



Watertown Mayer
Public Schools

Board of Directors' Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2023
6:00 p.m., Watertown City Hall

I Opening of Meeting: Chair Hunter Feldt

- A.** Call to Order: (Time meeting called to order: __p.m.)
- B.** Welcome to all Visitors, Guests, and Media.
- C.** Roll Calls

School Board Roll Call:

Chair Hunter Feldt____, Vice Chair Jim Burns ____, Clerk Katy Jo Danielson ____, Treasurer Erika Schulz ____, Heidi Guetzkow ____, Lisa Neaton ____, Jeffrey Onell ____.

Administration Roll Call:

Superintendent, Darren Schuler ____, High School Principal, Bob Hennen ____, Middle School Principal, Nick Guertin ____, Elementary Principal, Katie O'Connell ____, SPED Director, Deanna Gronseth ____, CE Director, Amy Dimmler ____, Director of Teaching & Learning, Joe Vieau ____, Activities Director, Paul Szymanski ____.

- D.** Pledge of Allegiance: (Meeting attendees will recite the Pledge of Allegiance.)
- E.** Public Comments:

The Public Comment portion of the meeting enables community members to discuss present issues not on the board agenda.

1. Speakers will be asked to sign in with their contact information and the topic they plan to discuss at least 5 minutes before the published start time of the meeting.
2. Each speaker will be allowed no more than three minutes to address the board unless the time limit is waived by a majority of board members present.
3. The maximum time allotted for the open forum is 30 minutes unless the time limit is waived by a majority of board members present.
4. Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of school board business will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. Remarks that violate data privacy laws are out of order. The presiding officer may terminate the speaker's privilege of address if, after being called to order, improper conduct or remarks persist.
5. At a public meeting of the board, no person should orally initiate charges or complaints against individual district employees or challenge instructional materials used by the district. All such charges should be referred to the superintendent or school board chair for investigation.
6. The open forum is meant to be an opportunity for the school board and the superintendent to listen to community members. In most cases, the school board will not comment or respond to the speaker's remarks. However, the superintendent or the appropriate staff member will follow-up with speakers after the meeting if necessary.
7. No action will be taken on any item not considered a part of the agenda on the same evening it is presented unless action is considered necessary by a majority of the board.

II. Discussion / Action: Motion to approve the Agenda / Addendum(s):

Motion made by: _____ Motion Seconded by: _____ Support: _____

III. Consent Agenda:

A. School Board Minutes:

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B. Personnel Consent Agenda

C. Business Consent Agenda

- Financial Reports
 - [March Financials](#)
- Contracts
- Overnight Stay Requests
- [Enrollment](#)

Motion made by: _____ Motion Seconded by: _____ Support: _____

IV: Recognitions/ Presentations/ Showcase:

- Athena Award - Mercedes Burmeister - Paul Szymanski
- Robotics Program Review - Mr. Hennen/ Jeremy Bosquez
- [COVID Funding Review for FY 23](#)- Review of status of COVID funds. Commentary Darren Schuler and Finance Director Lisa Raiter.

V: Action Items:

A. [Resolution 23.02](#) - Resolution Reducing Education Programs and Positions – Commentary by Lisa Raiter and Darren Schuler. The administration is recommending the School Board approve Resolution 23:02 to reduce certain programs and services as listed on the resolution. These programs and positions have been identified based on School Board action during their January 23, 2023, regular meeting that directed the administration to make recommendations for reduction as presented. Please note Resolution 23.02 is recommended to assure the School District is able to meet the procedures and timelines required by MN Statute 122A.40, Subd. 5, to assure financial integrity and to provide flexibility in planning program priorities for 2023-2024. Your approval of this resolution is recommended.

Motion made by: _____ Motion Seconded by: _____ Support: _____

[Strategic Directions: F](#)

B. Resolution 23.03 – Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of Teaching staff – Commentary Darren Schuler. Board approval of Resolution 23.03 is recommended at this time.

- [Dakota Streifel](#) Kindergarten (lack of pupils)
- [Craig Schaefer](#) MS SPED (inapplicable licensure)
- [Stacy Palmer](#) MS Computer Technology (change of programming)
- [Monica Goodrum](#) ES SPED (inapplicable licensure)

Motion made by: _____ Motion Seconded by: _____ Support: _____

[Strategic Directions: F](#)

- C. [Acknowledgement of Donations, Contributions & Fundraising](#) - Commentary Superintendent Schuler. Request Board Approval of this month's resolution accepting donations is requested at this time.

Motion made by: _____ Motion Seconded by: _____ Support: _____

[Strategic Directions: F](#)

- D. [Watertown-Mayer Athletic/Activity Fee Schedule -2023-2024](#)- Commentary by Darren Schuler and Paul Szymanski. Board approval is recommended pending possible adjustments to Admission Fees and Athletic Season Passes based on Wright County Conference guidelines.

Motion made by: _____ Motion Seconded by: _____ Support: _____

[Strategic Directions: A.E.F](#)

- E. **Watertown-Mayer 2028 Strategic Plan - [Infographic](#) - [Commentary](#)** by Darren Schuler. Board approval of the 2028 Strategic Plan Infographic at this time.

Motion made by: _____ Motion Seconded by: _____ Support: _____

[Strategic Directions: E](#)

VI: Review/ Information Items:

- A. [Bond Referendum Project Updates](#) - Commentary, Darren Schuler and ICS Representative Chris Rear.
[Strategic Directions: All](#)

- B. [Notice of Desire to Negotiate](#) - The Board is advised that Education Minnesota (representing the Educational Support Professionals) has requested to enter into contract negotiations, as the current two-year contract expires on June 30, 2023. No Action Required.

[Strategic Directions A, F](#)

VII: Administrative Reports

Verbal Administrative Reports to be given by Administration in **bold**:

Bob Hennen	High School Principal
Nick Guertin	Middle School Principal
Katie O'Connell	Elementary School Principal
Amy Dimmler	Community Education Director
Joe Vieau	Teaching & Learning Director
Deanna Gronseth	SPED Director
Paul Szymanski	Activities Director
Darren Schuler	Superintendent

VIII: Board Member Reports

- **Finance Committee**
- **Facilities Committee**
- **Personnel Committee**
- **Policy Committee**
- **Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation Board**
- **Technology Committee**
- **Teaching and Learning**
- **Marketing and Communication**
- **Community Education Advisory Committee**

- **SW Metro Intermediate Board**
- **Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL)**

IX. Adjournment for purposes of Contract Negotiation Strategies:

Motion to adjourn school board meeting at _____ p.m.

Motion made by: _____ Motion Seconded by: _____ Support: _____

X. Closed Session:

Motion made by: _____ Seconded by: _____ at _____ p.m.

To open a closed session for the purpose:

To discuss contract negotiation strategies.

Motion made by: _____ Seconded by: _____ at _____ p.m.

To adjourn the closed session.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Regular School Board

Monday, May 22, 2023

6:00 p.m. Watertown City Hall