

WWG School Board Meeting

July 21, 2025

Westbrook 7:00 PM

Members present: Madson, Krick, Warner, Hansen, Kleven, Foster, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz, Mr. Jenniges, AD Klumper, also present were Adrienne Kletscher, May Thao and Tom Merchant. Absent: Kuehl

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

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

Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Warner to approve June 23, 2025, 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 – None

Old Business – motion made by Kleven and seconded by Krick to approve the milk quote to Prairie Farms and Bread to Pan-O-Gold as recommended by Michele Freeburg. Motion Carried

AD Klumper – There will be a potluck on Monday, August 4th (location TBD) for any student athlete in grades 7-12 who plan to be part of MSHSL sponsored sports this coming year. Paperwork for health physicals and eligibility forms will be available for athletes at that time. Fall sports practice will begin on Monday, August 11th. A Dr. Dish basketball shooting machine was purchased and delivered to Walnut Grove school. Many thanks to the Walnut Grove Loggers and the WWG Boosters for their generous donations which fully paid for the machine. On Saturday, Sept 6th there will be a State Championship football reunion for Wildcats teams in 1983 and 1985 as well as the Chargers 2000 team. I, along with Carter Ross and some members of those teams, are planning a short program prior to the high school football game that will take place that day at 3:00pm. More information to come soon as details get ironed out. Starting this week, I will begin contacting local businesses to ask for their continued monetary support in return for advertising on our livestreamed games and score table. All funds raised will continue to go to our Charger Power program and our WWG HS Student Council. Sports schedules are on the calendar and any changes to games will immediately be updated on the school calendar online. I will have printable schedules available on the website and in the business office available also.

Mr. Jenniges - Summer project updates - Floors, classrooms, and hallways are going as planned. Waiting for abatement to finish space in the band room. Waiting for drainline to storage shed. Carpet in music room / band room end of July / early August. Gym mats (stage / wall) order submitted, 6–8-week delivery. Locker room lockers removed, next step build in walls. Landscaping project is ready for fabric and rock later this week. Looking for some bigger rocks to fill in some gaps. Supply orders have been arriving, sorted, and delivered to classrooms. ECFE (Morgan Hass and Halle Steen) will be moving to Westbrook for 2025-26 school year. With all the kids we have in the daycare, this seems to be a change worth trying. Preschool fees - currently \$900 (3day) and \$600 (2day). With added VPK funding (3 day)

and Pathways (2 day) those qualifying for free / reduced lunches should be able to avoid payment. Thoughts on \$50 fee at open house (for all?). Bus discipline / expectations (sent on separate document). Elementary disciplinary actions: to include after school detention (until 4:30) in which parents will be required to pick up their student at the elementary school. Emails, phone calls, and lunch detentions are steps prior to this action. Staffing - Long term subs in SPED (September), PreK (Jan-April), First Grade (Jan-April), and 6th grade classroom. August dates - August 6 - Stuff the bus school supply pick up, August 14 - school supply drive, August 15 - para training in Marshall, August 18-20 - RTI Back to School reading assessments, August 20 - Preschool Open House, August 25 - CPI refresher (8-12).

Principal Woitalewicz – Fall Festival Wednesday, August 27th from 3:30 to 7:30, wondering if school board can again help grilling hot dogs and serving food. Integrity Bank Plus is helping us out this year by donating t-shirts and giving them out to 7-12 students whose families fill out our school forms at the Fall Festival. Many thanks to Integrity Bank Plus! Construction Updates - Teacher’s lounge tile remediation and new carpet, switching SPED classroom to Mrs. Dibble’s old math room and moving new math teacher to old SPED room to form a “math wing”. New fence installed behind infant daycare; thank you Scott Jorgens and Hammer Hamilton. Bathroom remodel in full swing, hopefully finished well before the school year begins. Thanks to Mrs. Woelber and crew for touching up paint around the school. Device policy updates - Mrs. Locke is working on policy updates for acceptable use, school issued Chromebook, and personal devices. As always, she does a wonderful job and is on top of getting these things together well before school begins. I’ve requested the following language be added to the personal device policy this year - The use of personal devices for social media, personal phone calls, texting, or any non-educational purpose is strictly prohibited during school hours. Students are not permitted to use any device in the manner of a personal cell phone during school hours. Violations will result in disciplinary action and potential loss of device privileges. Have not found a new math teacher yet; sad to see Mrs. Dibble leave, but happy for her and wish her the best. Happy to have Ms. Brittany Erickson taking over as our academic counselor this school year. Working with MN West and Ms. Erickson to figure out what to do about the college math classes we were planning to offer through Mrs. Dibble next year. Planning on offering the courses as PSEO Math courses and have whoever we hire as the teacher in the room to help students with the PSEO math. This still gets kids the college math credit they were looking for.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation: the bus route meeting will be in the 2nd week of August. Inspections were wrapped up on 7/21 on vehicles.
- Food Service:
- Administrative updates – School wide satisfaction survey compiling by Courtney.
- Child Care center updates to date. Finances to date look better. We had a leadership meeting last week.

Enrollments

Prek – 57	4 th grade – 40	8 th grade – 30
Kindergarten – 41	5 th grade – 29	9 th grade – 31
1 st grade – 36	6 th grade – 41	10 th grade – 30
2 nd grade – 20		11 th grade – 40
3 rd grade – 40	7 th grade – 37	12 th grade – 37

PreK – 6 enrollment total – (247+57) = 304

7th – 12th grade enrollment total – 205

Total – 509 (PreK -12)

- Staffing:
- Legislation – Could be some loss of federal funds.
- Fitness Center rates to raise, in July. waiting on equipment needs.
- Discussions are slow with area churches about daycare and fitness center space.

Board Reports and recognition of donors/supporters Motion made by Warner and seconded by Krick to approve the following: Motion Carried

- Scott Jorgenson for digging holes for daycare fencing
- Hammer Hamilton for assistance in daycare fence installation
- Alex Knutson for the donation of a push mower/bagger for the daycare area.
- Mike Ruppert for donating a basketball hoop for outside.

New Business

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Hansen for approval of access to district accounts. Motion Carried

- Ms. Christians and Ms. Hass, for transactions with district, and scholarship electronic transfers and ACH transactions.
- Mr. Woelber, Ms. Christians, Ms. Hass for transactions with district accounts.
- Ms. Christians for transactions with MN Liquid Asset and Max accounts.
- Mr. Woelber, Ms. Christians, Mr. Jenniges, Mr. Kleven for transactions with WG scholarships and passbook accounts.

Motion made by Krick and seconded by Warner approving the following Fiscal Year 2026 designations. Motion Carried

- District Attorney: Squires, Waldspurger & Mace, P.A.
- District Depository: Bank Midwest
- District Newspaper: Sentinel Tribune
- Regular board meetings on the 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. except for January, February and June being the 4th Monday. Odd month meetings in Westbrook and even months in Walnut Grove.
- Annual Truth in Taxation hearing Monday evening December 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Walnut Grove

Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Kleven to approve the rental rates and fees for the 2025 - 2026 School Year. (Attached). Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Krick to approve the following Appointments: Motion Carried

- Census taker: Ms. Helmer
- Title ESEA: Mr. Jenniges
- Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) formerly World's Best Workforce Chair: Mr. Woitalewicz
- District Testing Coordinator: Ms. Locke
- District Technology Coordinator: Ms. Locke

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hansen to approve August approvals of annual Title I, II and IV application submittals by Mr. Jenniges. Motion Carried

Motion made by Krick and seconded by Foster to approve the following staffing changes – Motion Carried

- Resignation and many thanks to Mandy Dibble
- Resignation and many thanks to Karley McClellan
- Hiring of Chue Vang as WG para and custodian
- Shuffling of current paras in WG

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Krick to approve Student Insurance coverage option. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Krick for the approval of maternity leave for Jamie Kirsh starts December and Diana Johnson for the month of September. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Kleven to approve Abdo Company for annual audit. Motion Carried

Motion made by Krick and seconded by Warner to approve the sharing of a vinyl cutter with the City of Westbrook for sign making. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Kleven to approve the annual MREA membership for \$1363. Motion carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Krick to approve the Resolution authorizing the renewal of an expiring referendum revenue authorization. Kleven – aye, Warner – aye, Hansen – aye, Krick – aye, Foster – aye, Madson – aye. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hansen to approve the resolution for the approval of the annual long term facility maintenance plan for revenues and expenditures. Kleven – aye, Warner – aye, Hansen – aye, Krick – aye, Foster – aye, Madson – aye. Motion Carried

Motion made by Krick and seconded by Foster to approve the updated preschool handbook. Motion Carried

Motion made by Krick and seconded by Warner for the approval of a resolution establishing an absentee ballot board (John Madson, MaryAnn Erickson and Marlys Erickson). Kleven – aye, Warner – aye, Hansen – aye, Krick – aye, Foster – aye, Madson – aye. Motion Carried

Next meeting August 18, 2025, in Walnut Grove

Adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster - Board Clerk