

- I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, July 22, 2024 was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Hunter Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Burns, Danielson, Schulz, Guetzkow, Neaton and Onell. Board members absent: None. Administrative team members present: Superintendent Schuler. 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) Danielson and Neaton to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 7-0.
- III. **Consent Agenda**
MMS Burns and Guetzkow to approve the following consent agenda items: Regular Board Meeting of June 24, 2024; Personnel Consent Agenda; and Business Consent Agenda. Passes 7-0
- IV. **Recognitions/ Presentations/ Showcase:**
None at this time.
- V. **Action Items -**
 - A. MMS Onell and Burns to approve Resolution 25.01 Acknowledgement of Donations, Contributions, & Fundraising. Passes. 7-0.
 - B. MMS Guetzkow and Schulz to approve the first and only read of district policies:

Policy 104	SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT	Policy 535	SERVICE ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS
Policy 204	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA	Policy 601	SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION GOALS
Policy 207	PUBLIC HEARINGS	Policy 602	ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL DAY
Policy 416	DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND CANNABIS TESTING	Policy 603	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
Policy 418	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE/ DRUG-FREE SCHOOL	Policy 604	INSTRUCTIONAL CURRICULUM
Policy 419	TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT; POSSESSION AND USE OF TOBACCO, TOBACCO-RELATED DEVICES, AND ELECTRONIC DELIVERY DEVICES; VAPING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION INSTRUCTION	Policy 605	ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
Policy 425	STAFF DEVELOPMENT	Policy 606	TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Policy 513	STUDENT PROMOTION, RETENTION, AND PROGRAM DESIGN	Policy 607	ORGANIZATION OF GRADE LEVELS

Policy 521	STUDENT DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION	Policy 609	RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCES
Policy 532	USE OF PEACE OFFICERS AND CRISIS TEAMS TO REMOVE STUDENTS WITH IEPS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS	Policy 610	FIELD TRIPS
		Policy 611	HOME SCHOOLING

Passes 7-0.

C. MMS Feldt and Schulz to approve the first read of the following policies:

- Policy [503](#)** STUDENT ATTENDANCE
- Policy [503A](#)** Policy 503 Addendum
- Policy [509](#)** ENROLLMENT OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS
- Policy [512](#)** SCHOOL-SPONSORED STUDENT PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES
- Policy [516](#)** STUDENT MEDICATION AND TELEHEALTH
- Policy [524](#)** INTERNET, TECHNOLOGY, AND CELL PHONE ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY POLICY
- Policy [606.5](#)** LIBRARY MATERIALS
- Policy [607.1](#)** EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN
- Policy [608](#)** INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES - SPECIAL EDUCATION

Passes 7-0.

D. Superintendent Schuler presented to the Board the recommendation of adding a professional development day for the WM Elementary School Staff for the 2024-2025 school year based on the one-year opportunity the MN Department of Education has allowed re: the increase in training needed for staff to support the demands of the new READ Act. WM Education is also in support of this decision. MMS Neaton and Danielson to approve the Updated 2024-2025 District Calendar. Passes 7-0.

E. Superintendent Schuler presented to the Board the minimum set pricing for both 2nd meal/ adult meal breakfast and lunch. Superintendent Schuler reiterated that the first meal of both will continue to be free of charge for students only and these prices reflect 2nd full meals for students and the price for adult breakfast or lunch. The increase is \$0.10 for breakfast (from \$2.30 to \$2.40), and an increase of \$0.05 for lunch (from \$4.95 to \$5.00). The price of extra milk will stay at \$0.60. MMS Danielson and Feldt to approve the FY24 Food Service Pricing. Passes 7-0.

F. MMS Danielson and Guetzkow to approve tenure status for the following teachers at the conclusion of the 23-24 school year:

- Amy Alipour
- Ashley DeNomme
- Elizabeth Fader
- Cassandra Kuntz
- Paige Owczarek
- Jenny Poppler
- Hannah Rosholt

VI. **Review/ Information Items:**

- A. Mr. Schuler gave a verbal update on various projects in the district, specifically those projects directly related to the abatement bond parking lot projects. The HS upper lot is near completion and the HS lower lot is also nearing completion with the hopes of asphalt application by Thursday in time for the Summer Youth Theatre productions set to start that evening. The MS is having some final grading done in anticipation of asphalt being applied yet this week. The ES front entrance is back in place and they are hoping to have this done within a week or so. All lighting at the ES, MS, and HS which was displaced for construction has not yet been addressed. The CLC remains the last of the projects to complete as a result of the delays with approval from the Carver County Watershed, however, cement and curbs have been poured on the south side of the building. All buildings should be ready to go in time for Open House except for the CLC.
- B. Superintendent Schuler presented to the Board the highlights and areas of improvement based on the 2028 Strategic Plan Survey Results for SY 23-24. Mr. Schuler explained to the Board that he would like to work on some roundtable discussions with staff throughout the district for SY 24-25 to gain more insight as to why some responses are not higher, additional ways to engage parents in filling out the survey in the spring, and to work with the Admin Team to better define, explain, or re-word some of the questions presented. Overall, Superintendent Schuler was pleased with the results of the survey and noted that it was similar to the results from the year before.

VII. **Administrative Reports**

Superintendent Schuler noted that, overall, the district is in good shape re: position vacancies, however, there are still more openings at the MS and HS for SPED - both teachers and paraprofessionals as well as food service and some activities. He noted August 28th for the kick-off of teacher workshop week. This year, they will host speaker Cindra Kamphoff who will not only be coming back to visit on 2 other occasions during the 24-25 school year, but will be addressing student athletes in the afternoon of the 28th. Mr. Schuler stated that at this time, 84 students are registered for Kindergarten which makes 4 sections of 21 students per class - this is not without much work by ES staff who started to reach out to families in January of this year. Superintendent Schuler reminded the Board of the Summer Youth Theatre's production scheduled this week Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday as well as a reminder of Bob Dressel's Celebration of Life to be held at the Arboretum on Thursday from 11AM to 7 PM.

VIII. **Board Member Reports**

Clerk Danielson reiterated the recent policy committee meeting. Director Guetzkow reported the many activities hosted by WMEF over Rails to Trails Weekend this weekend as well as looking ahead to their fall fundraising event - this year to be held in September.

IX. **Recess Before Closed Session**

Chair Feldt announced a five minute recess of the regular board meeting prior to the closed session to conduct School Superintendent Board Evaluation at 7:03 PM.

X. **Announcement of Opening Closed Session**

Chair Feldt announced the end of the recess at 7:13 PM for the closed session

XI. **Adjournment**

MMS Burns and Danielson to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 and was duly passed.

Chair

Clerk