

I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, April 26, 2021 was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Thompson, Burns, Schulz, H. Guetzkow, Danielson and J.Guetzkow. Administration team members present: Superintendent Schuler, HS Principal Hennen, MS Principal Guertin, ES Principal Pauly, SPED Director Gronseth, Activities Director Szymanski, Community Ed Director Bender, Director of Information and Learning Technology Monsaas-Daly. Absent: Teaching and Learning Director Arndt.

II. **Visitor requests and consideration of agenda.** MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Danielson and Burns to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 7-0.

III. **Consent Agenda**

MMS Schulz and Thompson to approve the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 15, 2021; Personnel consent agenda; Business consent agenda; and Enrollment. Passes 7-0.

[March Disbursements](#) - \$1,140,652.31

Total Wire Payment #'s - 48653, 48666, 48746-48748, 48774-48782, 48787, 48788, 48860, 48862, 48863, 48871- 48900

Total Check # - 58416-58604

Misc Payroll - \$2,902.02

IV. **Recognitions/ Presentations/Showcase**

ES teacher Leah Christensen, along with 5 students (Josie Donahue, Brielle Rivers, Helen Martin, Wyatt Winker and Raymond Gersema) representing each grade level, presented on Innovation Hour. This is a new class being offered to all elementary grade levels and focuses on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics); SEL (Social Emotional Learning), Technology and Computer Science. Each student presented and demonstrated highlights of their learning during this time. This time is spent on learning and implementing age-appropriate critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and other hands-on projects applying each of these four core areas. Students then answered questions from board members and commended on their current and future successes.

Activities Director Szymanski then presented to the board the groups of students deserving of recognition for their accomplishments so far this school year:

Paige Thibault - Class AA All State - Volleyball

Kate Thibault - Class AA All State Honorable Mention - Volleyball

Joseph Perez - Section 6A Coach of the Year - Girls Soccer

Maris Heun - All State First Team Class A - Girls Soccer

Megan Barnhart - All State Honorable Mention - Class A - Girls Soccer

Mercedes Burmeister - All State Honorable Mention - Class A -Girls Soccer

Maggie Czinano - Royal Athena Award

-All State Third Team - Girls Basketball

Hans Anderson - Boys' Swim and Dive State Finisher in Diving (12th)

William Merten - 200 M Freestyle Relay State Participant - Boys Swimming & Diving

Steve Hangartner - State Class A Coach of the Year

Mickal Erickson - State Class A Assistant Coach of the Year

Presentation: Coach McDonald/ Mr. Becker

Austin Gabbert - Wrestling - State Champion

Bryce Burkett - Wrestling - State Finisher (5th)

Presentation: Coach Hangartner

Girls Gymnastics - Team State Champions - Rosemary Unglaub, Ella Blinkhorn, Anja Gilbert, Jenna May, Anna Mielke, Reagan Kelly, Erin Singsank, Kaite Somers, Maggie McCabe, Payton Hecksel, Maris Heun- Manager, Ella Baumann - Manager, Ella Knoell - Manager

All State Elite - Anna Mielke, Reagan Kelley

Presentation: Lori Seiling

Mock Trial - State Team - Anja Gilbert, Logan Bimberg, Megan Barnhart, Maris Heun, Morgen Junczewski, Hans Anderson, Kennedy Olson, Dominick Buehler, Nathan Behrens

Mock Trial All State Attorney - Dominick Buehler

Mock Trial All State Witness - Maris Heun

Presentation: Brittany Misuraca

BPA - State Competitors - Logan Bimberg, Jonah Hamberger, Justin Kind, Avery Preston, Piper Thompson, Elliott Maas, Hailey Heid, Alaina Thonn, Claire Brandenburg, Eric Costello

BPA - Team Champions - Parliamentary Procedures Team (Piper Thompson, Elliott Maas, Hailey Heid, Alaina Thonn, Claire Brandenburg, Eric Costello)

Presentation: Amy Mandt

Speech- State Competitors - IsaBella Fritz, Brynn Illies and Madelyn Tax

Speech - Section 4A Champion for Drama - Madelyn Tax

All-State Speech - IsaBella Fritz

V. Action Items –

A. MMS H. Guetzkow and Schulz to approve the second reading of District Policies 500 series and Policies 601, 607 and 607.1. Passes 7-0.

[Policy 501](#) SCHOOL WEAPONS POLICY

[Policy 502](#) SEARCH OF STUDENT LOCKERS, DESKS, PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND STUDENT'S PERSON

[Policy 503](#) STUDENT ATTENDANCE

[Policy 504](#) STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE

[Policy 505](#) DISTRIBUTION OF NON SCHOOL-SPONSORED MATERIALS ON SCHOOL PREMISES BY STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

[Policy 506](#) STUDENT DISCIPLINE

[Policy 507](#) CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

[Policy 508](#) EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS WITH IEPs

Policy 509	ENROLLMENT OF NON RESIDENT STUDENTS
Policy 510	SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Policy 511	STUDENT FUNDRAISING
Policy 512	SCHOOL-SPONSORED STUDENT PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES
Policy 513	STUDENT PROMOTION, RETENTION AND PROGRAM DESIGN
Policy 514	BULLYING PROHIBITION POLICY
Policy 515	PROTECTION AND PRIVACY OF PUPIL RECORDS
Policy 516	STUDENT MEDICATION
Policy 517	STUDENT RECRUITING
Policy 518	DNR/DNI ORDERS
Policy 519	INTERVIEWS OF STUDENTS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES
Policy 520	STUDENT SURVEYS
Policy 521	STUDENT DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION GRIEVANCE REPORT FORM
Policy 522	TITLE IX SEX NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
Policy 523	POLICIES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE
Policy 524	INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY POLICY
Policy 525	VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Policy 526	HAZING PROHIBITION
Policy 527	STUDENT USE AND PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES; PATROLS, INSPECTIONS AND SEARCHES
Policy 528	STUDENT PARENTAL, FAMILY AND MARITAL STATUS NONDISCRIMINATION
Policy 529	STAFF NOTIFICATION OF VIOLENT BEHAVIOR BY STUDENTS
Policy 530	IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS
Policy 531	THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Policy 532	USE OF PEACE OFFICERS AND CRISIS TEAMS TO REMOVE STUDENTS WITH IEPs FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS
Policy 533	WELLNESS
Policy 534	UNPAID MEAL CHARGES
Policy 601	SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION GOALS
Policy 607	ORGANIZATION OF GRADE LEVELS
Policy 607.1	EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN

- B. Activities Director, Szymanski presented a resolution for dissolution of the Girls Hockey Co-op with Mound Westonka and Southwest Christian. Director Szymanski explained that this is a result of the MSHSL reclassification of girls hockey and is more of a numbers issue. He did inform the board that this did affect one student and another up-coming student. Other questions were answered. MMS Thompson and J. Guetzkow to Approve Resolution for Dissolution of Girls Hockey Co-op. Passes 7-0.
- C. Superintendent Schuler presented the consideration of Approving [FY21-22 ESSER Positions](#). Superintendent Schuler explained that the ESSER I funds have mostly been used already to help and support the technology area with distance learning this school year. This is to Approve the hiring of 4 additional positions for at least one year and the reassignment of 2 other positions who would have otherwise been eliminated based on student enrollment. MMS Burns and Danielson to Approve the FY 21-22 ESSER Positions. Passes 7-0.
- D. Superintendent Schuler discussed the Nonrenewal of Teaching Staff, Emily Tschida. Superintendent Shuler explained that this is not based on performance. This position was understood to be a one year opportunity to support students in distance learning. MMS Thompson and Schulz to Approve the nonrenewal. Passes 7-0.

- E. ICS representative Chris Vogel presented the Resolution for approval of the High School Stadium Bid and Recommendation. Questions were taken and answered. MMS Thompson and H. Guetzkow to Approve bid. Passes 7-0.
- F. ICS representative Chris Vogel presented the Resolution for approval of the High School Stadium Concessions Bid and Recommendation. Questions were taken and answered. This Resolution does not include the cost of the Grand Entrance Gate. Based on bids, the project is on budget as the Stadium Concessions bid was under approximately the same amount as the Stadium bid was over. MMS Thompson and Danielson. Passes 7-0.

VI. Review/ Information Items:

- A. Referendum Project updates were given by ICS representative, Chris Vogel.
- B. Superintendent Schuler gave updates regarding current COVID information. At the time of this meeting, five ES classrooms were in quarantine with the potential of 2 or 3 of these classrooms being released from quarantine on Wednesday, April 28th. A total of 100 ES students, 20 MS students and 10 HS students are out on quarantine. At this time the goal is to get through the year, and does not anticipate any change in learning models with 4 weeks to go. Superintendent Schuler thanked everyone for their patience and perseverance.

VII. Administrative Reports

Verbal administrative reports were presented.

HS Principal Hennen reported a successful weekend of prom and thanked Mr. Rundell for his efforts in coordinating. Over 150 kids were able to participate and 170-180 parents were able to come to the Grand March. Principal Hennen stated that he has discussed with teachers keeping Senior students away from others during class to help eliminate a need to quarantine with so many end-of-year events coming up. At this time, graduation will follow the tradition of being in the gymnasium with 2 tickets per graduate for attendance. Graduation will be the 21st of May at 7 p.m. The students' preference for graduation was to graduate with their classmates and to graduate in front of their parents - he is happy that they will be able to provide for them their requests.

MS Principal Guertin reported that they are continuing to roll forward and have been back in-person for 7 weeks. At this time, there is an emphasis on routines and consistently with their most recent challenge centralizing lunch for MS students in the auxiliary gym and weaving recess in that time period as well. MS is in the process of continuing to take MCAs and the 4th graders will be able to come visit and tour the middle school to prepare for next year. Principal Guertin is happy to announce that they plan on implementing the WEB program again next year, that they will have 65 students participating in summer school and that while construction is happening in the MS office, the staff will be relocating to the HS offices.

ES Principal Pauly reported that their goal for Kindergarten registration was 90 and at the time of the meeting, they have commitment for 91 students. Summer school will be able to offer transportation for the first time and they will be able to serve 85 students through the summer school program. Summer school will be a 20 day session and there will be an opportunity for a summer school-like program for those children entering Kindergarten through a Community Education program to come. She will be meeting with ICS in the weeks ahead to finalize plans for renovation projects amidst the summer school programming. Principal Pauly also announced that Strides for Students will be happening virtually on Saturday, May 1st for the auction and

instead of a large group walk, each class will stagger their own walk on the Luce Line Trail near the school while doing a scavenger hunt put on by the PTO.

CE Director Bender presented to the board the finalized plan for the new playground equipment. This equipment is geared towards ages 2-12 inclusivity in mind. This will be a smaller footprint, but provide more equipment. The hope is to begin construction this week with a goal of May 14th in time for summer programming.

Director Monsaas-Daly reported that technology has been busy with the influx of technology coming in. The ES and HS have their new clevertouch boards in and the MS will have them installed as well once the construction remodel is completed. This past week they were able to launch the mobile app for the school which provides another way to communicate with families and build upon it. She announced that they have been in discussion with Southwest Metro in devising a way to have them provide to students online learning. Director Monsaas-Daly along with Principal Hennen and teacher Chris Fiscus are working with John Harris at Southwest Metro to start this consortium with the goal to be up and running in the fall. This will be able to be district specific with SW Metro doing the legwork, but on the front-end it will be Watertown-Mayer with our information and logos. They are looking to have this option available to all grade levels and there are 4 other districts looking at this as an option as well.

Superintendent Schuler reported that he and others will be moving into a school-wide safe schools assessment. ICS will also be involved in this with the overall goal to keep everyone safe. He is hopeful he will have the report for next month's meeting.

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

Chair Feldt reported that the Finance Committee had met to go over the budget and thanked Finance Director Lisa Raiter for being able to keep it all straight with all the various funding streams right now.

Vice Chair Thompson stated that the Personnel Committee has been working with the teacher's union on language and will be now working towards the monetary parts of these agreements.

Member H. Guetzkow reported that the Foundation Board is trying to be more purposeful in their efforts for scholarship opportunities for our students. This group has created a FB page and has recently sent out a mailer. There are a lot of exciting opportunities to give funds or give to special groups.

Superintendent Schuler reported that he had an opportunity to visit the new Dean Lakes family in Shakopee as part of SW Metro's latest site. He reminded the board that the Superintendent of SW Metro will be presenting in May and he encouraged others to take a tour of this fantastic facility.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, May 24, 2021

6:00 PM Watertown City Hall

VIII. MMS H. Guetzkow and Danielson to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM and was duly passed.

Chair

Clerk