

- I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, February 22, 2021 was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Thompson, Burns, Schulz, H. Guetzkow, Danielson and J. Guetzkow. Absent: None. Administration team members present: Superintendent Schuler, HS Principal Hennen, MS Principal Guertin, ES Principal Pauly, Teaching and Learning Director Arndt, Activities Director, Szymanski, Community Ed Director Bender, Director of Information and Learning Technology Monsaas-Daly.
- II. **Visitor requests and consideration of agenda.** MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Schulz and Burns to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 7-0.

**III. Consent Agenda**

MMS Danielson and Thompson to approve the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2021; Personnel consent agenda; Business consent agenda; and Enrollment. Passes 7-0.

**January 2021 Disbursements** - \$5,310,918.73

Wire payment # - 48343, 48346, 48347, 48358, 48360, 48366, 48368-48374, 48433, 48437-48440, 48447-48453, 48527-48529, 48536-48548, 48550, 48559-48561

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Misc Payroll - \$318.25

**IV. Recognitions/ Presentations/Showcase**

WMES 4th grade student council members presented to the board their numerous activities done this month so far in recognition of I Love to Read month. This year's theme was 'Cooks and Books'. Student Council members representing WMES were: Shelby Sutter, Raymond Gersema, Kenny Leuthner, Adrianna Goetz, Lily Smith, Brielle Day and Michelle Schoening.

Superintendent Schuler recognized each school board member with a certificate of appreciation for their commitment in recognition of School Board Appreciation Week.

**V. Action Items –**

- A. MMS H. Guetzkow and Burns to approve the second reading of District Policies Requiring Annual Review. Passes 7-0.

Policy 410 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY

Policy 413 HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE

Policy 413F FORM- HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE

Policy 414 MANDATED REPORTING OF CHILD NEGLECT OR PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE

Policy 415 MANDATED REPORTING OF MALTREATMENT OF VULNERABLE ADULTS

Policy 506 STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Policy 506F FORM- NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Policy 514 BULLYING PROHIBITION POLICY

Policy 522 STUDENT SEX NONDISCRIMINATION- This policy was reviewed early (12.21.20) no need to review at this time.

Policy 524 INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY POLICY  
Policy 616 SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY  
Policy 806 CRISIS MANAGEMENT POLICY

- B. Superintendent Schuler presented the learning model changes for grades 5-12. MMS Danielson and Thompson to approve learning model changes. Passes 7-0.
- C. MMS Thompson and H. Guetzkow to approve the resolution for approval of the Watertown-Mayer Bond Referendum Stadium Improvement Projects. Passes 7-0.
- D. MMS Thompson and Burns to approve the award of bids of prime contractors for the 2021 Roof Project. Passes 7-0.

The Bond Referendum Project Update was continued and presented to the board by Chris Rear from ICS.

## VI. **Administrative Reports**

Verbal administrative reports were presented.

HS Principal Hennen presented regarding the success in welcoming back grades 9 and 12 to the building today. Master schedules will be confirmed within the next few weeks. Prom for junior and senior students looks to be happening on April 24, 2021. Details for this event are still in progress and a meeting with students will be happening within the next few days.

MS Principal Guertin reported a successful transition back with grades 5 and 6 today. At this time, they only have 30 kids total in distance learning. He has recently met with 4th graders from WMES to talk about their future transition to WMMS next year. WMMS will be wrapping up virtual parent teacher conferences this week as well.

ES Principal Pauly reported the continued success of their in-person learning. The focus this month has been their I Love to Read theme as well as gearing up for their food drive. Kindergarten registration is all online this year and so far, they have had 60 registrations. Clevertouch boards have started to be installed in some of the classrooms and Natasha Monsaas-Daly has been training staff. At this time, based on the review of academic data, staff are planning for a longer summer school session. WMES PTO has also decided to go virtual this year with an online auction.

CE Director Bender reported on recent CLC programs and activities. At the end of March, there will be a hard copy brochure going out to the community. Based on current enrollment, the Young Royals program will have 2 classrooms of extended day programs in addition to the AM and PM sessions. The most pressing issue for CLC right now is the need for more staff. CLC Kids Company and Caring Hands currently have a waitlist.

Activities Director Szymanski reported that last month's ExCel nominee, George Jankiula, was selected to receive the MSHSL ExCel award this year. Making him one of 36 recipients this year. He also updated the board regarding the new executive order by Governor Walz. The new order does increase spectators to 250, however, we still can not exceed 25% of our capacity. This does allow us to now increase tickets per participant to 3. At this time, according to MSHSL, the start date for spring sports will be March 29, 2021 and end in early June. Director Szymanski also responded to a question by board member Thompson regarding the current wall that opens the gymnastics area for competition. At this time, the wall is still unable to be opened - parts have been ordered and there is a plan in place to open and close this wall so that spectators will be able to attend the next home gymnastic meet.

Superintendent Schuler wanted to commend our Taher kitchen staff in their flexibility in dealing with recent construction in our cafeteria areas. They have worked hard to mobilize themselves and accommodate the construction currently going on. Superintendent Schuler did confirm that, regardless of the recent executive order, WM Schools will continue with their rolling start plan getting all students back to in-person learning by March 8, 2021. The District did get the new supply of face shields and there are still some extra plexiglass shields available to staff wanting them. Update was given regarding the vaccine and that the State of MN has taken over this distribution and they are continuing to work closely with those groups as well as the local Watertown Pharmacy to secure vaccines to those who want them. The district is continuing to administer saliva testing 2 times per month for anyone interested.

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

Board member Schulz did share that there is a possibility that there could be an open house opportunity with SW Metro to visit and see all that they provide for our students.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 15, 2021 6:00 PM Watertown City Hall

VIII. MMS Danielson and Schulz to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM and was duly passed.

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Chair

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Clerk