



Watertown Mayer
Public Schools

Board of Directors' Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, October 23, 2023
6:00 p.m., Watertown City Hall

I. Opening of Meeting: Chair

- 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 Hunter Feldt ____, Vice Chair Jim Burns ____, Clerk Katy Jo Danielson ____,
Treasurer Erika Schulz ____, Heidi Guetzkow ____, Lisa Neaton ____, Jeff Onell ____.

Administrative Roll Call:

Superintendent, Darren Schuler ____, High School Principal, Bob Hennen ____,
Middle School Principal, Nick Guertin ____, Elementary Principal, Katie O'Connell ____,
SPED Director, Rande Peyton ____, CE Director, Amy Dimmler ____,
Director of Teaching & Learning, Joe Vieau ____, Activities Director, Paul Szymanski ____.

- 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:**

Special Session/ Public Hearing Meeting - [September 25, 2023](#)

Regular School Board Meeting - [September 25, 2023](#)

B. [Personnel Consent Agenda](#)

C. [Business Consent Agenda](#)

- Financial Reports
 - [July, August, and September](#) Financials
- Contracts
- Overnight Stay Requests
- [Enrollment](#)

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

A. [School Improvement Plans](#)

Amy Dimmler

Community Education Director

Katie O'Connell

Elementary School Principal

Nick Guertin

Middle School Principal

Bob Hennen

High School Principal

B. GAPP Presentation, Frau Hendricks - high school German teacher

V. **Action Items:**

A. [Resolution 24.07 Ratifying the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2023A](#) - Commentary Superintendent Schuler. Board approval of the ratifying resolution is requested at this time.

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

B. [Acknowledgement of Donations, Contributions, & Fundraising \(Resolution 24.08\)](#)-

Commentary Superintendent Schuler. Request Board approval of this month's resolution accepting donations are requested at this time.

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

C. [Health/ Dental Insurance Renewal](#) - Commentary Darren Schuler. The District participated in a healthcare bid process. Based on this process, the district selected Health Partners with an aggregate decrease for the 2 year period of 9.9%. The health care contract is a 2 year contract with the rates staying the same for both years. The district also reviewed the dental insurance program. It has been concluded to continue with the same program and rates with no increase to premium. Please see the combined [health](#)

[insurance review](#) from Mark Beltz, the district insurance broker. Board approval of the Health/ Dental Insurance Renewal is requested at this time.

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

- D. [2023-2024 District Teaching and Learning Goals](#) - Director of Teaching and Learning, Joe Vieau, will present the District 2023-2024 Teaching and Learning Goals. The goals continue to focus on advancing student/learner outcomes in support of the District's Strategic Plan and Profile of a Graduate. Board approval of the 2023-2024 Teaching and Learning Goals are recommended at this time.

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

- E. [MSHSL Foundation Application for Grant for Student Participation](#) – Commentary Paul Szymanski. Each year the district submits an application to MSHSL for Grant for Student Participation. Board Approval of the Resolution of School Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation is requested at this time.

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

VI. Review/ Information Items:

- A. **Bond Referendum Project Updates** - Commentary Superintendent Darren Schuler.
B. **Strategic Plan Update** - Commentary Superintendent Darren Schuler.

VII. Administrative Reports

Katie O'Connell	Elementary school Principal
Nick Guertin	Middle school Principal
Bob Hennen	High school Principal
Rande Peyton	SPED Director
Amy Dimmler	CE Director
Paul Szymanski	Activities Director
Darren Schuler	Superintendent

VIII. Board Member Reports

- Finance Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Personnel Committee
 - October 25, 2023 @ 3:30 PM- Teacher Negotiations
 - October 30, 2023 @ 3:30 PM- Teacher Negotiations
- Policy Committee
- Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation Board
- Technology Committee
- Teaching & Learning
- Marketing & Communication
- Community Education Advisory Committee
- SW Metro Intermediate Board
- Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL)

IX. Recess before Closed Session Declared by Chair Feldt

Purpose: To Discuss Negotiation Strategies

X. Recess Ended and Closed Session Declared by Chair Feldt

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XI. Declaration of End of Closed Session and Announcement of Open Session by Chair Feldt

XII: 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, November 27, 2023

6:00 p.m. Watertown City Hall