

## WWG School Board Meeting

December 22, 2025

Westbrook 5:30 PM

Members present: Madson, Kuehl, Warner, Kleven, Foster, Krick, Hansen, Superintendent Woelber, Principal Woitalewicz, Mr. Jenniges, AD Klumper, also present were Sam Malmberg, Jessica Olsem and Tom Merchant. Absent: none

Madson called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 November 17, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion Carried

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

**Visitor reports** – None

**Old Business** –

**AD Klumper** – Our Form A Grant was approved by the MSHSL, and we will receive a grant to help offset the cost of athletic fees to the league for student athletes who cannot afford the fees. We hosted the Candy Cane Classic basketball games on December 12th and 13th. The weather has caused a few problems, and I am still working on rescheduling one game from the recent cancellations. Thank you to John Wiggins, who has donated money to replace the pole vault pit, which will require a small amount of cement work. John Wiggins has resigned as track coach and he will be greatly missed. He was an incredible asset to the team and coaching staff. Thanks to Charger Designs for buying winter sports banners for the senior athletes to be hung in the gym. I have been approached by a couple of community members about updating the walls in the gym. We discussed taking the large wall stickers off and possibly having banners made for all the teams in our conference to display in the gym like several other schools. One specific member of our community has shown interest in finding local community funding for that project. Our band and choir will perform tonight for their Winter Concert and sound great! One Act continues to practice under the direction of Josh Barron and will perform at the end of January.

**Mr. Jenniges** - Concerts the past two Mondays, well attended. Thanks to Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Cuff for directing these performances. Wednesday, December 10 was 6 7 day activities. December 11-12 Preschool Craft Days (Gingerbread Houses with parents / grandparents). Throughout December we had several classes visit Integrity Bank for coloring contest. Teacher Swap selection was on Thursday and this morning the swap took place. Tomorrow is the classroom holiday parties. Malts last week - Several generous donations provided malts for all students early in the week. 3 new students in the past few weeks (primary grades / preschool). Handful of former graduates on break from college have been in

and out of building covering for absent paraprofessionals, as well as providing some extra support for students who need to get up to date on classwork before the holiday break. PLC update - Round 1 complete - Randomly selected groups doing research, implementation, and presentation on a randomly selected topic; Examples: AI in education, SEL, Active Learning, Adaptability, Self-Care for teachers, assessments, project-based learning, etc. January 5, we adopt some schedule changes in grades 4-6, primarily around music changes. January 19 teacher inservice day, elementary staff will stay in Walnut Grove.

**Principal Woitalewicz** – 7-12 Band and Choir Concert tonight. Honor Society - . Giving Tree Update from Mrs. Klumper - The Giving Tree has provided gifts for 20 families in the WWG community who have reached out for help. Thank you to The Walnut Grove Loggers, Westbrook Women's Club, St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Beth Kleven and Mark Warner for their generous monetary donations. Thanks also to Jenny Herding and Wendy Knakmuhs for assisting Abby with the gift buying, sorting and wrapping process. An estimated \$4,000 was spent on gifts for our students at WWG. This year we also had help from the Hansen Agency in collecting food items to be able to give families a box of food as well. Mrs. Klumper has dedicated countless hours and so much energy into this program, and it is a real game-changer for these students and families during the holiday season. Fundraising & Class Trip - Fundraising going well for class trip. Thanks to Mrs. Woelber for planning meals and concessions at games. Most students raise most of their funds through this process. Mrs. Woelber also helped find some good deals on travel and room & board this year for our seniors. As a result, our class trip total is currently down over \$250 per student year over year. Current estimated expenses are \$1361 per student. More things to plan yet, but all major expenses are already accounted for. High School Craft Day tomorrow - Requested by students and planned by student council (thank you Meghann Westover). Each teacher comes up with an activity, and students choose 3 to complete. Kent Mollberg presentation last Thursday - Kent came in to talk with students about cyber safety and the dangers of being careless online. Overall, a very good presentation, and it really got me thinking: Risks of constant student screen access now outweigh benefits. Research + classroom observations: attention, behavior, mental health concerns; I'm exploring a shift away from 1:1 to classroom-controlled tech model. Prioritizes student wellbeing and focused learning, maintains essential digital skill development, creates healthier, more balanced learning environment.

**Superintendent Woelber –**

- Transportation: Tracy route – Al Schmidt
- Food Service:
- Administrative updates –
- Child Care center updates to date.
  - Staffing
  - Daycare closed the week of Christmas

**Enrollments**

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Prek – 62                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> grade – 39 | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade – 33  |
| Kindergarten – 42          | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade – 29 | 9 <sup>th</sup> grade – 31  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> grade – 37 | 6 <sup>th</sup> grade – 42 | 10 <sup>th</sup> grade – 29 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade – 22 |                            | 11 <sup>th</sup> grade – 39 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade – 40 | 7 <sup>th</sup> grade – 37 | 12 <sup>th</sup> grade – 3  |

**PreK – 6 enrollment total – (251+62) = 313**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment total – 204**

**Total – 517 (PreK -12)**

- Staffing
- Legislation – PFML, Legislation exodus, Van
- Community Education/Fitness Center –

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

- John Wiggins – donation for pole pit updates
- All who donated to or helped with the Giving Tree fundraiser
  - Walnut Grove Loggers, Westbrook Women’s Club, St. Olaf WELCA, Beth Kleven, Mark Warner (Monetary Contributions)
  - Jenny Herding, Wendy Knakmuhs, Abby Klumper (gift buying/wrapping)
- Hansen Agency – donations of food for local families
- Patrons who donated to malts for the kids

### **New Business**

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl for the approval to pay 2026 levy for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Amount of \$1,617,175. A 3% increase before the bond increase – total increase of 37%. Motion Carried

Motion made by Foster and seconded by Hansen to approve the seniority list (attached). Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Foster declaring 2010 Chrysler Town and Country surplus and auction off in spring with bus #13. Motion Carried

Motion made by Kleven and seconded by Kuehl for the approval of Paid Family Leave language. Motion Carried

Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Kleven to approve the Resolution regarding combined polling places. Warner – aye, Hansen – Aye, Kuehl – Aye, Krick – Aye, Kleven – Aye, Foster – Aye, Madson – Aye. Motion Carried

Motion made by Krick and seconded by Warner to approve the following staffing changes/additions

- Accept resignation of Dave Algyer
- John Wiggins (Track Coaching)

Discussion from Kleven regarding updates from his recent State Delegate Assembly meeting.

Next meeting is on January 26, 2026, in Westbrook at 7:00pm.

Adjourned 6:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Foster - Board Clerk