

WWG School Board Meeting

March 18, 2024

Walnut Grove 7:00 PM

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

Madson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Warner and seconded by Kuehl to approve the February 22, 2024, 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 –

Spring sports are underway and started off with great weather for week one.

- Track and field has about 50 varsity athletes out and 30 to 40 junior high athletes are expected to start this week. Red Rock Central makes 19 of these athletes.
- Baseball has 11 WWG boys playing from WWG and that includes junior high kids. Nineteen girls from WWG have joined the softball team from grades 6-12.
- Golf begins this week and we have eight WWG kids joining the HLO-F Coyotes for golf this year in grades 6-12.

A wonderful band and choir concert was held at the high school last week for musicians in grades 7-12 to share their talents with our community. Our music instructors, once again, gave me chills with their song selections and everything sounded wonderful.

- The band and choir groups went to Redwood Falls on Wednesday to compete in a band and choir music contest. The band received a Superior rating and the choir missed Superior by one point, finishing the day with an Excellent rating.

Speech is in full swing and spring play practices have also begun.

Winter sports All Conference and All State athletes have been named. We can be proud as we did very well in these categories this year. We have skilled athletes who also take school very seriously in our district!

- All Conference for WWG girls basketball team are: Addeson Jenniges, Izzy Klumper, Abby Wiggins and Honorable Mention: Natalie Wahl and Riley Parker.
- All Conference boys basketball players are: Hudson Jenniges and Honorable Mention: Kevin Curry.

- Academic All-Conference athletes with a GPA at or higher than 3.6 are: Addison Jenniges, Izzy Klumper, Abby Wiggins, Amelia Sikel, Ella Knakmuhs, and Porter Marsh.
- Academic All State recipients are Addeson Jenniges, Izzy Klumper, and Ella Knakmuhs.
- Izzy Klumper was also named All State Honorable Mention. Izzy was invited to play in the Minnesota State All Star Game in Northfield in April. She is one of ten girls in Class A to be invited. Ten girls from each class are invited to play in this event. She will attend but not play due to injury. Some younger WWG girls' basketball players will join her that day for a free skills camp with the All Stars who will teach the camp.
- Several Senior athletes will play in the Orth All Star Game in Winthrop, MN on April 5th. This is for Seniors only. At least three seniors have agreed to play in this event.

New rugs are in the gym, and they are much larger than the old ones and look great. We also have a large entrance rug inside the door by the boy's locker room. We hope this will help with dust and dirt being tracked into the gym.

Invoices will soon be sent out to businesses that advertise with us during the fall and winter seasons on the livestream and score table. In speaking with coaches and Loy, I have concluded that the money raised would be best used to put back into a program for the athletes. We generate about \$13,000 each year. The plan for those funds is to put them into an Activities Department account which will not be a student account and will allow us to support a strength and conditioning program.

- I've asked around and TMB has a great program which our cross-country athletes were able to use and show me. There's an app called TeamBuildr, three coaches/staff members with strength and conditioning experience to pay for guidance and supervision, and the creation of workouts to be given thought to and paid for. The workouts will get uploaded into the app by the creator of the workouts (a certified trainer) and the app will create videos of each lift. Kids will have a checklist of sorts to plug into the app when they lift.
- My vision is to do a one-year trial where the program runs all year long beginning this summer. Athletes would be required to lift during a session a couple times a week during their athletic seasons and encouraged to lift two to three times a week during the summer. The kids sign up for the sessions that work for them.
 - Several coaches (and I) feel that this is a missing piece in our athletic programs, and we want to prevent injuries and strengthen our athletes to be ready for competitive, varsity play.
 - Programs will be offered in the summer for kids in grades 6-8 as well but will mostly use body weight and lighter free weights for their sessions. A fee of \$50 is charged in the summer for athletes to be part of the program at TMB but free during the school year. We can discuss the pros and cons of that fee.
 - Any left-over money raised by advertisements would go to make improvements in the weight room or to simply replace smaller items that get worn out like resistance bands, medicine balls, jump ropes, ect. I am still collecting information about this program and don't have all the details worked out yet.

Mr. Jenniges

Walnut Grove Foundation - donation to scoreboard at County Park; Handful of students went out for a picture.

Mrs. Quade / Mr. Jenniges attended final Social, Emotional Learning (SEL) workshop Students in grades 3-6 are completing the final survey (anonymous)

Last week during PLC - staff did a FastBridge webinar for future screener updates

PT Conferences - March 26 (one evening)

- Spring book fair

Elementary student behavior update

- To date Just over half of the office referrals that we had a year ago!

Spring Preschool Screening - April 9 (20+)

Spring Field Trips

- 5-6th to Fort Snelling / Twins Game (April 10)
- 3rd Grade to SMSU (April 10)
- 1st Grade to Martin Luther Children's Theater (May 3)
- SMSU Science and Nature Conference (May 7)
 - 13 students with Mr. Wahl and Mr. Jenniges
- 5th Grade to Gilfillan Estate (May 8)
- Kindergarten to Butterfly House (May 17)
- 5th Grade Lake Shetek Environmental Trip (May 23-24)
- 4th Grade to SMSU Planetarium (May 24)
- 2nd Grade Lake Shetek Environmental Center / Wilder Museum (TBD)

2024-25 Class Counts

- Preschool (3 day) 30 (2 day) 29
- Kindergarten / Beginndergarten (48)
 - Currently building Beginndergarten roster / PT conferences will provide more info

Increase Preschool Fees for 2024-25

- \$900 (3 day) / \$600 (2 day) / \$300 (3-day FRLP) / \$200 (2 day FRLP)

Budget / Supply requests for 2024-25 have been started

Football Bleachers – Timeframe – lining up contractors to do the work before summer rec starts.

Principal Woitalewicz –

HS teachers are filling out budget requests. These will be sent to you before the April board meeting for approval. I have a few teachers making Remick Foundation requests as well.

Upcoming student and staff trainings

- April 22 - Staff training on AI with William Grube from NDSU
- April 24 - Student training on Digital Citizenship with Kent Mollberg from Detroit Lakes

Spring sports are starting and the Spring Play

- 19 students are in the Spring Play this year! No performance dates set yet.
- This years spring play is called Beowulf and the Bard:
 - "Beowulf is an out-of-shape prince hoping to fulfill the heroic code, while the bard is a desperate poet struggling with a nasty case of writer's block. This retelling also introduces a new female character: the bloodthirsty warrior princess Gunborg, whose quest to reach her heroic destiny is ignored by her overprotective father, the king. Beowulf (and the Bard) is a comedy about friendship, duty and what it means to be a hero.

Congratulations to our senior high Band and Choir programs for their efforts at Large Group contest.

Band received superior ratings and choir was about as close as you can get to superior (34, 34, 35) without attaining it. Luke Nelson and Tasha Cuff do an amazing job with our band and choir programs, and it shows every time we attend large group contest.

Senior class trip coming up March 27 - April 1. Seniors are excited to go and everyone is paid up!

Huge Congratulations to Ella Knakmuhs on her full ride scholarship to SMSU!

Modifying student scheduling for next school year in advance of spring signups

- 9-12 students will be required to take a full course load (**credits required for graduation will not change) - - no study halls will be given unless extenuating circumstances are proven
- Students can petition our school counselor or high school principal of the need for a study hall (or more than one study hall) and their case will be brought to our Child Study Team for review and approval or denial.
- Students who take PSEO classes will be allotted 1 class period per semester to complete their online classes, even if they are taking more than one PSEO class. A maximum of one study hall will be given.
- To ensure we have a wide array of class offerings for students each year I am asking my upper level teachers to create some new elective options.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation: training drivers, bus lease vs. purchase (committee)
- Food Service
- Administrative updates
 - I'll get into elementary classrooms after February 1st.
 - Meeting with negotiators in the next 2 weeks for Supt
- Shared Services (READ Act assistance)

Enrollments

Prek – 54	4 th grade – 38	8 th grade – 31
Kindergarten – 36	5 th grade – 43	9 th grade – 42
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 – 316

7th – 12th grade enrollment total – 186

Total – 502

- Staffing:
 - READ act / literacy specialist (combo with Title or??)
 - Daycare in-service and staffing
- LTTRS training for 2023 - 2024.
- 24-25 school calendar.
- Security updates this year are ongoing.
- Daycare updates (space)
- Social Worker in the school discussion
- Dog in school
- Probable exhibition wrestling match Saturday May 4th in Gym

- Advertise for Sped/PE/Social Worker.
- Summer school age daycare
- 4/22 Artificial Intelligence training in-service
- Guidance on parking lot, boiler, roof replacement.
- FY 25 project possibilities (handout)
- 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

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 Kuehl for the approval of Jeshsalem Salisbury for 7-12 Visual Arts. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Warner for the approval of Jessica Olsem for elementary special education. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Hansen to approve the resignation of Kobe Lovell from the elementary. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Kuehl to approve the hiring of Morgan LeBeau Elementary/ELL/SPED. Motion Carried

Beginnergarten and 3rd section of Kindergarten discussion / action for 2024 – 2025 in April.

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hansen for the approval of 1st reading of 24-25 school calendar. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl seconded by Hemp to charge \$20 to Alumni in school weight room (FOBS, Fees, hours) vs. fitness center and equipment purchases. Motion Carried Kleven opposed

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Kleven for the approval of annual Achievement and Integration budget for \$64,074. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hansen Kuehl to approve the recommendation of purchase of a van for \$20,000 or less and call for quotes for a new 65 passenger bus. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Hemp to approve the lane change for Diana Johnson and John Wiggins from BA+10 to BA+20. Motion Carried.

Next meeting is Monday **April 15, 2024**, in Walnut Grove.

Adjourned 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk