

WWG School Board Meeting

October 20, 2025

Walnut Grove 7:00 PM

Members present: Madson, Kuehl, Warner, Foster, Krick, Kleven, Hansen, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz, Mr. Jenniges, AD Klumper, also present were Karly McClellan, Lynn Pabst and Tom Merchant. Absent: Foster

Madson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 September 15, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

Visitor reports – None

Old Business –

AD Klumper – The volleyball team got the two seed and will play at home on Friday. They will play the winner of Edgerton/TMB game. If we win on Friday, we will play in Worthington on October 28th. The football team got the six seed and will play Cedar Mountain at their place on Tuesday. The cross-country team will compete in their Section meet on Thursday in Madison, MN. The state meet will be November 1st at the University of Minnesota golf course. Our football cheer team and coaches put on a clinic for elementary students recently and it was well attended with several kids joining the cheer team at the pep fest and homecoming football game. The junior high football and junior high volleyball teams finished up their seasons last week and had some success and a positive year of learning and gaining experience. The Loggers have had some discussions about raising money for a new grandstand and booth for the football field. Thoughts and discussion are needed before I get quotes for what we might possibly want. The WWG Boosters has provided pizza and snacks for several of our sports teams recently. They also paid for the hotel rooms for the volleyball team during their stay in Hutchinson for a tournament. Thanks to them! Looking ahead, girls' basketball plus junior high basketball teams will begin practice on November 10th and the boys' basketball team will begin practice on November 17th. ExCEL and Triple A Award information has been posted to the Juniors and Seniors Google Classrooms and nominations will be coming in soon, I hope.

Mr. Jenniges - • Preschool Screening (September 23) 20+ students. Charger Pals session #1 (September 26). Fire Safety Week (October 6-10); thanks to members of the WG Fire Department for taking time out of their day to visit the elementary. Projects - Sensory room (removed carpet and refinished the floor), Band room (carpet in Still a couple parts to finish), Locker room (paint and hooks between sports seasons).

Principal Woitalewicz – School year humming along - Conferences on 10/27/25 followed by HS Band/Choir Concert, there will be a meal served at conferences for senior fundraiser Eligibility and Grading Policies - Ran the first eligibility list on 10/1. 21 names on the list (down from 40 names last year). It felt like it went well and was correctly enforced. End of Quarter 1 coming up on 11/4 and eligibility will run again at that time. Nearly two months in on our new schedule, remodeled 7th and 8th grade classes, and utilizing the Wayfinder program (our new SEL program). Removed a course from 7th and 8th grade schedules and added in more math and reading time. Added back “GST” twice per week opposite lunch for all students. Jury is still out on the effectiveness of our Wayfinder program. Will report back towards semester break.

Superintendent Woelber –

- Transportation: Routes and buses working well.
- Food Service:
- Administrative updates –
- Child Care center updates to date. Meeting held earlier today (recap)

Enrollments (July 2025)

Prek – 61	4 th grade – 38	8 th grade – 33
Kindergarten – 42	5 th grade – 29	9 th grade – 31
1 st grade – 36	6 th grade – 42	10 th grade – 29
2 nd grade – 22		11 th grade – 39
3 rd grade – 40	7 th grade – 37	12 th grade – 35

PreK – 6 enrollment total – (249+61) = **310** (EL/SPED caseload – 95)

7th – 12th grade enrollment total – **204** (EL/SPED caseload – 42)

Total – 514 (PreK -12)

- Staffing:
- Legislation –
- Community Education/Fitness Center – stopping the spin bike subscription and switching to smart TV’s

Board Reports and recognition of donors/supporters

- Sports Booster’s Club for their donations to sports teams for the fall season.
- Walnut Grove Fire Department for Fire Safety Week

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Krick for the approval of the FY25 Audit as prepared by ABDO auditor of Mankato. Motion Carried.

New Business

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Krick for the approval of the following lane changes – Motion Carried

- Tasha Cuff BA to BA10
- Diana Johnson BA20 to Masters
- Sam Malmberg BA10 to BA20

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Hansen for the approval of WWG district fund balance policy. Recommend three months of operating expenses in the general fund. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kuehl and seconded by Krick for the approval of the following staffing changes – motion carried

- Peter Vue for Walnut Grove Para
- Kelsey DeSmith for 7/8 Girls Basketball coach
- Bee Lor for part time evening cleaning in Westbrook

Motion made by Krick and seconded by Warner to approve the Resolution in support of Becky Foster serving another term on the SWWC Service Cooperative Board. Kleven – Aye, Hansen – Aye, Kuehl – Aye, Krick – Aye, Warner – Aye, Madson – Aye Motion Carried

Motion made by Krick and seconded by Jim to approve the Awarding of concrete parking lot project to KM Concrete Inc \$548,849.00. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Warner for the annual approval of Assurance and Compliance submittal to the State. Motion Carried

Next meeting November 17, 2025, in Westbrook.

Adjourned 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster - Board Clerk