

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111

WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA 55388

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

July 26, 2021

- I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, July 26, 2021 was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Feldt.
Board members present: Feldt, Burns, Schulz, H. Guetzkow, Danielson and J.Guetzkow. Absent: Thompson.
Administration team members present: Superintendent Schuler
- II. **Visitor requests and consideration of agenda.** MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Burns and Schulz to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 6-0.
- III. **Consent Agenda**
MMS H. Guetzkow and Schulz to approve the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the Special Session Meeting of June 28, 2021 and the Regular Board Meeting of June 28, 2021; Personnel consent agenda; and Business consent agenda. Passes 6-0.

June 2021 Disbursements - \$2,709,741.85
Wire payment #s - 49216, 49217, 49225, 49227, 49312-49323, 49328-49337, 49452-49462, 49465, 49513-49516
Check # - 58862-59038
Misc Payment - \$3,649.90
- IV. **Recognitions/ Presentations/Showcase**
None.
- V. **Action Items –**
 - A. MMS Schulz and Danielson to approve the first and only reading of the following policies due to non-substantive and/or legal reference changes:
[Policy 604 - Instructional Curriculum](#)
[Policy 605 - Alternative Programs](#)
[Policy 606 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials](#)
[Policy 608 - Instructional Services - Special Education](#)
[Policy 609 - Religion](#)
[Policy 610 - Field Trips](#)

Passes 6-0.
 - B. MMS Danielson and H. Guetzkow to approve the first reading of:
[Policy 602 - Organization of School Calendar and School Day](#)
[Policy 603 - Curriculum Development](#)
[Policy 611 - Home Schooling](#)

Passes 6-0.
 - C. MMS Feldt and Danielson to designate and recertify Superintendent Schuler as Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for District 111. Passes 6-0.
 - D. Superintendent Schuler presented to the board the settlements for right of way acquisitions with Carver County for the Highway 10 resurfacing project. This section was appraised and priced at \$17,200. Clerk Burns commented that in his experience this value is fair and that the land is still the District's, but Carver County is buying

the right of easement. Clerk Burns stated that he would work with them to be sure that the hay field access there will still be available. MMS Burns and H. Guetzkow to approve the settlement agreements for the stated amount pending the finalization by Superintendent Schuler and the district's attorney. Passes 6-0.

VI. Review/ Information Items:

- A. Referendum Project updates were given by ICS representative, Chris Vogel. Mr. Vogel shared that the biggest change was that the middle school and district offices remodel no longer needed to be put out to bid. Instead, this project will be covered as a change order to already-existing contracted work.

The MS and HS cafeteria is in its finishing stages and the HS media center is finishing up as well with painting and installation of the wood paneling. In the HS special education suites there was some excavation that happened to try and expose some underground plumbing on previous plans that ended up not existing, but things are still moving in a positive direction with appliances soon to come. The middle school demolition is complete with the media center, special education and Innovations lab receiving finishes soon as well as new CTE windows. The elementary school's second story pod ceiling is complete and is getting new furniture, the special education suite is finished with HVAC duct additions and framing with mudding and taping. The outdoor high school stadium and concession stand is moving along and the rock piles in the parking lot are going down. The drain tile is in for the field and the concrete dugout for the JV Softball fields and the goal posts are all in. Roof trusses will be placed soon for the new concession stand and all electrical and plumbing are complete.

Questions were asked and answered by board members specifically regarding some of the surprises experienced along the way. Mr. Vogel stated that with some of these there has been a shared cost by the contractor. Chair Feldt expressed concern for significant delays for the buildings. Mr. Vogel stated that he feels that they can meet the majority of the substantive completion dates, but because of some supply issues, some things may not be complete at the beginning of the school year, but will not be significant to impact students arriving and attending school. He did state there will be some modifications in the elementary school as their ordered doors are arriving late, however, the retained high school doors will be used until the new ones arrive, and middle school band storage will not be in until October, but there will be temporary solutions available until their arrival. Additionally the outdoor stadium scoreboard has a microprocessing chip so this will be tentatively delayed for August 16th or September 9th. Director Danielson asked if the change order for the middle school and district offices was favorable. Mr. Vogel confirmed this as they are locked into more favorable pricing with a change order rather than bidding out a new job. He did state that the middle school office will still look a bit rough at the beginning of the school year, but will be finished soon after.

Superintendent Schuler thanked ICS for their advocacy and looking out for the best interests of the district throughout this process.

VII. Administrative Reports

Verbal administrative report was given by Superintendent Schuler.

Superintendent Schuler gave a shout out to the Summer Youth Theatre Program who recently put on several shows at the PAC. He was impressed by Hannah and Jake Rosholt and Lauren Keyes who facilitated this large-scale event as well as the large

number of students who participated. He commended their partnership with Community Education in providing this great example of connections and opportunities.

Superintendent Schuler then brought attention to the resignation of Dean of Students, Tim Singer-Towns and thanked him for his work in his Dean of Students role and how impressed he was by all the work he did and the way he connected with our students. Mr. Hennen will be hosting the first round of interviews Thursday, July 29 in the hopes of presenting a recommendation for hire at the August board meeting.

Superintendent Schuler announced the upcoming Administration Retreat on Tuesday, August 3 to not only go over the survey results from the CARI group, but to continue planning for the 2021-2022 school year.

VIII. Discussion of issues or open comments by School Board Directors.

Director H. Guetzkow stated that the Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation Board will be active at the upcoming Rails to Trails festival this coming weekend with a geocaching event as well as all their updates to actively engage alumni.

Director Guetzkow and Danielson made a request to meet with Superintendent Schuler to get the Marketing and Communication Committee up and running again.

Clerk Burns stated that the BOC is still meeting every other week and still working hard to find ways to best utilize funds.

Clerk Burns then wanted to be sure to announce a silent auction fundraising event for a previous student, Patrick Day to be held Thursday, July 29 at Burns Excavating Shop and to seek him out for more information if interested.

IX. MMS H. Guetzkow and Burns to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM and was duly passed 6-0.

X. Closed Session

MMS Danielson and Feldt at 7:08 PM to open a closed session for the purpose of school Superintendent Board Evaluation. Passes 6-0.

MMS Burns and Schulz to adjourn the closed session at 8:53 PM. Passes 6-0.

Chair

Clerk