

- I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, July 24, 2023 was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Hunter Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Burns, Schulz, Danielson, Guetzkow, Neaton, and Onell. Board members absent: None. Administrative team members present: Superintendent Schuler. Absent:None.
- II. **Visitor requests and consideration of the agenda.** Visitor MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Neaton and Guetzkow to approve the agenda as presented with the additions of the Superintendent contract to the Personnel Consent Agenda and the Premier Kitchen and Technology Lease contracts to the Business Consent Agenda. Passes 7-0.
- III. **Consent Agenda**  
MMS Burns and Onell to approve the following consent agenda items:  
Regular Board Meeting of June 26, 2023; Personnel Consent Agenda; and Business Consent Agenda. Passes 7-0.
- IV. **Recognitions/ Presentations/ Showcase:**  
-None at this time.
- V. **Action Items -**
  - A. MMS Schulz and Danielson to approve the resolution to accept donations.  
Passes 7-0.
  - B. MMS Feldt and Burns to approve a first and only read of:
    - [Policy 401](#) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
    - [Policy 402](#) DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
    - [Policy 403](#) DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, AND DISMISSAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES
    - [Policy 404](#) EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS
    - [Policy 404F](#) FORM FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
    - [Policy 404F2](#) ONLINE FORM FOR EMPLOYEES 18+ YEARS
    - [Policy 405](#) VETERAN'S PREFERENCE
    - [Policy 407](#) EMPLOYEE RIGHT TO KNOW- EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES
    - [Policy 408](#) SUBPOENA OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE
    - [Policy 409](#) EMPLOYEE PUBLICATIONS, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, INVENTIONS, AND CREATIONS
 Passes 7-0.
  - C. MMS Guetzkow and Feldt to approve the first read of:
    - [Policy 406](#) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PERSONNEL DATA
    - [Policy 406F](#) - No changes, keep 406F with Policy for approval
 Passes 7-0.
  - D. MMS Burns and Onell to approve the second and final read of:

<a href="#">Policy 208</a>	DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION, & IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES	<a href="#">Policy 534</a>	SCHOOL MEALS POLICY
<a href="#">Policy 102</a>	EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY	<a href="#">Policy 601</a>	SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION GOALS

<a href="#">Policy 418</a>	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE/ DRUG-FREE SCHOOL	<a href="#">Policy 602</a>	ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL CALENDAR & SCHOOL DAY
<a href="#">Policy 419</a>	TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT	<a href="#">Policy 603</a>	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
<a href="#">Policy 424</a>	LICENSE STATUS	<a href="#">Policy 613</a>	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
<a href="#">Policy 425</a>	STAFF DEVELOPMENT	<a href="#">Policy 616</a>	SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY
<a href="#">Policy 504</a>	STUDENT DRESS & APPEARANCE	<a href="#">Policy 618</a>	ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
<a href="#">Policy 507</a>	CORPORAL PUNISHMENT & PRONE RESTRAINT	<a href="#">Policy 620</a>	CREDIT FOR LEARNING
<a href="#">Policy 509</a>	ENROLLMENT OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS	<a href="#">Policy 621</a>	LITERACY & THE READ ACT
<a href="#">Policy 513</a>	STUDENT PROMOTION, RETENTION, & PROGRAM DESIGN	<a href="#">Policy 624</a>	ONLINE INSTRUCTION
<a href="#">Policy 514</a>	BULLYING PROHIBITION POLICY	<a href="#">Policy 708</a>	TRANSPORTATION OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
<a href="#">Policy 524</a>	INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE & SAFETY POLICY	<a href="#">Policy 709</a>	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY POLICY
<a href="#">Policy 532</a>	USE OF PEACE OFFICERS & CRISIS TEAMS	<a href="#">Policy 806</a>	CRISIS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Passes 7-0.

- E. MMS Feldt and Danielson to approve the FY24 Food Service Pricing with the correction in the 1st Meal Lunch prices for Adult (correction from FREE to \$4.95). Passes 7-0.

VI. **Review/ Information Items -**

- A. ICS representative Chris Ziemer presented to the board updates re: progress on continued projects. ICS is closing out many of the outstanding punch list items across the district. Also discussed was the pool filtration improvement project. The Greenhouse and Storage Shed has been held up with some permits, but August/ September is still the target for completion. Mr. Ziemer shared an update on the district's pursuit of an abatement bonding project that would encompass parking lot and lighting improvements at each of the district facilities.

VII. **Administrative Reports -**

Superintendent Schuler discussed the legislative impacts. There is a misconception regarding the increase in funds to school districts. The funding streams have not kept up with inflation and other legislative mandates that will end up costing districts more in the years ahead. WM will have a better understanding of financial impact after this first year with the new mandates. Superintendent Schuler noted that statistically, an average MN school is declining enrollment by 77 students. Declining enrollment is a major

concern for our district and many others in the state of MN. Superintendent Schuler asked the board for feedback

as he was approached by local public health regarding gaining feedback from our families to identify needs and thus drive grants to fund these needs. Per the board, they would want to review the actual questions being asked before moving forward with a decision to engage our current families. Superintendent Schuler encouraged everyone to attend the annual Summer Youth Theatre presentation of 'Only Time Will Tell' starting July 27th and running through Sunday, July 30th. Mr. Schuler also promoted the WMEF-sponsored Koch Bus tour event for the stadium and high school to be held on Saturday, July 29th at 3 pm meeting at the NAPA store downtown.

**VIII. Board Member Reports or open comments by School Board Directors -**

Jim Burns noted the tentative dates of negotiations for several different union groups. Treasurer Erika Schulz gave a verbal report regarding an upcoming SW Metro retreat happening in July. Director Guetzkow gave a verbal report regarding an upcoming Marketing and Communications subcommittee meeting as well as the numerous WMEF events.

**XI. Chair Feldt Declared a Five Minute Recess at 7:15 PM in order to conduct a Closed Session**

Purpose: Conduct School Superintendent Board Evaluation

MMS Danielson and Guetzkow to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM and was duly passed.

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Chair

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Clerk