



Watertown Mayer
Public Schools

Board of Directors' Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, September 25, 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:**

Regular School Board Meeting - [August 28, 2023](#)

B. **[Personnel Consent Agenda](#)**

C. **[Business Consent Agenda](#)**

- Financial Reports
- Contracts
- Overnight Stay Requests
- [Enrollment](#) (as of September 20, 2023)

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

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

A. **[Special Education 2022-2023 Year in Review](#)** - Rande Peyton

V. **Action Items:**

A. **[Resolution Granting Property Tax Abatement](#)** - Commentary Superintendent Schuler, Lisa Raiter, and Ryan Fetters from Baker Tilly. Approval of granting abatement bonds is requested at this time.

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

B. **[Parameters Resolution Related to the Issuance of the School District's General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds](#)** - Commentary Superintendent Schuler, Lisa Raiter, and Ryan Fetters from Baker Tilly. Approval of granting the Parameters Resolutions is requested at this time.

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

C. **[Acknowledgement of Donations, Contributions, & Fundraising](#)** - 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: _____

D. **First and Only Read of District Policy Requiring Review** - Commentary Superintendent Schuler. The following District Policy reflects revisions recommended by the Minnesota School Boards Association. Request Board Approval of the first and only read of the following policies due to non-substantive and/ or legal reference changes are requested at this time.

[Policy 412](#) EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT
[Policy 416](#) DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

- [Policy 416F](#) DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FORM
- [Policy 417](#) CHEMICAL USE AND ABUSE
- [Policy 420](#) STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES WITH SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AND DISEASES AND CERTAIN OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND INFECTIOUS CONDITIONS
- [Policy 421](#) GIFTS TO EMPLOYEES AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
- [Policy 422](#) POLICIES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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

- E. [2023 Payable 2024 Levy Certification](#) - Commentary Lisa Raiter, Finance director. All Minnesota school districts are required to adopt their proposed 2024 property tax levy and to certify it to the county auditors on or before Sept. 20, 2023. 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 2024 property tax levy is based on information that has been prepared by the Minnesota Department of Education. The proposed levy is as follows:

2023 pay 2024 Levy Limitation- \$7,797,368.26
 2022 Pay 2023 Levy Limitation- \$7,791,535.62

This is an increase of \$5,832.64/ 0.07%

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

- F. [WM Flex Learning Day Plan](#) - Commentary Darren Schuler. Plans must be developed by the district or charter school with cooperation from the teachers or their representative. Plans must be approved by the board in an open meeting and communicated with the families at the beginning of the school year.

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

VI. Review/ Information Items:

- A. [Bond Referendum Project Updates](#) - Commentary, Darren Schuler, Superintendent and ICS Representative Chris Ziemer.

- B. **Superintendent Schuler - Update on Strategic Directions**

VII. Administrative Reports (except in July annually)

Bob Hennen	High School Principal
Nick Guertin	Middle School Principal
Katie O’Connell	Elementary School Principal
Joe Vieau	ES Report/ Teaching and Learning Director
Amy Dimmler	Community Education Director
Rande Peyton	Special Education Director
Paul Szymanski	Activities Director
Darren Schuler	Superintendent

VIII. Board Member Reports

- Finance Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Personnel Committee
 - Oct. 14, 2023 - Paraprofessional Negotiation Meeting
 - Oct. 28, 2023 - Paraprofessional Negotiation Meeting
 - Oct. 10, 2023 - Teacher Negotiation Meeting
 - Oct. 16, 2023 - Teacher Negotiation Meeting
 - Oct. 25, 2023 - Teacher Negotiation Meeting
 - Oct. 30, 2023 - Teacher Negotiation Meeting
- 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. 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 23, 2023

6:00 p.m. Watertown City Hall