

WWG School Board Meeting

April 16, 2018

Walnut Grove, 7:00 PM

Members present: Knakmuhs, Madson, Kleven, Wiggins, Maas, Warner, Foster, Supt/Principal Woelber, Principal Olson, also present were AD Theisen, Rachel Christians, Erin Richards, Luke Nelson, Monica Otto, and Tom Merchant.

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

Motion made by Kleven, seconded by Madson to approve the meeting minutes from the March 19, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried

Motion by Madson, seconded by Warner to approve the agenda.

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

Visitor reports

- Legislative updates – Session has begun (PELSB, Preschool) –
- Senior Class Trip update –

Old Business

Administrative Reports

AD Theisen reported – Weather has been an issue. There has been 1 track meet in Luverne. Baseball/Softball will be 5 inning double headers – got approval due to the weather. Golf – set up some 18 hole matches with other schools to make up for lost time due to the weather. Awards banquet will be Friday May 11. Most of the spring sports end May 17/18th. Went to the AD conference in St. Cloud. Cheerleading potentially limiting the 7th grade to try to promote them to try basketball. One wrestling match in Westbrook next year in January. Anthony Ross was named to the Academic All State for basketball.

Principal Olson – started 3-6 MCA testing this week. Up to four tests per subject. Preschool tuition is currently at \$700 for 3 days and \$450 for 2 days. Tuition was increased last year. We do get some grants that helps to cover the cost of the three pre-K classrooms. Approximately 1/3 pay the full amount, the remainder qualify for grants. Fields trips are going strong.

Supt/Principal Woelber reported

- Education foundations -
- Buildings and grounds
 - Walnut Grove classroom is complete for Sped

- Will need to re-wire the Elementary Gym at some point. It is the old cloth covered wiring.
- Transportation
 - Van totaled and turned in – received a check from the insurance agency.
 - Checking into used bus leasing and used purchases.
- Food Service (Walnut Grove and Westbrook Summer programs at the schools will be covered through annual grant/program)
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- Community Education – good turnout for 55 alive class. Baking with Michele continues to be very successful. For 5/6 grade they will do more educational cooking. Fitness centers are doing well. Gun safety might happen in the spring. Summer Rec – Nathan and Anthony Ross will do it in Westbrook, not sure if Mr. Olson will be doing it in Walnut Grove this year.
- Secondary
 - Schedule (Sam, Loy, Mona)
 - Students (assemblies)(tardies and unexcused absences) – had a save a life tour, but the texting and driving simulator was broke down; only had the impaired driving simulator. This was done through a grant.
 - Life 101 info – students have enjoyed the speakers so far.
 - Alice training with some classes – try to get another class done in May.
 - Fulda and Lake Benton
 - Mr. Woitalewicz Principal entry plan and recent meetings.
 - Snow days/late starts – staff have asked is there a policy or checklist that helps you determine if you should cancel or be late. There is not. Mr. Woelber drives around the countryside and discusses with other schools.
 - MCA prep next week and reward program – try to get the kids excited about taking the tests. A group of teachers that have come together and are working on ideas for rewards for the students. There will be a breakfast for the Secondary school students before they take the tests on Thursday.

School Board Member Reports

- Thank you card from Duane Hannan and Torild Jacobsen
- Health insurance for next year going up 0-2%

New Business

Enrollments Preschool 3 & 4 & 5 year olds 69

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| • Kindergarten 34 | • 7 th 21 |
| • 1 st 31 | • 8 th 22 |
| • 2 nd 31 | • 9 th 25 |
| • 3 rd 40 | • 10 th 23 |
| • 4 th 29 | • 11 th 25 |
| • 5 th 23 | • 12 th 34 |
| • 6 th 21 | |

Total of 209 K-6 and 150 7-12 for 359

Employee hiring / resignations / updates: to approve the resignation listed.

- Resignation of Karley McClellan from Sped and many thanks. - Tabled

Motion by Knakmuhs and seconded by Madson for the approval of the 2018 - 2019 School calendar - Motion Carried

- Common In-service day with South Collaborative.
- 182 Teacher days and 175 Student days.
- CPT/PLC time

Motion by Warner and seconded by Wiggins for the approval of June 1st makeup day release at 12:30 and routes at 1:00. Opposed Knakmuhs and Kleven – Motion Carried

Capital outlay updates for the school year.

- Building walk dates – not scheduled yet
- Preliminary elementary lower than last year
- Some textbook purchases in September

Food Service discussions regarding handout –

- Potentially charge for breakfast
- Potentially raise cost of lunches

Special Education discussions regarding handout

- General caseload of ECSE is 12-14. We have 9 now and could get 4-5 referrals next year. Coop suggests .7 FTE
- We have about 36 other/older students and expect more.
- Average caseload in other area is 15 per teacher (teach, test, IEP, Eval)
- Coop suggests having 3.0 FTE in the elementary other than the ECSE

2018 - 2019 Integration Revised Budget and plan was approved by the State. (Handout) Originally and 3 year plan 2017-2020. Revised for 2018-2020. – more discussion next month

Maas adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Foster
Board Clerk