

- I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, October 28, 2024 was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Hunter Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Burns, Schulz, Guetzkow, Neaton and Onell. Board members absent: Danielson. Administrative team members present: Superintendent Schuler, HS Principal Hennen, MS Principal Guertin, ES Principal O'Connell, SPED Director Peyton, CE Director Dimmler, Director of Teaching & Learning Vieau, and Activities Director Szymanski. Absent: None.
Public Comments: No public comments at this time.
- II. **Visitor requests and consideration of the agenda.** Visitor MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Neaton and Guetzkow to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 6-0.
- III. **Consent Agenda**
MMS Burns and Schulz to approve the following consent agenda items: Regular Board Meeting of September 23, 2024; Personnel Consent Agenda; and Business Consent Agenda. Passes 6-0
- IV. **Recognitions/ Presentations/ Showcase:**
 - A. Frau Hendricks, WMHS German teacher, presented to the board the exchange program she facilitates through the German American Partnership Program (GAPP). Over 30 German students have been visiting and will leave again on Wednesday this week. Questions were asked and given of the German students and their teachers.
 - B. Shawn Perez, Unified Advisor, and many current Unified students announced WM Unified's honor in being named a National Banner school for Special Olympics (the organization's highest honor). Student leaders explained the qualifications in qualifying and the numerous sports and events they participate in 10 months out of the year. The Board Congratulated this group and their high-achieving success.
- V. **Action Items -**
 - A. MMS Onell and Burns to approve Resolution 25.05 Acknowledgement of Donations, Contributions, & Fundraising. Passes 6-0.
 - B. Teaching & Learning Director Vieau presented the district's 2024-2025 Teaching & Learning Goals which includes the Professional Development Action Plan as well as the Curriculum and Instructional Action Plan. Questions from board members Feldt and Onell were asked and answered. MMS Burns and Guetzkow to approve the 2024-2025 Teaching & Learning Goals. Passes 6-0.
 - C. Activities Director Szymanski presented information re: the MSHSL Foundation Application (Form A)- Resolution 25.06. These funds help to cover the cost of fee waivers. MMS Feldt and Neaton to approve Resolution 25.06 - MSHSL Foundation Application. Passes 6-0.
 - D. MMS Onell and Feldt to approve Resolution 25.07 Affidavit of Posting Notice of Election. Passes 6-0.
 - E. MMS Burns and Guetzkow to approve Resolution 25.08 Affidavit of Posting Sample Ballot. Passes 6-0.
- VI. **Review/ Information Items:**

- A. Mr. Schuler gave a verbal update on various projects in the district. Final concrete and asphalt work should be coming at the end of the week with everything re: the CLC parking lot and overflow parking lot at the HS hopefully being complete by the 2nd week in November. The CLC baseball area is also getting some concrete pads for dugouts and fencing is starting to be installed.
- B. Superintendent Schuler gave a Strategic Direction update in regards to partnerships. He has recently given his annual 'State of the Schools' presentation to both Watertown and Mayer Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Schuler highlighted some of the data presented specifically from Community Education. Community Education has had an 83% increase in adult programs offered with an 86% increase in participation. The fastest growing program right now is aquatics. Superintendent Schuler thanked CE Director Dimmler for her continued efforts in providing opportunities for the community to partner with the school by offering over 459 different programs.

VII. **Administrative Reports**

HS Principal Hennen, MS Principal Guertin, ES Principal O'Connell, and CE Director Dimmler all presented to the board a review of their building goals for 23-24, the results of those goals and a preview to the goals they are continuing to work towards for the 2024-2025 school year. Overall, most goals were achieved or partially achieved with an overarching goal between the elementary, middle and high school buildings regarding reducing 'chronic absenteeism' defined by the state of Minnesota as those with over absences (excused and unexcused). All buildings have a goal for 24-25 to reduce their absentee percentages. Surveys and testing data continue to be the main metrics in measuring goal success.

Superintendent Schuler announced the LEEA recipients for 2024: Elementary School - Amy Frink; Middle School - Ashley DeNomme; High School - Amy Mandt. These teachers along with their building administrator will be attending the Resource & Training banquet in their honor along with other LEEA recipients across MN districts. Superintendent Schuler reminded all about no school on Monday, November 4th so that professional development can take place. He noted that the elementary staff will be receiving their final phase of LTRS training, and as WM was one of the first schools to adopt this training, we are ahead of many surrounding schools. On November 8, 2024, WM will be hosting another Safe Schools Committee meeting which is a great opportunity to connect with county and city officials along with school staff to make sure that we are serving our community members/ students the best we can through cooperative engagement. Community and City members are interested in hearing about the success of the HALO project installed over the summer which detects vaping.

VIII. **Board Member Reports**

Director Guetzkow reported re: a recent Marketing & Communication Meeting and their strategy of changing up some of the mailed communications throughout the district. Chair Feldt reported re: his work with MSBA, the upcoming MSBA Leadership Conference in January, his recent presentation to 7th grade social studies classes, as well as his recent visit to the elementary school and seeing the Playworks recess model in action. Treasurer Schulz reported re: her latest meeting at SW Metro.

IX. **Adjournment**

MMS Burns and Guetzkow to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 and was duly passed.

Chair

Clerk

11.25.2024
Date