

WWG School Board Meeting

September 16, 2024

Westbrook 7:00 PM

Members present: Madson, Hemp, Kuehl, Warner, Kleven, Foster, Hansen, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz and Jenniges, also present were AD Klumper, Mandy Dibble, Pat Merrick, Natalie Wahl, Anna Byers, Faith Marsh and Tom Merchant. Absent: none

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

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

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hansen to approve the August 19, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports – Students from MHS came to talk about new policies, Fall Festival and fall Athletics. (Anna Byers, Faith Marsh and Natalie Wahl)

Old Business –

AD Klumper – The varsity football team is 1 and 2 for the season. The JH and JV teams are doing well and getting some wins and more importantly, some experience. We added a few JV games to the schedule and those are played directly after the JH games. The varsity volleyball team is 4 and 1 for their season. They also took first place at the Lakeview tournament. JH volleyball is going well and there have been several close games and good competition. We host a Jamboree in Westbrook on Saturday. Next year's volleyball schedule is almost set, and refs are hired. Working on the basketball season next. The cross-country team is competing hard and has had some very hot weather for running conditions. A couple of our Jr. High runners are having some nice success and have earned medals. The pep band is playing at some football and volleyball games, and they sound great! I have asked Luke Nelson and Tasha Cuff to assemble some small groups of students to sing the anthem at basketball games. Would love to see middle/high school groups and some elementary groups sing the anthem at games. We have some fantastic voices in our community and want to promote the arts. Art teacher, Kat Aviles, is interested in planning an Art Showcase for students. We are discussing what that would look like. Josh Barron will be the new One Act director this year. Charger Designs will pay for Senior posters to hang in the gym and on the football, field fence this year. Posters will be here by Sept 30.

Mr. Jenniges – First two weeks of school have gone well. We have made necessary adjustments to transportation timing, student's schedules as the need arises. Thanks to all staff / bus drivers for patience while we sort through these things. RTI / FastBridge update - Meetings with SWWC; Identifying and scheduling students / interventions. LINC Redwood County Leadership program participation. Picture Day was September 10. Thanks to Crystal Knakmuhs / Half Pint Coffee for bringing coffee for the staff last Wednesday. A couple of large branches broke off trees by playground, Keck Tree Service

removed. PT “Back to School” Conferences were after school today (maybe 60% in person attendance; 10-15% others that called in). Tomorrow 4th grade goes to experiment station in Lambertton. Friday we will have our first Charger Pals session - approximately 50 students from each building will participate. Preschool screening (27 students scheduled) - September 24 = no PreK class this day. Fire Safety Week will be October 7-11

Principal Woitalewicz – School year off to a good start - morale is high - hope things continue to go well. Fall Festival was a hit again - - thanks to those who helped. Our new and updated policies seem to be going well. The phone policy has gone to plan so far - making it our school-wide goal to continue to follow through on this plan. The Eligibility list will run for the first time on October 2nd. No language in current policy about students being able to gain eligibility if and when they get their grade up to passing. Updated policy so that 3 unexcused tardies equals 1 unexcused absence. Emailed families about these updated policies early this school year and reminded them of our policy of lost course credit due to too many absences in a semester. Class Trip Update - Itinerary is mostly set - figuring out costs and a different place to stay in DC. Projecting 16-18 students for this year’s trip. Projecting \$1300 for cost per student. Career Expo for 10th grade students (part of our WBWF plan) - Sept 25 in Worthington. Homecoming Week - October 7-11 - Coronation is Monday the 7th at 7pm in the HS theater.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation: no updates, not trying for a 12-passenger van. Hoping for another driver to train, we are a little short this fall.
- Food Service part one audit complete, next round will be in October.
- Shared Services (READ Act assistance)
- Administrative updates – I’ll stay one day per week in Ivanhoe until January. Continue 1 day per week in Lake Benton until January.
- Shared Services (READ Act assistance) and MOU with teachers.

Enrollments

Prek – 58	4 th grade – 32	8 th grade – 30
Kindergarten – 47	5 th grade – 40	9 th grade – 29
1 st grade – 26	6 th grade – 39	10 th grade – 43
2 nd grade – 39		11 th grade – 34
3 rd grade – 37	7 th grade – 34	12 th grade – 24

PreK – 6 enrollment total – (260+58) = 318

7th – 12th grade enrollment total – 194

Total – 512 (PreK -12)

- Staffing: licensure applications are in.
- Security updates: waiting for intercom system in WG
- Daycare updates
- School age after school care working well with HS students.

- Working with Rocky Kolar on parking lots and getting some roof replacement prices for a possible bond discussion. (October meeting)
- Fall festival: another success

Board Reports and recognition of donors/supporters

- Jim Kleven gave an update on a MSBA meeting that he attended recently.

New Business

Motion made by Hemp and seconded by Warner for the approval of the following Employee hires – Motion Carried

- Jessica Mohr for paraprofessional in WB
- Angkhana (Gee) Saelao paraprofessional in WG
- Alan Anderson, bus training and future driver in WG

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Kuehl to approve Jessie Jorgenson for a lane change. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hansen for the approval of levying the maximum pay 2025 for the 2025 - 2026 school year. Annual hearing is Monday December 2nd at 6 p.m. in WG (\$1,515,609.95) We have under levied in the past. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Hemp for the approval of a fund transfer from the Fund 01 General Fund to Fund 41 Daycare fund to erase a \$207,257.35 deficit. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hemp to approve clearing out old lunch money surplus balances from years past and putting in an account to assist with delinquent accounts on lunches and fees. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Kuehl to approve the RESOLUTION for the MSBA Delegate Assembly for the ability of districts to hire out of field candidates and the proper advertising from July 1st to June 1st. Kuehl – Aye; Hemp – Aye; Warner – Aye; Foster – Aye; Hansen – Aye; Kleven – Aye; Madson – Aye. Motion Carried

Adjournment and next board meeting Monday October 21st at 7:00 in Walnut Grove and Daycare meeting at 5:00, Buildings Grounds at 5:45 and 6:30 Negotiations.

Adjourned 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk