WWG School Board Meeting

May 19, 2025

Westbrook 5:30 PM

Members present: Madson, Krick, Kuehl, Warner, Hansen, Kleven, Foster, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz, AD Klumper and Jenniges also present were Dan Klumper, Megan Bonnstetter, Rachel Christians and Tom Merchant. Absent: none

Madson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Warner to approve April 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports – Rachel Christians and community education update

Old Business –

AD Klumper – About 120 people attended the Athletic Banquet on Friday night. Thank you to the Westbrook Area Service Club for providing the meal. Riley Parker earned the Marines Distinguished Athlete, while Hudsen Jenniges and Natalie Wahl earned Athlete of the Year honors. The Softball team got the 11 seed and will begin playoffs on Tuesday in Nicollet to play the 6 seed. Track and Field will head to Redwood Falls on Thursday to compete in the Central Subsection meet. Neil Kuehl and Ava Herding made All-Conference for golf last week. Anna Byers, Evelyn Rentschler, Miranda Mischke, Alexis Vang, Chris Xiong, Adrian Yang, Ben Yang and Robert Yang also earned All-Conference honors in track and field. Looking for considerations on purchasing a Dr. Dish shooting machine for the Walnut Grove gymnasium. Some of the cost can be paid for with our livestream advertising income. Student athletes have volunteered to pitch the idea to some area clubs in hopes they may donate money as well. A portion of the livestream money also pays for our POWER program and the WWG Student Council as well. The school website is currently updating the summer months with the athletic camp dates for our youth. Coaches are sending or have sent the youth information to parents already. Dan Klumper will coach Girls POWER this summer, while Tyson Crosby will coach Boys POWER. 7-12 Concert is tonight in the WWG High School gym at 7:00pm!

- Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Warner to use funds from the livestream and potential outside donors to purchase a Dr. Dish for the Walnut Grove School. Motion Carried.

Mr. Jenniges – Many recent Field Trips. Kindergarten / Begindergarten Orientation at end of April (7/10 Begindergarten / 21/29 Kindergarten). Successful music concerts for K-3 and 4-6 - Thanks to Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Cuff for leading the way! Teacher Appreciation Week - Thanks to Steffen Electric (candy bars), Rob and Laura Albertson (pop), Lamberton Area Baseball Association (pop), and a collection of 6th grade parents for treats throughout the week. Final Charger Pals session was on Friday, May 9. Final Family Day session was on Friday, May 9 - Thanks to Mrs. Westover and class for helping with plants. OLLA

Read Act training (20 participants) completed on May 7, awaiting final certificates. Early preschool registration thus far (43 total - 25 three day / 18 two day) - Potential of having 30 in each group. The storage shed by the football field looks good! K-6 enrollment for 2025-26 is currently at 243 (down 10 from now) - We have already had multiple requests for potential new student tours. Behavior referrals are down 13% from a year ago, down 60% from 2023-24. Recent uptick in bus behaviors, especially on our shuttles - Planning for 2025-26 and ways to combat these issues. 5th Grade Integration camping trip to Lake Shetek Thursday / Friday. Last week of school activities - Tuesday, May 27 (Talent Show 9:00-11:00), Wednesday, May 28 (County Park Day), Thursday, May 29 (Picnic Lunch / Early Dismissal). Friday, May 30 (End of year staff gathering in WG). Summer Lunch June 2 - July 2 (Monday - Thursday)

Principal Woitalewicz – Lockdowns and safety drills completed in April. Community Cleanup on May 7th - Students cleaned up various areas around the school and around town - went very well - thanks to the Honor Society for planning. Thanks again to Mary Osland for the upkeep on the West end of our main building. Always looking for new service opportunities for our students. Student activities on the West End - Looking to create a few spaces for activities out on the West end of our main building. Install bases for a kickball diamond, get a portable volleyball net, install a used basketball hoop. I'd like to send students outside during lunch more often. Get some fresh air and save the gym floor just a little bit. If you know of anyone who has a used volleyball setup or a used basketball hoop, please let me know. We would love a donation! Senior Awards night this Wednesday evening. Around $100,000 awarded to our senior students! Many thanks to our generous area donors. Last day of school - Thursday, May 30th - half day. Graduation is Sunday, June 1st at 2pm, thanks to Wendy Knakmuhs for planning the schedule. Summer School at High School - planning on summer school for 7th and 8th grade students, 9-12 grade students who failed a course can retake the course next year or take an Acellus course to make up credit. Review of Cell Phone Policy - Things have gone as well as we've hoped regarding our cell phone policy. It has really cut down on classroom distractions and behavioral issues that result from social media use during school hours. We will modify our policy to include personal devices (iPad, laptops, etc) and restrictions/regulations on them to better preserve the classroom learning environment.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation: Van shuffle and should be good next year but need a car. Still waiting on the new bus from last fall. Still anticipate 6 bus routes, an ELC route and an ALC route.
- Food Service: summer lunch is a go
- Administrative updates – school wide satisfaction surveys will be compiled next week
- Child Care center updates to date (Next committee meeting in May. Finances to date look better. Have a lead on a director. Verbiage for tuition, part time kids, ratios, cameras, summer help. I think we will be ok for space for this coming school year. We will have to have additional after school space for our preschoolers.

Enrollments (March)

Prek – 57	4th grade – 28	8th grade – 31
Kindergarten – 46	5th grade – 41	9th grade – 30
1st grade – 21	6th grade – 38	10th grade – **43**
2nd grade – 40		11th grade – 37
3rd grade – 40	7th grade – 32	12th grade – 22

PreK – 6 enrollment total – (254+57) **= 311**
7th – 12th grade enrollment total – 195

Total – 506 (PreK -12)

- Staffing:
- Legislation – They say they are done, but special session is looming.
- Fitness Center rates to raise, potentially in July. Deciding on equipment needs.
    A. Westbrook – 258 FOBS over the past few years, 95 Silver Sneakers FOBS, 32 Active Silver Sneakers, 29 active general folks.
    B. Walnut Grove – 94 total FOBS over the past few years, 30 Silver Sneakers, 6 active Silver Sneakers, 5 active general folks.
- Discussions are slow with area churches about daycare and fitness center space.

Board Reports and recognition of donors/supporters

- Jimmy's pub for the purchase of a storage shed for the seasonal daycare items.
- Mary Osland for her help with the landscaping at the west end of the school
- Thank you to all who have graciously given time and/or money to help support our seniors through scholarships. These funds are so beneficial to help support them in their future endeavors.
- Thanks to Steffen Electric (candy bars), Rob and Laura Albertson (pop), Lamberton Area Baseball Association (pop), and a collection of 6th grade parents for treats throughout the week

New Business

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Hansen for the Resolution relating to the issuance of school building bonds and calling an election thereon. Kleven – Aye, Warner – Aye, Kuehl – Aye, Krick – Aye, Hansen – Aye, Foster – Aye, Madson – Aye. Motion Carried

- $3,000,000 for the Westbrook parking lot, sidewalk repairs and roofing. Sidewalk additions, repairs and roofing in Walnut Grove

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Foster to approve the Capital outlay requests (additional $4,000 WG landscaping). Motion Carried

- Westbrook (packet)
- Walnut Grove (packet)
- Activities (packet)

Motion made by Krick and seconded by Foster for the approval of updated staffing notes (Motion Carried)

- Brittany Erickson as a school social worker at MA0. WB/WG duties and taking over scholarships and career days.
- Cut back in Greater MN time
- Hiring of a para in Westbrook for sped 7-12
- Hiring of a para for driving, supervision and 7th 8th graders
- Shuffling of current paras in WG

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Krick to approve the resolution to use of hand counting for the August election vs. the tabulating machines. Kleven – Aye, Warner – Aye, Kuehl – Aye, Krick – Aye, Hansen – Aye, Foster – Aye, Madson – Aye. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Foster for the approval of Kristi Baker from an MA to an MA+10. Motion Carried
Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Warner to approve HILDI for GASB every 3 years employee benefits actuarial evaluation. Motion Carried

Next meeting June 23, 2025, in Walnut Grove

Adjourned 6:34pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk