One Act and theater in general.

Class Trip update

- 21 confirmed senior students attending the class trip over Easter Break
- Trip cost coming in at \$1183.
- Almost all seniors have their trip fully funded.

Speaker on Vaping - Jan 31

- Speaker came to talk vaping and other drug use on Jan 31. Time will tell if he had an impact, but vaping amongst our student body is up this year.
- Best way to combat this is to talk with students about why they shouldn't vape, but we also have a safety dog come to school multiple times per year and vape detectors in all bathrooms.

High School Conferences - Feb 27

- High School Conferences Feb 27 from 3:30 to 7:30 - hoping for good attendance

Mr. Barron received \$10,000 from the Remmick foundation to help pay for new welders.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation: training drivers, bus lease vs. purchase (Committee)
 - Looking at the cost of leasing vs purchasing
 - Different options available when a bus breaks down
 - Have a few more drivers available which is nice
- Food Service
 - Down a cook, advertisements have been published, have had a few applications
- Administrative updates
 - I'll get into elementary classrooms after February 1st.
 - Meetings to the west about cutting my time back over there.
- Shared Services (READ Act assistance)
- Enrollments

Prek – 54	4 th grade – 36	8 th grade – 32
Kindergarten – 36	5 th grade – 43	9 th grade – 41
1 st grade – 37	6 th grade – 35	10 th grade – 35
2 nd grade – 37		11 th grade – 25
3 rd grade – 36	7 th grade – 29	12 th grade – 24

PreK – 6 enrollment total – 314

7th – 12th grade enrollment total – 186

Total – 500

- Staffing:
 - No Non renewals
 - Daycare in-service
- LTRS training for 2023 – 2024
- 2023 - 2024 School Calendar updates and 24-25 school calendar
- Security updates this year
- Daycare updates
- Dog in School
- Probably exhibition wrestling match Saturday May 4th in the Gym
- Advertise for art, sped/PE/social worker – advertising for part time for all of these positions.
- Summer school age daycare
- 4/22 Artificial Intelligence training in-service
- Guidance on parking lot, boiler, roof replacement
- FY 25 projects possibilities
 - Spring bleacher at WG field
 - Windows at high school
- Boiler tests

Board Reports and recognition of donors/supporters

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

- Bus Drivers – it is bus driver appreciation week
- Beth Kleven for her help with the Spelling Bee

New Business

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hansen to approve the Revised budget for the 23 - 24 school year. Revenues of \$9,599,911 and Expenses of \$9,800,526 (-\$200,615) Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Foster to approve the resignation of Rachel Clarke in Kindergarten and many thanks. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Foster to approve Dave Rentschler for 7/8 grade football and Dalton Taylor for bus driver. Motion carried

Beginnergarten and 3rd section of kindergarten discussion/action for 2024-2025 at the March meeting.

1st reading of 24-25 school calendar.

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Foster for the approval of long-term subs Carrie Kleven and Halle Steen for kindergarten. Kleven abstained Motion Carried.

Discussion regarding the floor in the gym. Could potentially use the vinyl flooring from the hallway for the ends of the gym.

Next meeting is Monday **March 18, 2024** in Westbrook.

Adjourned 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk