

I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, May 22, 2023 was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Hunter Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Burns, Schultz, Danielson, Guetzkow, Neaton, and Onell. Board members absent: None. Administrative team members present: Superintendent Schuler, HS Principal Hennen, MS Principal Guertin, ES Principal O'Connell, CE Director Dimmler, Director of Teaching & Learning Vieau, and Activities Director Szymanski. Absent: SPED Director Gronseth.

II. **Visitor requests and consideration of the agenda.** Visitor MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Danielson and Schulz to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 7-0.

III. **Consent Agenda**

MMS Burns and Feldt to approve the following consent agenda items: Regular Board Meeting of April 24, 2023; Personnel Consent Agenda; Business Consent Agenda. Passes 7-0.

**April Total Disbursements** - \$1,156,927.14

**Wire Payment #s** - 53556-53559, 53563, 53574, 53646-53652, 53659, 53660, 53663-53674, 53725-53736, 53819

**Check #s** - 62278-62398

**Misc Payroll** - \$548.23

IV. **Recognitions/ Presentations/ Showcase:**

Activities Director Szymanski introduced Shawn & Joseph Perez - coaches of the Watertown-Mayer Unified Soccer Team. Coaches recognized their team as they recently were named State Champions.

Superintendent Schuler, Bob Hennen, Katie O'Connell, and Amy Dimmler recognized the following staff who are retiring this year:

Michelle Rosholt (Media Center Paraprofessional)	22 Years of Service
Patty Reinert (YR Paraprofessional)	23 Years of Service
John Rosholt (HS Math)	36 Years of Service
Janet Windsperger (ES Music)	41 Years of Service

V. **Action Items -**

A. MMS Burns and Danielson to approve the 2023-2024 Property Insurance (MIST) renewal. This reflects a 26% increase - 75% of the increase comes from the increase of insured values. The value of property insured increased from 5.5 trillion to 7.3 trillion. Passes 7-0.

B. MMS Feldt and Onell to approve the Transportation Contract with Koch Bus Company. The contract reflects a 11% increase for 2023-2024 and 4% increase for 2024-2025. Passes 7-0.

C. FFA Alumni and Supporters along with FFA Advisor Nathan Anderson and FFA students Tim Quast and Wyatt Peterson presented to the board their history and processes that went into their recent donation to the Watertown-Mayer Greenhouse Project. MMS Burns and Neaton to approve donations, contributions, and Fundraising. Passes 7-0.

- D. MMS Guetzkow and Danielson to approve both the 2023-2024 Watertown-Mayer Middle School Handbook and the 2023-2024 Watertown-Mayer High School Handbook. Passes 7-0.
- E. MMS Feldt and Guetzkow to approve the updated Watertown-Mayer Profile of a Graduate and Infographic. Passes 7-0.

VI. **Review/ Information Items -**

- A. ICS Representative Chris Rear was not able to attend the meeting. Superintendent Schuler reviewed that the test room for the carpet in the middle school worked well and all carpeted areas will be replaced over the summer. The marmoleum flooring solution is still in process and the corrective epoxy and painting of the middle school locker rooms will also be replaced over the summer.
- B. Chair Feldt communicated that he will be sending an email to board members after the completion of the school year in order to evaluate Superintendent Schuler's performance. The results will be discussed in a closed meeting after the regular meeting scheduled for July 24, 2023.

VII. **Administrative Reports -**

HS Principal Hennen discussed graduation on Friday, May 26, 2023 at 7 PM. The students are determined to have graduation outside regardless of the weather, however, it looks to be a great day. Each senior was given 8 tickets, and people will only be allowed in the stadium if they have a ticket. Mr. Hennen highlighted the recent Unified soccer event held a few weeks ago as well as the high school graduation walkthrough at the elementary school. Mr. Hennen thanked WMEF for the recent awards and scholarship night where over \$65,000 was given out in scholarships to over 80 students - every student who applied received a scholarship. High school staffing is confirmed with the only outstanding position being the parochial school counselor. Mr. Hennen is working with the parochial schools to see if they might be able to contribute to have this vacancy become a 1.0 position rather than a 0.8.

MS Principal Guertin reported the recent visit of the 4th grade to the middle school and the parent information session regarding the transition to middle school. Also scheduled is 5th grade orientation in August and meeting with their 8th grade student mentors. Mr. Guertin reported that they have hired the new science/ STEM teacher, the new secretary, and new school social worker for the next school year. The master schedule is almost done for next year as well and they are excited to offer both girls and boys choir ensembles. Mr. Guertin thanked the local Legion Post 121 for donating a new American flag to display in each of the middle school classrooms, and the 8th grade students are looking forward to their 8th grade graduation celebration on May 30th.

ES Principal O'Connell thanked Coach Julie and Coch Klein for all their hard work in making a successful track and field day for all students last week. The elementary school now has a buzzer system in place for additional security with the Raptor system to be installed soon. The elementary school has hired a new school social worker for next year, but are still working towards hiring a media paraprofessional, music teacher, and math corp volunteer. The elementary school is working on finishing the master schedule, as well as working on increasing their kindergarten

enrollment numbers. The elementary school had signs made to encourage registration and these are available for pickup from Nikki Hunkins.

CE Director Dimmler stated that they are looking forward to all the summer programming ahead and are wrapping up the content for the fall programming catalog. Ms. Dimmler reported that two recent resignations will result in a combined 1.0 FTE position and they are actively looking for this person. At this time, the CLC is looking at 94 Young Royals preschoolers for the 2023-2024 school year, 170 children for summer childcare and 140 for childcare next school year.

Activities Director Szymanski thanked the Watertown-Mayer Royal Booster club for recently donating \$55,000 to the activities department. He will be working with advisors and coaches regarding needs. He reported on the successful WCC West conference track and field meet held recently and noted it was the first meet in the stadium for track and field since 2018. He noted that there were a lot of positive comments from other schools. Mr. Szymanski will have a WCC expansion update soon as they have a meeting this week to determine if the conference will allow Belle Plaine and/ or Norwood Young America to join the conference. Each will take a vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  to admit them.

Superintendent Schuler discussed the preparation for a Reunification drill set to happen during professional development on June 6th. Over 150 staff will be involved in this drill and will be assigned roles of teachers, parents, students, and staff. This drill is using templates and structure developed by the I Love U Guys foundation. Mr. Schuler thanked Mr. Vieau for all his time and effort in creating and structuring this event for Watertown-Mayer. Mr. Schuler thanked the Watertown Chamber of Commerce for hosting their annual Educators Dinner held last week and noted the support the community has for its educators. Mr. Schuler also thanked Jim Bart for his years of service providing recordings of school board meetings and welcomed newcomer, Howard Simar, who has taken on this Important role. Also recognized was Heather Heun in recognition of the recent School Communicators Day.

VIII. **Board Member Reports or open comments by School Board Directors -**

Superintendent Schuler noted the tentative dates of negotiation for the food service and custodial groups. Treasurer Erika Schulz gave a verbal report regarding a recent SW Metro meeting she attended. Clerk Danielson gave a verbal report regarding a recent Marketing and Communications subcommittee meeting.

MMS Danielson and Neaton to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM and was duly passed.

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Chair

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Clerk