

WWG School Board Meeting

June 24, 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, Adrienne Kletscher, Rachel Christians, Tony Miller and Tom Merchant. Absent

Madson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Hemp seconded by Hansen to approve the agenda as presented. Add Brian Zimmerman Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Warner to approve the May 20, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports – Discussion regarding the budget. Brian Zimmerman came to discuss his request for a Wrestling event for the summer. He is hoping for August 3rd. He would like to have a band from 4-6pm and the Wrestling from 7-8:00 or 8:30pm. There would be security and presale tickets. There will also be concessions available. Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Hansen to approve the use of school facilities to host this wrestling event. Motion Carried

Old Business – Discussion regarding Academic eligibility and graduation requirement adjustments.

- Take out the clause that if you improve your grade, you can immediately return to eligibility
- Add personal finance to our math requirements
- Reduce Social Science requirements from 4 to 3.5

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Warner to approve to approve the above listed changes to Academic eligibility and graduation requirements. Motion Carried

AD Klumper – The youth girls' basketball and volleyball camp were well attended in June, along with the varsity camps. Boys' basketball youth camp is coming up the last week of June. Chris Curry is coaching a 7 on 7 passing league team for our football players and they are practicing some in the evenings. Derrick Jenniges and Dan Klumper have several team camps, league games and tournaments planned for our varsity basketball teams throughout July. The Power Program is going well this summer with two sessions going three times a week. Coach Klumper has the older athletes and Coach Crosby has the younger athletes. There are 45 kids enrolled in the program. About ten WWG graduates are using their weight room access membership and have their own fob. The feedback has been positive. Our graduates like having their own fob to work out when it works best for them.

Mr. Jenniges - Final days of school were a success. Summer cleaning is off to a good start - Annual room cleaning, floors, small updates throughout building. Summer Lunch - Lower numbers in the first week but picking up as summer rec gets into full swing. READ ACT Updates were discussed. Summer training - OLLA (Online Language & Literacy Academy) and FastBridge. NO summer school sessions due to all the other READ Act-related trainings that our staff are completing. RTI Reading assessments in August will continue, using the new assessment screener (FastBridge). WWG Elementary was once again approved for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant to provide a healthy snack to all PreK-6 students throughout the 24-25 school year.

Principal Woitalewicz – Graduation 2024 - Went as planned - many thanks to Wendy Knakmuhs for planning graduation day. Successfully graduated 24 students. Reviewing policy - no credit for students with 16 or more absences in a class - Began enforcing policy 2nd semester, changed to 20 and didn't count any school-related absences in the number. Reviewing policy - updated eligibility standards - “ eligibility list runs mid-quarter and quarter end. If you are on the list, you are ineligible for your next 1 or 2 events (depending on season length). If you get your grade up, you are immediately eligible to participate. Would like to change guidelines to further simplify policy to take out the language about being able to get grade up and immediately participate. This is the part of the policy that remains difficult to monitor and enforce. Working on updates to the handbook with MSBA guidelines; hopeful to complete by August board meeting. Grad Requirements update - Adding Personal Finance to our math requirements for students graduating in 2028, as per new state regulations. Reducing Social Sciences credits needed to graduate from 4 to 3.5. 3.5 accounts for all required Social Science coursework. Cell Phone Policy - I would like to go with YONDR pouches to restrict cell phone use. YONDR will help us come up with policies and procedures that best fit our school and buildings.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation: inspections are coming up, new bus in the fall, working on route planning, and purchase of new van with last of ESSER money.
- Food Service
- Shared Services (READ Act assistance) OLA

Enrollments

Prek –60	4 th grade – 35	8 th grade – 29
Kindergarten – 47	5 th grade – 39	9 th grade – 30
1 st grade – 28	6 th grade – 41	10 th grade – 42
2 nd grade – 37		11 th grade – 35
3 rd grade – 37	7 th grade – 36	12 th grade – 26

PreK – 6 enrollment total – 324

7th – 12th grade enrollment total – 198

Total – 522

- Staffing:
- Security updates this year are ongoing. Working out the bugs

- Daycare updates – space is great and fencing going in this week. Bathroom doorways to classrooms being explored, considering options for snack/meals, discounted rates for new daycare employees – 25% off, and handbook changes discussed.
- Increase in Greater MN and counselor update

Board Reports and recognition of donors/supporters

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

- Sunshine fund \$20 from Admin and Board
- Butch Olson for the use of his telehandler

New Business

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Foster for the approval of preliminary 24 - 25 budget. Revenues of \$9,085,327 and Expenditures of \$9,943,976. (- \$858,649) Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Hemp for the approval of Loy Woelber as Individual with Authority to assign Dept of Ed roles with the district (IOWA) Motion Carried

District remodel projects summer 2024 (discussion)

- Boiler in Tech campus
- Courtyard windows
- Exterior door replacements (2)
- WG outdoor bathroom / storage building
- Bleacher hand railing repair in Westbrook
- Playground system continued work
- P.A. system in Walnut Grove
- Removal of bushes in front of WG school by staff
- Baseball scoreboard

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Kuehl to approve the following resignations: Motion Carried

- Lairdie Kells
- Monica Otto and many, MANY thanks for a great career

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Foster to approve the resolution of the annual 10 year look ahead on LTFM budget and projects. Kleven – Aye, Hansen – Aye, Warner – Aye, Hemp – Aye, Kuehl – Aye, Foster – Aye, Madson – Aye. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hansen for the approval of Lane change for Mandy Dibble, Diana Johnson, John Wiggins and Brittany Erickson. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Warner to approve the following new hires. Motion Carried

- Lairdie Kells 5th grade
- Amanda Peterson 4th grade (moving Amy Herder to 2nd grade)
- Rusty Jackels for JH softball coach

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl to approve a resolution for annual membership in the MSHSL. Kleven – Aye, Hansen – Aye, Warner – Aye, Hemp – Aye, Kuehl – Aye, Foster – Aye, Madson – Aye. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Kuehl to approve the direction to Administration to come up with a cell phone policy that we will vote on at a future meeting for the 24 - 25 school year. Including all 7-12 grade students for the entire school day using the YONDR company. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hansen for the approval of Support staff increases for 24 - 25 (50 cents). Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl for the approval of one year contract with Superintendent Loy Woelber for the 24 - 25 school year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Kuehl for the approval of property/liability/auto insurance package for the 24-25 school year. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hemp for the approval of Cyber Liability (\$1 million) for the 24-25 school year. Motion Carried

Next meeting is Monday **July 15, 2024**, in Westbrook.

Adjourned 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk