



Watertown Mayer
Public Schools

**Board of Directors' Regular School Board Meeting/
Truth in Taxation Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
Monday, December 18, 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 - [November 27, 2023](#)

B. Personnel Consent Agenda

C. Business Consent Agenda

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

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

IV. Recognitions/ Presentations/ Showcase:

A. Thank you to Mr. Najjar and his group of students for their carols before the meeting.

B. All- State Recipients:

Girls Soccer - Lyndsey Penegor & Ava Heun

Boys Soccer - Eli Hamberger

C. [MSHSL ExCEL Award](#) - Addie Leuthner & Lonnie Gilbert

D. [MSHSL Triple 'A' Award](#) - Lyndsey Penegor & Jack Jewison

V. Action Items:

A. Second and Final Read of District Policy Requiring Review - Commentary Superintendent Schuler. The following District Policy reflects revisions recommended by the Minnesota School Boards Association and the WM Policy Committee. Board approval of the second and final read of the following policy is requested at this time.

[Policy 503](#) STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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

Policy 503

B. First Read of District Policy Requiring Review - Commentary Superintendent Schuler.

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[Policy 606.5](#) LIBRARY MATERIALS

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

- C. [Resolution to Combine Polling Places \(Resolution 24.11\)](#)- Commentary Superintendent Schuler. Board approval of the attached resolution to combine polling places is requested at this time.

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

- D. [Acknowledgement of Donation, Contributions, & Fundraising \(Resolution 24.12\)](#) - Commentary Superintendent Schuler. Board approval of this month's resolution accepting donations are requested at this time.

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- E. [2024-2025 School Year Calendar Second Reading](#) - Commentary Darren Schuler. The 2024-2025 School Year Calendar is attached for the second and final reading. Board approval of the second and final reading of the 2024-2025 school year calendar is requested at this time.

VI. Review/ Information Items:

- A. **Bond Referendum Project Updates** - Commentary Chris Ziemer - ICS.

- B. **Strategic Plan Update** - Commentary Superintendent Darren Schuler.

VII. Administrative Reports (except in July annually)

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

VIII. Board Member Reports

- Finance Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Personnel Committee
 - January 4, 2024 Paraprofessional Negotiations
- Policy Committee
- Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation Board
- Technology Committee
- District Advisory Committee
- 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: _____

X. Open the Truth in Taxation Meeting:

Motion to open the Truth in Taxation Meeting at _____ p.m.

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XI: 2023 Watertown-Mayer ISD No. 111 Truth-in-Taxation Meeting 6:30 PM on December 18, 2023

- A.** 2023 Payable 2024 Levy Limitation and Certification - Commentary by Finance Director Lisa Raiter asking the Board to approve the Watertown-Mayer School District No. 111 2023 Payable 2024 Levy Limitation and Certification in the amount of \$7,797,359.29. Please see the attached [presentation](#). Board approval of the 2023 Watertown-Mayer ISD No. 111 Truth-in Taxation is requested at this time.

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

XII: Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Meeting meeting at _____ p.m.

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Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Reorganizational Meeting
Regular School Board

Monday, January 8, 2024
Monday, January 22, 2024

6:00 p.m. Watertown City Hall
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