



Board of Directors' Regular School Board Meeting Monday, September 28, 2020 6:00 p.m., Watertown City Hall

MASKS WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. NO EXCEPTIONS. And social distancing will be used.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 13D.021, members of the public are not permitted to attend this meeting due to the current health pandemic. Meeting will be available on our website once video is available. Public comments can be submitted in writing to www.board.public@wm.k12.mn.us prior to 5:00 pm on the day of the board meeting, for board consideration.

I. Opening of Meeting: Chair Stacy Unowsky

- 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 Stacy Unowsky ____, Vice Chair Tim Thompson ____, Clerk Kelly Thaemert ____, Treasurer Erika Schulz ____, Julie Sweeney ____, Hunter Feldt ____, Heidi Guetzkow ____,

Administration Roll Call:

Superintendent, Darren Schuler ____, High School Principal, Bob Hennen ____, Middle School Principal, Nick Guertin ____, Elementary Principal, Marnie Pauly ____, Teaching and Learning Director, Allison Arndt ____, SPED Director, Deanna Gronseth ____, Activities Director, Paul Szymanski ____, CE Director, Rachel Bender ____, Director of Information and Learning Technology, Natasha Monsaas-Daly ____.

- 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 attached Agenda / Addendum(s):

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

III: Consent Agenda:

A. School Board Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting – [August 24, 2020](#)

B. [Personnel Consent Agenda](#)

C. [Business Consent Agenda](#)

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

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

IV. [Recognitions/Presentations/Showcase:](#)

None at this time

V. [Action Items:](#)

- A. [2020 Payable 2021 Levy Certification](#)** – Commentary by Lisa Raiter, Finance Director. All Minnesota school districts are required to adopt their proposed 2021 property tax levy and to certify it to the county auditors on or before Sept. 30, 2020. The adopted and certified levy of the school district will be utilized by county auditor's offices to project and communicate the proposed school district property taxes to district property owners. The proposed 2021 property tax levy is based on information that has been prepared by the Minnesota Department of Education. The proposed levy is as follows - 2020 Pay 2021 Maximum Levy Limitation: \$7,809,757.95 compared to the 2019 Pay 2020 Levy Limitation: \$7,719,837.20. This is Increase of \$89,920.75 or 1.16%.

Due to the fact that changes and/or adjustments may occur between now and when the Board is required to certify the final levy in December, it is recommended that the School Board adopt and certify the "maximum" proposed levy for all of the allowable levies at this time.

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____ Action: _____

[Strategic Directions: F](#)

- B. [SWMetro Dean Lakes Building Resolution and Joint Powers Agreement](#)** – Superintendent Schuler. SW Metro and participating School Districts agree to finance the acquisition of real property and the renovation, betterment and equipping of the Education Facility, and to establish parameters for the maintenance and use of the Education Facility, which shall be used by SWMetro to provide special education and related services, alternative education programs and other education-related programs and services to the Participating Independent Districts. An informational [fact sheet](#) is also provided. Board approval of the SWMetro Dean Lakes Building Resolution and Joint Powers Agreement is requested at this time.

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

[Strategic Directions: A, B, C](#)

- C. **2020-2021 Parent/Student Handbooks** – Commentary Darren Schuler and Administrative Team. Approval of the following 2020-2021 Handbooks is requested at this time.

[Kids' Company Parent/Student Handbook](#)
[Young Royals Parent/Student Handbook](#)
[Elementary School Parent/Student Handbook](#)
[Middle School Parent/Student Handbook](#)
[High School Parent/Student Handbook](#)

Motion made by: _____ Motion Seconded by: _____ Support: _____
[Strategic Directions: All](#)

VI: Review/Information Items:

- A. [Bond Referendum Project Update](#) - Commentary, Darren Schuler, Superintendent.
[Strategic Directions: All](#)
- B. [2020-2021 Policy Review Schedule](#) – Commentary Darren Schuler. Please note the 2020-2021 Policy Review Schedule attached for Board review.
[Strategic Directions: All](#)

VII: Administrative Reports.

Bob Hennen	High School Principal
Nick Guertin	Middle School Principal
Marnie Pauly	Elementary School Principal
Allison Arndt	Teaching and Learning Director
Deanna Gronseth	SPED Director
Rachel Bender	Community Education Director
Paul Szymanski	Activities Director
Natasha Monsaas-Daly	Director of Information and Learning Technology
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:

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

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

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Regular School Board Monday, October 26, 2020 6:00 p.m. Watertown City Hall