



Watertown Mayer
Public Schools

Board of Directors' Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, November 27, 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 - [October 23, 2023](#)

B. [Personnel Consent Agenda](#)

C. [Business Consent Agenda](#)

- Financial Reports
 - [October](#) Financials
- Contracts
- Overnight Stay Requests
- [Enrollment](#)
- [Annual Budget Publication](#)

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

A. LEEA (Resource Training's Leaders in Educational Excellence Award) Recipients- Administrators

- Bekah Wagner-Minar - Community Learning Center
- Angela Eick-Eliason- Elementary School
- Melinda Young - Middle School
- Nick Urban - High School

B. ESS (Resource Training's Educational Support Specialist) Recipients - Administrators

- Amanda Lance - Community Learning Center
- Joyce Stutsman - Elementary School
- Erin Blair - Middle School
- Jen Otto - High School

C. ESP - (Education Minnesota's Educational Support Professional of the Year) Darren Schuler

- Angela Duske - Semi-Finalist
- Shawn Perez - Finalist

V. **Action Items:**

A. [2022-2023 Audit](#) - Commentary Lisa Raiter and Bergen KDV. The Board is asked to approve the 2022-2023 Watertown-Mayer Independent School District No. 0111-01 [communication letter](#) and [financial audit](#) by Bergen KDV - 200 Park Ave. S., St. Cloud, MN 56301. Board approval of the 2022-2023 audit is requested at this time.

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

- B. [Acknowledgement of Donations, Contributions, & Fundraising \(Resolution 24.09\)](#)-** 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. [Annual Fundraiser Report](#) -** Commentary Darren Schuler. Administration is required to report annually to the School Board on fundraising activities planned for the school year as per board Policy 511, Student Fundraising. Please note the attached summary of fundraisers planned for the 2023-2024 school year. Board approval of the [Annual Fundraising Report](#) is requested at this time.

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

- D. [MSHSL Form B](#) -** Commentary Paul Szymanski. Activities Director Szymanski is requesting approval of MSHSL Form B (grant application from MSHSL). If approved, funds would go towards purchase of an outdoor AED. Board approval for MSHSL Form B is requested at this time.

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

- E. [First and Only Reading of District Policy Requiring Review](#) -** Commentary Superintendent Schuler. The following District Policies reflect 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 416	DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING
Policy 416F	DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FORM
Policy 423	EMPLOYEE STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS
Policy 424	LICENSE STATUS
Policy 425	STAFF DEVELOPMENT & MENTORING
Policy 427	WORKLOAD LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS
Policy 501	SCHOOL WEAPONS POLICY
Policy 502	SEARCH OF STUDENT LOCKERS, DESKS, PERSONAL POSSESSIONS, AND STUDENT'S PERSON
Policy 505	DISTRIBUTION OF NONSCHOOL SPONSORED MATERIALS
Policy 506	STUDENT DISCIPLINE
Policy 506F	NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
Policy 507	CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND PRONE RESTRAINT
Policy 508	EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

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

- F. [First Reading of District Policy Requiring Review](#) -** Commentary Superintendent Schuler. The following District Policies reflect revisions recommended by the Minnesota School Boards Association. Board approval of the first reading is requested at this time.

[Policy 503](#) STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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

G. First Read of [District Calendar 2024-2025](#) - Commentary Superintendent Schuler. Board approval of the first read of the District calendar 2024-2025 is requested at this time.

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

H. World's Best Workforce (WBWF) Annual Report - Commentary Joe Vieau. The MN Dept. of Education requires all districts to submit an annual WBWF Report documenting student achievement goals established for the previous school year, the strategies and initiatives the district engaged in to meet the goals and subsequent progress made on these goals by years' end. Districts are also required to conduct an annual public meeting to report on the WBWF goals, actions and results. Please note the attached [slideshow](#) information was presented and discussed at the Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee (TLAC) that took place on November 7, 2023.

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

I. January Board Meeting Date - Commentary Chair Feldt. The board will need to set a date for the Reorganizational Meeting/ First Board Meeting in January. Selecting January 8, 2023 for the Reorganizational Meeting and the First Board Meeting in January as January 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM will keep the dates in line with regular scheduled meetings. Board approval of January 8, 2024 and January 22, 2024 meeting dates at 6:00 PM is requested at this time.

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

J. [Resolution to Award Bond Referendum Pool Filtration System Improvement Project Bid \(Resolution 24.10\)](#) - Commentary Chris Ziemer. Board approval for the bid to complete the Bond Referendum Pool Filtration System Improvement project is requested at this time.

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

VI. Review/ Information Items:

A. Bond Referendum Project Updates - Commentary Chris Ziemer.

B. [Financial Update](#) - Commentary Lisa Raiter.

C. Strategic Plan Update - Commentary Superintendent Darren Schuler.

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	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
 - Virtual Tuesday, November 21, 2023 @ 5 PM
- Facilities Committee
- Personnel Committee
 - Monday, December 4, 2023 @ 5:30 PM - Paraprofessional Negotiations
 - Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 5:00 PM - Paraprofessional Negotiations
- Policy Committee
- Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation Board
- Technology Committee
- Teaching & Learning
- Marketing & Communication
 - January 8, 2024 @ 6:30 PM
- 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, December 18, 2023

6:00 p.m. Watertown City Hall