

- I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, December 19, 2022 was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Hunter Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Thompson, Burns, Schultz, Danielson and Neaton. Board members absent: H. Guetzkow \*NOTE H. Guetzkow joined at 6:20 PM because of traffic delays. Administrative team members present: Superintendent Schuler, HS Principal Hennen, MS Principal Guertin, ES Principal O'Connell, SPED Director Gronseth, CE Director Dimmler, Director of Teaching & Learning Vieau, Activities Director Szymanski. Absent: None.
  - II. **Visitor requests and consideration of the agenda.** Visitor MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Schulz and Thompson 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 November 28, 2022; Personnel consent agenda; Business consent agenda. Passes 6-0  
**November 2022 Disbursements - \$1,926,342.27**  
**Wire Payment #s - 52542, 52543, 52547-52550, 52617-52624, 52643-52646, 52653-52660, 52757-52765, 52767**  
**Check #s - 61468-61628**  
**Misc Payroll - \$973.41**
  - IV. **Recognitions/ Presentations/ Showcase:**  
Thanks given to Mr. Najjar and his group of students who greeted everyone with their holiday carols before the meeting.  
Mr. Szymanski recognized:  
    Section 6A Assistant Coach of the Year for girls soccer- Brandon Kuntz  
    Section 6A Assistant Coach of the Year for boys soccer- Amy Fuhr  
    East Central South District Asst. Coach of the year for football- John Rosholt  
    East Central South District Coach of the Year- Andrew Phillips  
Coach Phillips recognized each member of his State semifinal football team.  
Mr. Szymanski recognized:  
    All-State Soccer players- girls soccer: Mercedes Burmeister & Lyndsey Penegor  
    All-State Soccer players- boys soccer: Jonah Hamberger and Tucker Ritter  
Mr. Szymanski also recognized the recipients of the Royal MSHSL ExCEL Award to Lyndsey Penegor and Nathan Behrens and the Triple 'A' Award to Clara Mandt and Albert Rundell.
- \*\*\*NOTE - Director H. Guetzkow joined board meeting at 6:20PM\*\*
- V. **Action Items -**
    - A. MMS Thompson and Burns to approve the updated Policy 722 Form. Passes 7-0.
    - B. MMS Feldt and Danielson to approve the resolution to combine polling places. Passes 7-0.
    - C. MMS Danielson and H. Guetzkow to approve the first read of the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar with discussed modifications and updates. Passes 7-0.

VI. **Review/ Information Items -**

A. ICS Representative Chris Vogel updated the board regarding ongoing construction project finishing. At this time, ICS is in the final stages of an open claim with both the manufacturer and installer of the marmoleum flooring throughout the middle school as well as carpet product issues in the middle school. The lockers anticipated to ship on Friday 12.16 did not happen and now will not ship until the first week of January 2023. Mr. Vogel hopes to complete the open punch list items throughout the middle school and elementary school, the warranty items tied to workmanship, the open items needing to be finished in the MS and ES by the end of the winter break. Additionally, Mr. Vogel will be working with contractors to finish up the over 240 punch list items in the locker room remodel.

VII. **Administrative Reports -**

HS Principal Hennen reported the work currently being done to identify class offerings next year. Additionally, he facilitated group work with over 75 juniors and seniors regarding the new strategic roadmap - what their visions are and what is needed to get there. The overriding themes focused on getting the skills to move on to "next steps" and supported the continued need to offer a wide-array of classes for students to take. Mr. Hennen reported on a recent CTE training he, Mr. Schuler and Mr. Jaszczak attended. Mr. Hennen did state that a pillar in the CTE field, Patrick Walsh, was impressed with our career-focus here at WM as well as the number of staff members willing to teach out of their box to ensure that the students are getting what they need to succeed post-high school.

MS Principal Guertin noted that they have started their mental health training and will continue this training the rest of the year so all staff can be included. Additionally, they are also continuing their work regarding diversity training. The middle school has their choir concert tonight along with the high school, and recently the MS student council group raised over \$540 and over 102 toys for Toys for Tots.

ES Principal O'Connell reported that they are doing a spirit week this week for students and that staff did their own spirit week last week. They are currently implementing much of what they have learned from their LETRS training and are expecting to see great growth from the students at the next evaluation period. They are currently piloting 2 new math technology tools (IXL and Dreambox) to try and find which option might best meet students where they are at and challenge them further. The ES will have their 3rd Royal Recognition coming up, and they have tentatively marked February 2nd as a Royal Roundup with kids and parents.

CE Director Dimmler stated that they just received their Winter/ Spring Community Ed book - this was delayed because of print delays. There are many brand new offerings in the catalog and they will have a couple more that are not included. YR preschool is currently at 118 students from the fall number of 96. January 26th will bring open house opportunities and early sign up for many programs for the 23-24 school year.

Teaching & Learning Director Vieau reported that he and Mr. Guertin have visited about their new science curriculum and that, even though this is a more intensive program, our students are stepping up to the challenge and doing well. Included in this curriculum is also the expectation that answers be given as complete sentences and other english-structure-supporting formats. The high school is currently examining texts and will try to pilot these a bit to determine which curriculum to purchase. In the ELA department, options are being explored as well including IXL and other options to help with determining plagiarism. Mr. Vieau reported that there has recently been a trend where students are using AI software to generate a multitude of optional essays. Upon investigation with our current system, it appears that this software has NOT been accessed by our students, but they are taking a proactive approach to this.

SPED Director Gronseth stated that this week she will be meeting with all building principals to discuss what next year will look like with student needs in each building. She reported that there is an increase in the amount of referrals they are seeing in young children as a result of many children not getting their normal well checks during the pandemic. Staff at the elementary school are continuing to work with SW Metro specialists regarding behavioral needs and strategies with current students.

Superintendent Schuler reported that each board member will be receiving a binder that includes the compilation of all the strategic direction group work that has occurred so far. This binder is to help board members and admin to prepare for the group work yet to be done after the organizational school board meeting set for January 9th.

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

Director Schulz reported re: SW Metro Intermediate Board.

Chair Feldt recognized Vice Chair Thompson for his 12 years of service to the Watertown-Mayer School Board and presented him with a plaque made by our own students in Mr. Jaszczak's class. Vice Chair Thompson shared words of wisdom and advice to fellow members of the board and thanked all for their involvement and commitment to our schools.

- IX. MMS Thompson and Feldt to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM and was duly passed.

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Chair

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