



9-12 May Board Minutes

Summer has arrived and the hallways are very quiet (of children's voices, not all the construction banging). That being said, we have some things to update you on from the last month of school.

FFA had their annual banquet where students were given the awards they attained over the school year. They honored me with their Chapter Degree, which sits on my back wall for all to see. It was a wonderful surprise and so happy to have been honored like that.

A Night of Excellence was all that and more. We had a wonderful meal of a turkey dinner prepared for us by the kitchen staff with drinks and desserts to follow. All families seemed to be enjoying the evening as we celebrated this senior class. We gave awards and scholarships to a lot of students that night that totaled \$1,260,000 (1.2 of that from Frandsen Bank alone). Some wonderful local places chipped in as well. Other awards from various art/music & community were also given out and graduation cords of all types to prepare the seniors for their big event two days later.

Graduation was a wonderful success (when we finally realized the microphone was turned off after practice that morning). 67 seniors walked the stage and received their diplomas and entered the real world as young adults. This class was a great class to start my principalship with as they were a group of students who cared about WEM from every standpoint. I hope the next groups come in and pick up where they left off and enjoy all the greatness that WEM has to offer.

The sports season didn't end the way we hoped for all participants, but we did send 5 track students to state. WE had multiple students place in their events with some relay teams doing well also. Baseball/Softball teams ended their season in the first round or so of the playoffs, but some hope for the future as we have the start of some great teams coming back next year.

As a school community, we took the last two days of our school year to pack up, move and welcome the teachers from the middle school over. There is a lot of excitement about coming together as we hope to continue to grow as an educational community and combine the energy of being a full K-12 building. A lot of stuff is in the hallways, but as the construction crews leave us, we will begin to put things away.

Now the halls are empty of students and we work on schedules for next year and other things we want to adapt for the Fall of 2026. We are excited about our new group of 9th graders coming in and will send the class of 2027 out with a bang! The next time you will get my notes, it will be as the new 6-12 principal!

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