

- I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, August 25, 2025 was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Hunter Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Burns, Danielson, Schulz, Guetzkow, and Neaton, and Onell. Board members absent: None. Administrative team members present: Superintendent Schuler, HS Principal Hennen, MS Principal Guertin, ES Principal O'Connell, SPED Director Peyton, CE Director Dalton, 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.** MMS (Motion made and Seconded by Neaton and Danielson to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 7-0.

III. **Consent Agenda**

MMS Burns and Schulz to approve the following consent agenda items: Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 28, 2025; Personnel Consent Agenda; and Business Consent Agenda. Passes 7-0.

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

Amy Mandt introduced & recognized those students who were selected to participate in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State & American Legion Boys State. Emily Hecksel, Griffin Guetzkow, Ben Hartshorn, Drew Isakson, Matthew Isakson, and William Mandt were in attendance. Riley Delaney, Eliza Rowan, Peyton Rueckert, & Amiah Watne were unable to attend. Questions were asked and answered by Board Members.

Jeff Liestman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, gave a buildings & grounds presentation and update to the board. Questions were asked and answered.

V. **Action Items -**

- A. MMS Danielson and Guetzkow to approve Resolution 26.02 to accept donations, contributions, & fundraising received so far in the month of August. Passes 7-0.
- B. MMS Danielson and Burns to approve the second and final read of district policies:

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Passes 7-0.

- C. MMS Burns and Guetzkow to approve the updated pricing for second and adult breakfast prices for the 2025-2026 school year based on the current cost of goods to provide breakfast options (\$2.85). This is the same pricing that was charged for the 2024-2025 school year. Passes 7-0.
- D. MMS Feldt and Neaton to approve the Superintendent goals for the 2025-2026 school year. Passes 7-0.
- E. MMS Onell and Guetzkow to approve the updated Watertown-Mayer Employee Handbook. Passes 7-0.

VI. **Review/ Information Items:**

- A. Chair Feldt reported on the results of the closed session in July to evaluate the Superintendent and reported that based on his goals and the review of those goals, the board rated Superintendent Schuler a 3.6 out of a possible 4.0.

VII. Administrative Reports

HS Principal Hennen reported a good 1st official day back for teachers with only one new teacher this year, Spencer Roeglin, who had the opportunity to do some cross training with Mr. Jaszak over the summer. He noted that the new administrative assistant, Becky Lahr, has also been a great addition to the HS office. He is looking forward to 9th grade orientation on the 9th and that the focus this year will continue to be re: the Profile of a Graduate, getting more data from students this year and helping students and staff navigate the transition to a 6 period day this year. He reported that 97% of students were granted their schedule course requests.

MS Principal Guertin reported that it took some time to understand the elective piece for the new schedule this year as well as navigating the master schedule utilizing 12 shared staff, but they are excited to see their work benefit students this year. Mr. Guertin reported several long term substitute teachers to cover some leaves of absences for some maternity leaves this year, but is happy to have Elizabeth Delaney filling in for Ms. Tam-Anderson this year as well as the new MS Counselor, Elizabeth Langlois. He reported that the 5th grade open house was great and that they have another great group of WEB leaders. They are looking forward to the 6th-8th grade open house, and their building goals this year is to continue to build connections, relationships, and a positive culture in addition to continuing to increase reading and math competency. This year, the MS has gone with full district-owned devices.

ES Principal O'Connell reported on a successful summer school this summer, with 80% accepting the offer to attend. Principal O'Connell gave a shout out to the staff over the summer. They had a great WMES PTO Freezies & Fun event on July 22nd with great turnout. They will be using the new ELA curriculum and have welcomed several new teaching staff: Amiah Motzko, Andrea Saffert, and long-term sub, Leanna May.

CE Director Dalton reported the hiring of the new Early Childhood Coordinator, Mackenzie Borntrager, and administrative assistant, Valerie Curtis. He is working on getting a better balance between Early Childhood Family Education and Young Royals Preschool as well as looking to move more towards live programming again for Youth & Adult Enrichment rather than the majority of classes being online. He is working with Tracey Taylor on upgrading facility intake and reservation management as well as looking at changing the timeline for sign-up for classes being closer to the time when the catalogs come out.

Teaching & Learning Director Vieau reiterated that the ELA standards will fully be implemented this year K-12 and they will now be looking at implementation and alignment for state social studies. He will be starting a math committee which will be a 2-year evaluation. Mr. Vieau reported that the MCA proficiency rates are still

embargoed, but preliminary reports are showing the highest rates in math and reading since COVID. He will have a more detailed report in September.

SPED Director Peyton reported that they once again received 100% compliance with the department's due process. Ms. Peyton reported that they are completely staffed and will not be using outside contracted staff. She noted that many of the new staff in the SPED department are either graduates of WM or live in or near the Watertown-Mayer community. She reported that they have recently also met with district nonpublics to discuss MTSS and child find procedures to help more students this school year.

Activities Director Szymanski stated that there are 296 fall sport participants this year which is an increase of 17 more than usual and the highest number they have had in 8 years. Mr. Szymanski reported that most of the fall sports have already started competition and he thanked the WM Royal Boosters for once again sponsoring a grill out for the recent CAP (Coaches and Parents) meeting. He also noted that the last remaining sponsorship on the FB scoreboard was recently secured.

Superintendent Schuler reported a successful new teacher workshop week and thanked Ms. Misuraca and Mr. Vieau for their help in training and their work. He noted that local Watertown Chamber, Kyle Jarvis gave the bus tour of Watertown, and both Hunter Feldt and Mayer City Council Member, Nikki McNeilly gave the tour for Mayer. Mr. Schuler said that 100+ new line panels were installed and programmed over the summer due to the hard work of the tech team as well as getting district-owned chromebooks ready for every middle school student for this year. Mr. Schuler also reported on a recent homeschool event hosted to discuss how EM can support homeschool families in the district. He noted that Mr. Hennen was involved in the discussion as the majority of the attendees had HS students. He noted that, based on the feedback received, there will be another Q & A in January or February. He closed by sharing with the board that the entire WM leadership team attended the Problems of Practice Retreat for 3 days and was impressed that there were few districts whose entire leadership team was in attendance.

VIII. Board Member Reports

Clerk Danielson reported that the policy committee will be meeting soon, the Marketing & Communications committee will meet sometime in September, and the District Advisory Committee will be meeting in November. Director Guetzkow reported that the WMEF will be hosting their annual fundraiser on September 27th with a Casino night and are also selling raffle tickets for a Polaris side by side. Treasurer Schulz reported on the happenings of the SW Metro Board, and Chair Feldt discussed MSBA activities and encouraged the board to sign up for the leadership conference on January 15th & 16th this year.

IX. Adjournment

MMS Danielson and Schulz to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM and was duly passed.

Chair

Clerk

09.22.2025
Date