

- I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, February 27, 2023 was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Hunter Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Burns, Danielson, Schultz, Neaton and Onell. Board members absent: Guetzkow. Administrative team members present: Superintendent Schuler, ES Principal O'Connell, SPED Director Gronset, Director of Teaching & Learning Vieau, and Activities Director Szymanski. Absent: HS Principal Hennen, MS Principal Guertin, CE Director Dimmler,.
- II. **Visitor requests and consideration of the agenda.** Visitor MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Schulz and Onell to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 6-0.
- III. **Consent Agenda**
MMS Burns and Danielson to approve the following consent agenda items:
Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2023; Personnel Consent Agenda; Business Consent Agenda. Passes 6-0
Total January 2023 Disbursements - \$6,101,132.17
Wire Payment #s - 52914-52921, 52927-52933, 53006, 53008, 53009, 53011-53014, 53021-53144, 53150, 53152-53155
Check #s - 61752-61935
Misc Payroll - \$390.57
- IV. **Recognitions/ Presentations/ Showcase:**
-Katie Brandenburg presented to the board along with 5 first grade students all the I Love to Read (Camp Read-A-Lot) activities they did all month long. The students led a "read-along" with the school board as well!
-Brittany Misuraca introduced Russ Runck and the WM BPA Parliamentary Procedure Team to the Board and the team did a small presentation of what they typically do during competition.
-Superintendent Schuler read his Proclamation to the board in Honor of School Board Recognition Month and presented each with Certificates of Appreciation.
- V. **Action Items -**
 - A. MMS Danielson and Burns to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations. Passes 6-0.
 - B. MMS Feldt and Neaton to approve the first and only read of Policy 213. Passes 6-0.
 - C. MMS Burns and Onell to approve the second read of Policies 524, 410, 414, 414F, 415, and 506. Passes 6-0.
 - D. MMS Danielson and Schulz to approve the MSHSL Cooperative Sponsorship with Mound-Westonka for boys LaCrosse. Passes 6-0.
- VI. **Review/ Information Items -**
 - A. Superintendent Schuler along with BOC members Jim Burns and Hunter Feldt presented ICS updates and progress on behalf of Mr. Chris Vogel who was unable to attend.
 - B. Superintendent Schuler presented the preliminary infographic of the Strategic Plan Update to the board and the progress regarding updating the current Profile of a Graduate. The Marketing and Communication committee will continue to move forward with this process. Supt. Schuler hopes to

present both to the board in April for final approval and implementation for the 23-24 school year.

VII. **Administrative Reports -**

Superintendent Schuler read reports on behalf of both HS Principal Hennen and MS Principal Guertin. HS updates included the registration processes underway for students in current grades 8-11. They are currently evaluating graduation for 2023 and discussion of outdoor availability for this event at our new stadium. Choir contest and speech meet will be hosted this week at WMHS and spring sports will be starting soon after a very successful winter activity and sports season. MS updates included the registration and preparation for the 23-24 school year and a new event to be held in the week celebrating Honor Roll in the PAC - over 310 students and families will be in attendance. A shout-out was given to the WM PTO for a successful BINGO fundraiser which raised over \$3,000.

ES Principal O'Connell reported that there are currently 60 students registered for Kindergarten next year -- this is at least 30 more than at the same time last year. Their gym wall was recently fixed and the ES was able to host another successful Royal Recognition event hosting over 100 family members. On February 20th, staff came in on the holiday to continue with LETRS training, and a shout-out was given to all the staff and PTO for successful the Royal RoundUp event AND the events all month long in recognition of I Love to Read Month.

Teaching & Learning Director Vieau reported on current and future professional development and working towards best practices in all buildings. MCA preps are underway and the first tests are a week away.

SPED Director Gronseth reported that they are starting to talk about summer preparations for students with IEPs who will be participating in the extended year program which happens 2 weeks in June and 2 weeks in July. SPED leadership is currently working on a transition document for students moving to a different building as well as making changes to IEPs in the spring so that everything is set for the following fall. Director Gronseth is currently in the process of compliance checks mandated by MDE and this is going well so far.

Superintendent Schuler wanted to thank SPED Director Gronseth for her contributions to WM - she will be leaving for another position in a different district at the end of June 2023. He is currently in the process of meeting with SPED groups to collect information and feedback as he looks to post and interview for this position in hopes of presenting a candidate to the board at its April meeting. This position will no longer be a cooperative with SW Metro and will be a WM Contract. Superintendent Schuler reminded the board that all 5 Flex Learning Days have been used with an additional 6th day which staff will need to make up - there is one more day that is available for use before the school year is extended for students. Mr. Schuler gave a shout-out to our local Koch bus drivers who had a difficult time navigating some unpredicted icy country and township roads this morning - all did a great job to get and drop off kids safely -- thank you bus drivers! Superintendent Schuler thanked the board for allowing him the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Convention in Texas recently. He reported that the presentations he

attended were excellent and applicable to what our district is currently doing, specifically implementation of the MTSS model and Strategic Directions.

- VIII. **Board Member Reports or open comments by School Board Directors -**
Vice Chair Burns announced the upcoming dates and times for Negotiations to start in early March. If a meeting occurs that is not currently scheduled, it will be placed on the current district calendar on the school website.

MMS by Burns and Schulz to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM and is duly passed.

Chair

Clerk