WARREN/ALVARADO/OSLO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION RECAP

October 21, 2026

A meeting of the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo (WAO) Public School Education Foundation was held at the WAO Education Foundation Office on October 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Members present included Ed Rosendahl, Lisa Almquist, Carol Anderson, Melanie Nelson, Rodger Haugtvedt, Jen Nelson, Bob Conely, and Dewey Swanson. Also present were Jordan Johnson, school board liaison. Office manager Lydia Ranstrom, superintendent Bryan Hackbarth, high school principal Ben Miska, Mark Hibbard, with Frandsen Trust & Wealth Management, Kassie Solberg, and Nick Engfer were in attendance for part of the meeting.

Some highlights from the meeting are:

- Mark Hibbard of Frandsen Trust & Wealth Management was in attendance to share with us that 26 stock shares had been donated and sold with the funds to go to the Foundation valued at $10,563.86.
- Kassie Solberg shared and inquired about her son's scholarships that he received in May and when he went to begin his classes, he was told that the program had been dropped. We are waiting to hear from other sources about his funds.
- The Scott E. Forbes Memorial Scholarship has been raised to $500.
- Many thank you notes from the WAO Elementary Students, Staff, and Parents were shared for the school supplies that the Foundation funded.
- Plans were discussed for the fall "Connections"
- The Hall of Fame Committee met recently with the school board. They have asked to attend one of the Foundation Meetings.
- Fall needs requests that were approved:
- "We Thinkers" curriculum for pre-k Bergman
  $354
- Bird Feeders & owl pellets 2nd grade Gilbert/Heisler
  $254

- Chapter books for guided reading book 2nd- Gilbert $342
- Supporting student needs for those on IEPs HS Special Ed -Jen Stram-Stangl $713
- Book Refresh- Franks $302
- Nick Engfer was encouraged to apply for a NWMN Arts Council Grant with the Foundation funding the 25% required 3rd party support. His application can be reviewed once the grant application has been determined.

Fall needs request that WERE NOT approved:

- It's OK to be Smart – Knowledge Bowl Funds Murray $555
- Born to Learn -life size bovine dystocia birthing simulator Wagner Ag teacher $41,873.
- Joy Booster to build staff morale Wimpfheimer and Rokke $1500
- Flexible Seating -Yutrzenka $169
- The district picked up two requests
- Speech Language Needs Miska & Laymon $240
- Roller Cart Stoffel $ 92
- Donations and memorials were approved
- The October 21st meeting will be held in the WAO Education Foundation Office at 5:30 p.m.