

- I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, July 28, 2025 was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Hunter Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Burns, Danielson, Schulz, Guetzkow, and Neaton. Board members absent: Onell. Administrative team members present: Superintendent Schuler. Absent: None.
Public Comments: No public comments at this time.
- II. **Visitor requests and consideration of the agenda.** MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Danielson and Schulz to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 6-0.
- III. **Consent Agenda**
MMS Burns and Neaton to approve the following consent agenda items: Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 23, 2025; Personnel Consent Agenda; and Business Consent Agenda. Noted was the MOU increasing the working days of Teaching & Learning Director Vieau as well as the new hire of Elena Walters as the new Taher Manager as Beth Bottenfield is moving to a different position within the Taher company. Passes 6-0.
- IV. **Recognitions/ Presentations/ Showcase:**
None at this time.
- V. **Action Items -**
- A. MMS Danielson and Guetzkow to approve Resolution 26.01 to accept donations, contributions, & fundraising received so far in the month of July. Passes 6-0.
- B. MMS Burns and Neaton to approve Finance Director Todd Netzke and Finance Director Assistant Tom Griffin (contracted SMS staff) to initiate, transfer, invest and authorize district funds and transfers on behalf of WM ISD #111 School District for FY26. Passes 6-0.
- C. MMS Feldt and Burns to approve the first and only read of policies:

101	LEGAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT	418	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE/DRUG-FREE SCHOOL
101.1	NAME OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT	501	SCHOOL WEAPONS POLICY
102	EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY	503A	STUDENT ATTENDANCE ADDENDUM
103	COMPLAINTS- STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENTS, OTHER PERSONS	515	PROTECTION AND PRIVACY OF PUPIL RECORDS
104	SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT	515E	PUBLIC NOTICE STUDENT DATA/ PUPIL RECORDS
201	LEGAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD	516	STUDENT MEDICATION AND TELEHEALTH
202	SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS	524	INTERNET, TECHNOLOGY, AND CELL PHONE ACCEPTABLE USE

			AND
416	DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND CANNABIS TESTING	534	SCHOOL MEALS POLICY
425	STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND MENTORING	602	ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL DAY
606.5	LIBRARY MATERIALS	707	TRANSPORTATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
613	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	709	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY POLICY
620	CREDIT FOR LEARNING	802	DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL
624	ONLINE INSTRUCTION	806	CRISIS MANAGEMENT POLICY
414	MANDATED REPORTING OF CHILD NEGLECT OR PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE		

Passes 6-0.

- D. Superintendent Schuler explained the reasoning behind the first of two reads for the following policies:

503	STUDENT ATTENDANCE	621	LITERACY AND THE READ ACT
516.5	OVERDOSE MEDICATION		

MMS Neaton and Schulz to approve the first of two reads. Passes 6-0.

- E. Questions were asked and answered regarding the 2025-2026 Food Service Pricing. MMS Feldt and Danielson to approve the 2025-2026 Food Service Pricing. Passes 6-0.

VI. Review/ Information Items:

- A. Chair Feldt asked the board about their thoughts on updating the legislative priorities. All agreed that having the priorities in a format to hand out and discuss is instrumental in conveying the board's priorities and is good information to share with those making decisions at the state level. All agreed to take a look at these priorities to ensure there are no changes to be made. Chair Feldt also indicated that he would be interested in board members making time to visit classrooms to get a first-hand look at how their decisions are affecting staff and students.
- B. Superintendent Schuler gave an overview of the updated Volunteer Protocols to begin for the 2025-20226 school year. All on the board were supportive of having more in-depth background checks for specific volunteer roles, however, there was concern regarding the cost to the parent/guardian. All agreed that procedures be developed in situations where a family member is unable to pay for the fee to get their background check completed. Board also requested to report back in a year's time to understand how many went through the process and what the cost in total would have been. Superintendent Schuler then noted his pride in the number of WM students who volunteered in several areas for the Rails to Trails festival that occurred over the weekend. He was impressed by the engagement of WM students

and their families to volunteer and help out where needed bringing to life our Profile of a Graduate.

VII. Administrative Reports

Superintendent Schuler stated that he had planned on communicating to the board the impact to our district without the federal funds being released, however, he noted that, happily, some of these federal funds have been released or are scheduled to be released soon. This is good news for all school districts.

Superintendent Schuler then gave an update to the staffing needs in the district: CLC Administrative Assistant, MS Social Worker, LTS position in the MS, 2 LTS positions in the ES and a few custodial positions. Overall, Superintendent Schuler feels that the district is in good shape for staffing and noted that a lot of it has to do with the dedication of our current staff. Mr. Schuler then gave a short update as to the transition of the finance department to SMS (School Management Services). Mr. Schuler feels like it is going well.

VIII. Board Member Reports

Clerk Danielson gave an update for the Marketing and Communication Committee, Director Guetzkow gave an update on the Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation Board, Treasurer Schulz gave a SW Metro Interm. Board, and Vice Chair Burns gave an update for upcoming negotiation dates.

Chair Feldt declared a 5 minute recess to enter into a closed session per MN Statute 135D.05, subd. 3a to discuss Superintendent Evaluations. Adjournment would be immediately following closed session.

IX. Adjournment

MMS Danielson and Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM and was duly passed.

Chair

Clerk

08.25.2025
Date