

## WWG School Board Meeting

April 15, 2024

Walnut Grove 7:00 PM

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

Madson called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hansen to approve the March 18, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

### Visitor reports –

### Old Business –

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Kuehl to approve the meal reimbursement update for the board minutes. Motion Carried

**AD Klumper** – Spring sports are in full swing and going well. We had minimal rescheduling due to snow and rain. Speech Sections were on Saturday. Phoenix Weckman advanced to state with a second-place finish! The athletic banquet will be on Friday, May 17th at the Westbrook Community Center. WASC will help with the meal. A two-month strength and conditioning program is being developed for us by Josh Merrick. The program will begin in June and three coaches will coach/guide athletes as they train.

### Mr. Jenniges

Spring Preschool screening was April 9. We had 20 students.

- Beginndergarten roster is full (all 12 spaces are spoken for)
- Preschool registration information has been sent out via Google Form
  - Numbers so far (18 - 3 day / 23 - 2 day)

### Recent activity

- 3-4th trip to orchestra in Marshall
- 5-6th trip to Fort Snelling / Twins Game
- Muffins for Moms

### Parent Teacher Conference

- Rescheduled due to weather - 80% attendance

Elementary Concerts next week (Tuesday / 4-6th) and (Thursday / K-3)

Kindergarten Orientation (Thursday, April 25 5:45-6:30)

Assessment season is underway - Brittany Erickson transition meetings with 6th graders

## READ Act updates

- Professional Development
  - Approximately 20 WWG staff to complete OL/LA training
    - Roughly 75% will be completed during PLC time / \$500 stipend for completion
    - 50-60 hours / cohort with a handful of Lake Benton teachers
  - Literacy Lead
    - Criteria has pushed out from MDE
  - Curriculum
    - A couple weeks away from hearing the final list from MDE / then order
  - Literacy Plan
    - Ours will be lacking several pieces as we currently do not use the assessments that are required in the future

## Principal Woitalewicz –

FFA taking a whole host of students to state late April - our FFA program is one of the best in the area! 10-12 grade students Job Shadowed last week - a very good program to get our kids out into the workforce for a day and see what their interests are. By the time they graduate students should have at least 2 different job shadowing opportunities.

- MCA Testing this week
- Staff PD Day is coming up on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - William Grube coming in to talk with staff about AI in Education
- Kent Mollberg coming on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to talk with 6-12 students about online safety
  - Will talk with staff after he talks with students
- Senior Band/Choir Trip coming up Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Senior Class trip was a success
  - Went better this year than last and we will continue to make minor tweaks
- Spring musical public viewings 5/3 at 7pm and 5/4 at 1:30pm
- Conversation with school board about potentially moving teachers over to 2nd floor of tech campus next year and improvements that might need to be made in that area of the building
- The high school started locking its doors during the school day. We have 3 different entry cameras installed. It has been a successful implementation so far, with only minor tweaks or inconveniences and all positive reviews from students, staff and the public. People think it's a good thing we are locking our doors
- Looking into adopting a partial ban on student cell phones for grades 7-9 next year. Based off current discussion at the state capital over a proposed bill that would address school cell phone policies. Looking for board thoughts on this topic.

## Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation: training drivers, bus lease vs. purchase (committee)
- Food Service
- Shared Services (READ Act assistance) OLA

## Enrollments

Prek – 54	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade – 36	
Kindergarten – 36	4 <sup>th</sup> grade – 38	7 <sup>th</sup> grade – 29
1 <sup>st</sup> grade – 37	5 <sup>th</sup> grade – 43	8 <sup>th</sup> grade – 31
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade – 37	6 <sup>th</sup> grade – 35	9 <sup>th</sup> grade – 42

10th grade – 35

11th grade – 25

12th grade – 24

**PreK – 6 enrollment total – 316**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment total – 186**

**Total – 502**

- Staffing:
  - READ act / literacy specialist update
  - Daycare
- Security updates this year are ongoing. Working out the bugs
- Daycare updates (space)
- Social Worker in the school may be limited next year
- Probable exhibition wrestling match may be delayed until summer
- Summer - school aged daycare still up in the air
- 4/22 Artificial Intelligence training in-service
- Boiler tests passed by Brady and Loy (add to Darren and Dale)
- Demolition of WG grandstand and replacement to happen yet this spring
- Recycled windmill bench donation to WG Elementary coming
- Contract null and void with new art teacher
- Counselor interview on Wednesday also look into more time with Greater MN

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

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

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#### **New Business**

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Hansen to approve the 2024-2025 Service Coop Contracts.  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Warner for approval of the WG outdoor bathroom to be complete by Memorial Day (\$15,000) Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hansen to approve the presented list of equipment and supplies for Westbrook staff. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Kuehl to approve the presented list of equipment and supplies for Walnut Grove staff. Motion Carried

Presentation of District wide remodel project – tabled until May

Discussion regarding current operating levy and possible bond projects

Beginnergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> section of Kindergarten discussion / action for 2024-2025 school year

Brian Kass for kitchen work and miscellaneous maintenance. Wait until May meeting

Motion made by Kleven seconded by Foster to approve the continuation of administrative sharing arrangements with Ivanhoe and Lake Benton for the 2024-2025 school year (if agreed upon by all parties). Motion Carried

Next meeting is Monday **May 20, 2024**, in Westbrook.

Adjourned 8:48pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Foster  
Board Clerk