

## WWG School Board Meeting

January 26, 2026

Westbrook 5:30 PM

Members present: Madson, Kuehl, Warner, Kleven, Foster, Krick, Hansen, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz, Mr. Jenniges, also present were Rachel Christians, Tash Cuff, Dave Rentschler, and Taylor Herding. Absent: AD Klumper

Call meeting to order at 5:47 by Mr. Woelber and Pledge

### Election of Officers

- Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Foster nominating Greg Madson for Board Chair. Motion Carried
- Motion made by Hansen to nominate Dan Warner for Vice Chair. Motion Carried
- Motion made by Foster to nominate Jim Kleven for Treasurer. Motion Carried
- Motion made by Kuehl to nominate Becky Foster for Clerk. Motion Carried
- Motion made by Warner and seconded by Kuehl to approve Board Committees and the following Compensation \$30 per meeting, (\$400 clerk), (\$400 treasurer) (\$400 chair), (mileage paid from home). Motion Carried
- Committee membership
  - MSBA Legislative Representative - Jim Kleven
  - Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness - Tyler Hansen, Greg Madson, Kortney Krick
  - Negotiations Personnel & Admin. - Greg Madson, Becky Foster, Jim Kleven
  - Negotiations Alternate - Tyler Hansen
  - Daycare Committee - Greg Madson, Becky Foster, Jim Kleven
  - Redwood County Collaborative - Tyler Hansen with alternate Dan Warner
  - Cottonwood County Collaborative &
  - Tri - County Day Treatment - Greg Madson with alternate Loy Woelber
  - Bldgs & Grounds/Safety Committee - Maury Kuehl, Tyler Hansen, Greg Madson
  - Transportation - Maury Kuehl, Jim Kleven, Dan Warner
  - Technology - Becky Foster, Jim Kleven, Greg Madson
  - Meet and Confer - Maury Kuehl, Becky Foster, Dan Warner
  - Community Education / Wellness - Becky Foster, Greg Madson, Kortney Krick
  - MSHSL / Activities Representatives - Abby Klumper, Greg Madson, Maury Kuehl
  - SWWC Service Cooperative - Becky Foster

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Warner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Kuehl to approve December 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

## **Visitor reports –**

### **Old Business –**

**AD Klumper** – The winter weather recently has impacted our game schedules a bit for wrestling meets and basketball games. We have five home games this week. All rescheduled dates are updated on the school calendar. Our junior high basketball season is coming to an end with only a few games remaining. The 8th grade boys will play in a conference tournament as well. A low number of football helmets are being reconditioned this year, and all are junior high helmets so we will spend much less on reconditioning helmets this summer. I'm looking at the costs of purchasing a higher quality helmet called the Shutt F7 Air helmet. The newer technology in this helmet is that it has a self-inflating bladder which creates a custom fit to the athlete's head, reducing the risk of injury. There's a special being run on these helmets right now. I welcome discussion on these helmets as several football parents have reached out to me about this specific helmet. Volleyball will purchase new uniforms this summer as they are next in line for uniforms to be updated. Boys' basketball will update and replace uniforms the following year. We've advertised an assistant track coach as we have two positions open. Thank you to Westbrook Women's Club for their generous financial donation to our cheer team to purchase new uniforms this year. Thanks also to Dea Klumper for volunteering her time and talent altering the new uniforms to be sure each member of the team has a well-fitting uniform. I will attend a training in Granite Falls this week for the new scheduling platform, Arbiter, that will be used next school year and hope to learn as much as possible. I have been asked by MSHSL to be part of a selection committee for State Triple A Award and will travel to the cities in early March to help in making those selections.

**Mr. Jenniges** - High number of absent students the past couple weeks - High was 45. 3 weeks into an adjusted afternoon schedule, due to adjustments in 4-6 music schedule. RTI winter benchmarks and CAPTI assessments have been completed. Title application amendment has been resubmitted twice. January 19 Inservice today - Math intervention session / Reading curriculum - standards – connections, grade submission and quarter 3 prep. More changes to para schedules. Thanks to a handful of college students for their help during their time off. January 27 - Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff. January 29 - Charger Pals session #4.

**Principal Woitalewicz** – 2nd semester began last week (1/20). 25-26 School calendar review - In general, I would like to look at calendar updates to end Sem 1 at Christmas break. First look at 25-26 calendar - Calendar option 1 - Sept 1 start, Option 2 - starting school on August 24. We would need to petition the state to be able to do this. Our calendar is dysfunctional in a sense right now as we break for 1.5 to 2 weeks for Christmas, come back for 1.5 to 2 weeks post-Christmas. This does not work well at the high school level and a calendar that ends Sem 1 at Christmas break would be much better for the continuation of learning. From Mrs. Thao: The Hmong New Year celebration is a traditional cultural event that marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of a new year. It is a time for the Hmong community to come together, express gratitude for the year's blessings, and honor their ancestors. One Nation provided the school with a glimpse into the traditions and festivities of the Hmong New Year celebration on January 23rd. FFA Update from Mr. Barron - FFA is doing well this year with over 70 members again. 13 CDE' s. We brought a bunch of students to National Convention, and they had the best time and got to experience so much. Two teams competed and both made it to State: Horse and Meats; Meats team took 1st with Hadley J, Colin W, and Easton J all placing in the top four. Ag bowl is coming up in February; we will be bringing some JV kids who are practicing but will not

compete at state so we should bring 55 members. Teams that we have are Horse, Meats, Milk Quality, Crops, Fish and Wildlife, Small Animal, Poultry, Soils with new teams for this year, being Ag Mechanics, Nursery Landscape and Farm Business Management, Floriculture, and Vet Science. Blake Warner and Neil Keuhl are working on their state degrees and Proficiencies; these will be held in February that WWG will host this for the region. State convention is April 19-21. 30 students are going on senior class trip over Easter break this year. It is a very similar itinerary to previous years, but cost this year is over \$300 LESS than last year. Looking at a more thoughtful approach to device usage at high school. Revising Grading Policies slightly - Updated grading policies after seeing some unintended results, including more missing work and student delays in effort because expectations felt optional. Updating Academic Dishonesty guidance in student handbook (need a vote on this).

**Superintendent Woelber –**

- Transportation challenges with resignation, vacations etc. Buses holding out well
- Food Service
- Administrative updates (Ivanhoe and Lake Benton another year 26-27)
- PSEO updated numbers with a “loss” of \$4,064.

**Enrollments**

PreK – 63	4 <sup>th</sup> grade – 38	8 <sup>th</sup> grade – 33
Kindergarten – 42	5 <sup>th</sup> grade – 29	9 <sup>th</sup> grade – 32
1 <sup>st</sup> grade – 37	6 <sup>th</sup> grade – 41	10 <sup>th</sup> grade – 28
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade – 22		11 <sup>th</sup> grade – 38
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade – 40	7 <sup>th</sup> grade – 37	12 <sup>th</sup> grade – 38

**PreK – 6 enrollment total – (249+63) = 312**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment total – 206**

**Total – 518 (PreK -12)**

- Staffing: Discussions regarding additional sped staffing at secondary and adding Spanish back to the curriculum.
- LTRS and CAPTI:
- 2025 - 2026 School Calendar to be approved in March

**Board Reports and recognition of donors/supporters**

- Westbrook Women’s Club for donations towards new cheer uniforms
- Dea Klumper for making alterations to new Cheer uniforms.

**New Business**

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Kleven to approve the revised budget approval for the 25 - 26 School year. Revenues of \$9,861,050 and expenditures of \$10,054,448 (\$193,398) Motion carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Krick for the approval of updated staffing notes Motion carried

- Resignation of Hallie Landuyt
- Hiring of Nou Vang for Elementary para
- Hiring of Melody Horkey for Elementary para
- Reducing Sheryl Woelber to 75% contract for remainder of year
- Resignation golf coach Leo Theisen and many thanks for 46 years of coaching in the district!

- Kyle Vetsch for Secondary Para/driver/kitchen aid

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Kleven to acknowledge and thank our staff for Paraprofessional week January 19 - 23rd. WE LOVE THEM ALL!!!

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Hansen to approve the resolution directing the administration to recommend reductions to programs and / or staffing after reviewing the budget and preparing for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Warner – Aye, Hansen – Aye, Krick – Aye, Kleven – Aye, Kuehl – Aye, Foster – Aye, Madson – Aye. Motion carried

Adjournment at 6:55pm next meeting 2/23/26 at 5:00 p.m. in Walnut Grove.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Foster - Board Clerk