

I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, February 28, 2022 was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Burns, Schultz, H. Guetzkow and Danielson. Board members absent: Thompson. Board member J. Guetzkow left early at 6:55 PM. Administrative team members present: Superintendent Schuler, HS Principal Hennen, MS Principal Guertin, ES Principal Pauly, SPED Director Gronseth, Teaching & Learning Director Vieau. Absent: CE Director Dimmler

II. **Visitor requests and consideration of the agenda.** MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Schulz and Danielson to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 6-0

III. **Consent Agenda**

MMS H. Guetzkow and Burns to approve the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2022, Personnel consent agenda, Business consent agenda and Enrollment. Director Guetzkow noted the retirement of several faculty members - these individuals will be recognized during the May board meeting. Passes 6-0

January Disbursements - \$15,862,470.65

Wire Payment #s - 50613, 50614, 50617, 50634, 50637, 50638, 50733-50742, 50747, 50816, 50823-50831, 50835-508346, 50850-50853

Check # - 59975-60149

Misc Payroll - \$620.19

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

Katie Brandenburg and three elementary students presented their activities, videos and events for I Love to Read Month to the board. Beth Bottenfeld, Taher food services manager, presented and updated the board regarding the new equipment and spaces being utilized as well as supply chain challenges faced this year. Mr. Schuler then presented certificates of recognition to each board member and thanked each for their time and service to the district.

V. **Action Items -**

A. MMS Feldt and H. Guetzkow to approve the Resolution for the Watertown-Mayer Bond Referendum Locker Room Remodeling Project. Passes 6-0.

B. MMS Danielson and J. Guetzkow to approve Resolution for Boys Soccer cooperative with Mayer Lutheran. Passes 6-0.

C. MMS Feldt and Schulz to approve the second reading of the following policies:

[Policy 413](#)

HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE

[Policy 601](#)

SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION GOALS

[Policy 607](#)

ORGANIZATION OF GRADE LEVELS

Passes 6-0.

VI. **Review/ Information Items -**

- A. Superintendent Schuler presented updates regarding the design updates of the additional entrance and traffic routing around the high school and Middle school campus. The BOC has given approval to move forward with plan review by Carver County Water Management Organization.

VII. **Administrative Reports -**

HS Principal Hennen reported positive feedback regarding the recently scheduled Flex Learning Day. He reported the recent notice of retirement for Mr. David Hoffman and reported that they have been fortunate to be able to hire two new teachers in the science department for next school year. At this time, there are no positive student or staff COVID cases. Mr. Hennen acknowledged the successes of several sports teams and organizations - many have or are competing at the state level. Registration is also wrapping up for the 2022-2023 school year and many of the new classes introduced have received a positive response.

MS Principal Guertin reported positive feedback regarding the Flex Learning Day. Parent-teacher conferences will be wrapping up this week. The recent visit from the Carver County Sheriff's Department was well received. Continued work is happening with the MS improvement plan. There continues to be concerns regarding resources and support for behavior and mental health, but they are working on it.

ES Principal Pauly complimented Katie Brandenburg for all her hard work in developing and implementing all the activities and events last month with I Love to Read Month. The WMES PTO and Jamie Renken were also instrumental with helping this be such a success. She acknowledged the volunteer support to work in the media center while a staff member is on an extended leave as well as a group of 3rd and 4th graders who have been trained to do essential tasks there. The scheduled Flex Learning Day was well-received and current work is being done to finalize summer school details. She acknowledged the retirement of teacher Colleen Kelzer at the end of the year as well as her own resignation at the end of this school year to further education in the field of mental health. She thanked staff, families and administration for her valued time here at WM.

Superintendent Schuler reported that COVID numbers are trending down locally and at the county level. Adjustments are being made to the Safe Return to In-Person Learning plan and will continue to be adjusted as needed. Today, the CDC lifted the masking mandate on school buses and vans. A meeting will be taking place this week with ES staff to start discussion of traits and qualities they are looking for in their next leader. Applications for the Teaching & Learning position are being taken now. The first round of interviews will be happening on March 17th. The goal is to have recommendations for both positions at the April board meeting.

VIII. **Board Member Reports or open comments by School Board Directors -**
Directors Danielson, H. Guetzkow, and Schulz gave verbal reports regarding recent committee meetings. Director Danielson mentioned the WM Royal Booster Bash happening on March 12th -- all proceeds go back to support WM activities.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Regular School Board Monday, March 21, 2022 6:00 p.m. Watertown City Hall

IX. MMS Danielson and Schulz to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM and was duly passed.

Chair

Clerk