

WARREN/ALVARADO/OSLO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION RECAP

August 19, 2026

A meeting of the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo (WAO) Public School Education Foundation was held in the WAO Education Foundation Office (formerly the special education room 99 in the south west corner of the high school) on July 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Members present included Ed Rosendahl, Lisa Almquist, Carol Anderson, Melanie Nelson, Bob Conely, Rodger Haugtvedt, Jessica Syverson, and Dewey Swanson. Also present were Jordan Johnson, Sally Roller, and Ashley Reinier, school board liaisons, Superintendent Bryan Hackbarth, Office Manager, Lydia Ranstrom, Molly Fridstrom, Jessinda Dahlin, Phil Klopp, and Margaret Deschene were also in attendance. The four guests each shared about their project/request and left the meeting before the business meeting began.

Some highlights from the meeting are:

- Jessinda Dahlin, FACS Teacher and FCCLA Advisor, shared highlights of the 10 girls that attended the National FCCLA Convention in Washington DC and told about the great awards that the girls received. She expressed thanks for the financial support that the Foundation provided for the girls.
- The 21st annual golf scramble was held on July 24th with 208 golfers was discussed along with suggestions for the 2027 scramble that will be on July 23rd. The registration fee will remain at \$50.00.
- The spring issue of the “Connections” was printed on newsprint this year. Comments that we’ve heard are that it was fine on this paper, but the type was very small. That can be enlarged with no problem for future issues.
- The school supplies that were ordered by Supermarket Foods, True Value, Warren Sheaf, Warren Pharmacy, Jeff Hanson, and Kosmatka’s Market have all arrived. Lisa Almquist, coordinator of this project, and Ashley Reinier along with some students will sort the many boxes of supplies for the preschool through fifth grade classes. The cost of all of the supplies will come out of the CJ Anderson Endowment.
- Molly Fridstrom’s request for funding to purchase needed band instruments that will be school owned in the amount of \$9,180 was approved.
- Industrial Tech Teacher, Phil Klopp , requested various items for his department for classes that he will be teaching this year. \$25,000 was approved towards his long list of items.
- Margaret Deschene is the chairman of the Marshall County Literacy Council. This council purchases new books for all children in Marshall County that receive sharing tree Christmas gifts. The Foundation approved a \$500 donation towards this project.

- The Foundation will give a brief welcome to all of the district employees when they gather for their first day of in-service on August 31st. The administration requested \$300 for gift cards for activities during the days of in-service. This was approved.
- Carol Sedgeman, former board member, volunteered to hand out pencils at the elementary open house on September 2nd because she has had so much fun doing it in past years. Jessica Syverson and Jordan Johnson volunteered to help her.
- The fall “Connections” lead story was discussed.
- Donations and memorials were approved.
- The September 16th meeting will be a dinner meeting at Main Street Café at 5:30. Representatives from Frandsen Wealth Management will be present to give the board an update on our investments.