

## WWG School Board Meeting

September 17, 2018

Westbrook, 7:00 PM

Members present: Maas, Knakmuhs, Kleven, Wiggins, Warner, Foster, Principal Woelber, Principal Olson, Principal Woitalewicz, also present were AD Theisen, Ashley Sandbult, Megan Bonstetter, Courtney Locke and Tom Merchant.

Maas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Knakmuhs, seconded by Wiggins to approve the meeting minutes from the August 20, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried

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

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

### Visitor reports

- Legislative updates- There were a few teachers who needed to apply for a tier II license. Release of scores - they will be focusing on reading first, then move on to Math. Also looking at the trends over the years to see if there is a pattern. Report from World's Best Work Force meeting.
- B. Staff updates and presentations

### Old Business

### Administrative Reports

AD Theisen reported talked about the senior class trip. As of right now, they are down to 13 students, so the travel agency that we were using has canceled on us. Advisors are currently looking at other agencies to use. Most agencies need 20-25 to make it work. He stated that fall activities are going well. Musical starts the Thursday, and will have performances through Monday. Volleyball has been going well. There will be a JH jamboree on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00. The football team will be playing on Saturday as well. The championship teams from 1982, 1985 and 2000 have been invited to attend. JV football season has been shortened and potentially canceled due to some injuries. Windom contacted WWG to discuss the possibility of Hockey pairing. RRC would like to meet to talk about the track coaching positions. They are proposing to not replace the track coach who has retired. Theisen has brought up the possibility of pairing or at least opening up conversations with RRC in football for the 2020 season. Numbers are dropping.

Principal Olson reported that Sarah Kicmal is working on the Backpack program for this year. There is 78 students signed up. The Active shooter program will be held in WG on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Preschool screening will be tomorrow in WG. There are 41 3 year olds signed up. The elementary school was in the bottom 25% for ELL in the state. This is partly due to smaller schools/class sizes. Some things to consider is students are exiting out of the program, there is a larger population of special needs, many students have moved away (this is a 3 year look back). Dad's Belgian Waffle feed is September 30<sup>th</sup> 9-12 in Westbrook at the

Community Center with proceeds going towards the Elementary art program. Last spring there was a discussion about needing \$10,000 for the k-4 art program and utilizing Mr. Ross for the older classes. Olson is suggesting that we will need \$12,000 for a k-6 program this year. There have been multiple donations already given to the school. The PTO is hoping to secure the art program going forward. The elementary PTO parents would like to come to the next meeting.

Principal Woitalewicz - worked on some changes to the handbook. Would like to include e-cigarettes/vaping to the handbook as well as the changes discussed last month. Woitalewicz has been sending out some surveys to students regarding the lunch program. Looking at a second chance lunch program, which would be served between 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> periods. This would be a reimbursable meal, and would potentially replace the ala cart options. Have talked to Gayleen to make a few changes and get that to him by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Another survey was sent out asking about student /teacher relationships. Starting on EMR (engage, maintain, restore). Did another survey to the teachers regarding student behaviors and the role parent's play. Fall festival was a success.

Superintendent Woelber reported -

- Education foundations
- Buildings and grounds - waiting for some patches in the parking lot to be fixed. Also needing some roof repairs.
- Transportation - routes are being figured out after the first few weeks of school. Still need to make a few adjustments.
- Budget reductions looking ahead - looking to form a committee to look at budgets.

School Board Member Reports - Maas went to the MSBA meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. They talked about all the issues in the legislature (tiers, licensure, negotiations, unions). MREA meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup> in Worthington.

## **New Business**

Enrollments Preschool 3 & 4 & 5 year olds

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| • Kindergarten - 33    | • 7 <sup>th</sup> - 20  |
| • 1 <sup>st</sup> - 33 | • 8 <sup>th</sup> - 22  |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 32 | • 9 <sup>th</sup> - 20  |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 32 | • 10 <sup>th</sup> - 25 |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup> - 40 | • 11 <sup>th</sup> - 23 |
| • 5 <sup>th</sup> - 31 | • 12 <sup>th</sup> - 24 |
| • 6 <sup>th</sup> - 21 |                         |

Total of 224 K-6 and 135 7-12 for a total of 359

Employee Hiring/Resignations/updates

- Custodial hire WB PT still up in the air
- Motion by Knakmuhs and seconded by Warner to approve Nancy Kelly as PT van driver and substitute custodian and food service. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Wiggins seconded by Knakmuhs for the approval of preliminary tax levy at the Maximum allowed. (\$916,595.88). Before the election, it was \$590,179.00. Tax levy hearing is 12/3. Motion Carried.

World's Best Work Force plan and updates were discussed.

Motion by Madson and seconded by Warner to approve the Updates to the Secondary Handbook and Lunch guidelines. Motion Carried

Motion made by Warner and seconded by Kleven to approve the Elementary Handbook. Motion Carried.

Adjourned at 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Foster  
Board Clerk