REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 13, 2026

The Monday, April 13, 2026 Regular School Board meeting of Independent School Dist. #2687 (Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted) was called to order at 6:32 pm. by Chairperson B Borrell. After the pledge of allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: B Borrell, Koch, Bauman, Mulvihill and J Borrell; Student Representatives: Brycen Diers, Arianna Grosshuesch and Julianna Peterson; absent: Puncochar and Marketon. Also present were Superintendent Dan Edwards, Principals Stephanie Kuehn, Jim Schimelpfenig, and Jennifer Olson, and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

(Item IV) Koch recommended approval of the agenda; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item V) B Borrell reviewed the expectations for those who want to speak during the comments section of the agenda.

Randy Heuer, a parent of a ninth grader, expressed concern about the realignment of the band department and the potential reduction being considered.

Laura Boillat, HLWW 7-12 band director, expressed concerns about the realignment of the band department and the potential reduction being considered and how it will affect the department.

(Item VI) Koch recommended approval of the consent agenda; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

The consent agenda included the March 9, 2026, Regular Board meeting minutes, March 30, 2026, Work Session meeting minutes, bills, enrollment, the resignation of **Amanda Branchfield,** as a Food Service Satellite Cook at Holy Trinity effective May 25, 2026, employment recommendations for **Ella Feldman** as an Ag Teacher effective the 2026-27 school year replacing Emily Ziemer; **Gretchen Karg** as an Interventionist, District Wide effective the 2026-27 school year replacing Tracie Will; **Lilly Adickes** as a Paraprofessional for 6hr/day effective April 15, 2026, replacing Nikki Reed; and **Greg Skawinski** as a High School Special Education Teacher effective the 2026-27 school year replacing Brian Barth, the following Lane Changes: **Brandi Bresnahan** from MA10 to MA20, **Stefanie Gunderson** from MA10 to MA20, **Heather Johnson** from MA30 to MA40, **Kayla Myhre** from MA10 to MA20, **Karen Ready** from MA to MA10, **Kevin Riemenschneider** from BA20 to BA30, and **Emily Wadman** from BA20 to BA30, and the Elementary Laker Newsletter.

(Item VII, Subd. A) Wyatt Determan, Technology Specialist, presented a preview of the new school website.

(Item VII, Subd. B) B Borrell indicated the information about the level three grievance was presented at the last meeting and the board should now determine whether or not to accept or reject the grievance. The board members discussed the grievance and the information given by HLWW Education MN and the District.

J Borrell motioned to deny the grievance; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. C) Superintendent Edwards indicated it is the time of the year where we need to make changes for staffing assignments for the upcoming school year. Edwards also indicated we are taking these steps tonight due to the budgetary and enrollment situation the district is facing.

Bauman motioned to approve the resolution of nonrenewal of probationary teachers Anna Houseman and Leah Bobrowske; J Borrell seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. D) Megan Tormanen, Business Manager, reviewed and recommended the treasurer's report.

J Borrell recommended approval of the treasurer's report; Koch seconded; passed unanimously.

B Borrell indicated that the School Nurse, Morgan Johnson, is here, so we are going to move her presentation up.

(Item VII, Subd. H) School Nurse, Morgan Johnson, gave a presentation about HLWW's Cardiac Emergency Plan.

(Item VII, Subd. E) B Borrell read the donation.

Koch recommended approval of the resolution accepting donations; Borrell seconded; those in favor: Mulvihill, J Borrell, Koch, Bauman and B Borrell; those opposed: none; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. F) The Policy Committee recommends the first reading of the following policies: **656**-Class Size Policy, **701**-Establishment & Adoption of School District Budget, **701.1**-Modification of School District Budget, **702**-Accounting, **703**-Annual Audit, **705**-Investments, **706**-Acceptance of Gifts

(Item VII, Subd. G) B Borrell indicated the following items are on the work session agenda:

- Discuss Proposed 2026-27 Budget
- Discuss possible calendar adjustment for the 2026-27 school year
- Discuss MOU about Elementary move

Mulvihill recommended approval of the items for the work session; Koch seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. I) Board members verbally recognized positive things in the district. Mulvihill recognized Morgan Johnson and Megan Tormanen for finding a creative way to save the district money.

Bauman recognized the Title I team, Principal Olson and Mrs. Westling for creating a fun event for families to attend.

Grosshuesch recognized Mrs. Holm and Noel for giving students the opportunity to attend a workshop with other students from the state.

Peterson also recognized Mrs. Holm and Noel for giving students the opportunity to attend a workshop with other students from the state and thank you to Kelly who helps make sure the costumes fit for the drama department.

J Borrell thanked Mrs. Boillat for all her work and dedication in teaching students about music.

Diers recognized Mrs. Holm for helping students register for PSEO classes.

Koch recognized the Elementary Transition team for their planning for the upcoming grade level move.

B Borrell also recognized Mrs. Holm for all the things she does for students, thank you to the website development team, and the track team is off to a good start.

(Item VIII, Subd. A) Superintendent Edwards reported:

- This is MCA testing week. The MCA's are one measure that we use to see where our students are academically.
- We will continue to review the stakeholder survey that we sent to families this spring.
- The school calendar discussion item for the work session is due to implementation of the read act.

(Item VIII, Subd. B) The Principals gave a brief report.
Principal Schimelpfenig reported:

- Testing season starts tomorrow and runs for three weeks
- We have had several meetings and discussions with teachers regarding the realignment and reductions to staff for the upcoming school year.
- The Literacy Committee is working on implementation of the curriculum that was approved.

Principal Kuehn reported:

- We have been meeting with seniors about their legacy and planning their final days at HLWW. I have received a proposal about parking.
- MCA testing starts tomorrow.
- The High School awards ceremony will be held on May 13, 2026 at the end of the day.
- We are working on scheduling and staffing

Principal Olson reported:

- Winsted Elementary experienced a portable planetarium field trip.
- The elementary will be on the move with field trip season.
- We will have our Title planning completed soon, thank you to the Title team for all their work.

- We continue to work on professional development as we review the Language Arts Curriculum.

(Item VIII, Subd. C) Student representatives gave a brief report.
J Borrell read Arianna Grosshuesch report which included looking into expanding the leadership opportunities for students and also partnering with other schools in the area.

Julianna Peterson reported she had the opportunity to attend and discuss with other students from other schools about how students can help others feel more included. Peterson indicated some ideas could be to have eighth and fifth grade buddies which could help the fifth graders feel more comfortable and included; and then also have ninth and twelfth grade buddies as well.

Brycen Diers reported he was gathering information over the past several weeks from students about how technology is affecting them. Diers indicated that many students prefer to limit the amount of technology used in the classrooms, but they also like it when teachers post classroom assignments to google classroom.

(Item VIII, Subd. D) B Borrell indicated the school board committee reports are enclosed. Koch reported the Budget Committee meets prior to each regular meeting and we discussed enrollment. Koch also indicated that we will have an MOU to review at the work session regarding the elementary move.

(Item VIII, Subd. E) Upcoming Board Member Event Appearances:
Calendar Link
Students of Excellence April 22-Resource Training @ 4:30pm

(Item IX) Next Meeting Dates:
Work Session Meeting- April 27, 2026 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center
Regular Board Meeting-May 11, 2026 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center

B Borrell indicated that both he and Mulvihill will be absent for the April work session and asked if the board members would be willing to move the date of the work session to May, 4, 2026 so they are both able to attend the meeting.

The consensus of the board was to move the April 27th work session meeting to May 4.

J Borrell asked if the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will move as well. Superintendent Edwards indicated that the meeting would be moving as well.

(Item X) Items for next meeting
Work Session:
• Discuss Proposed 2026-27 Budget
• Discuss calendar adjustment
• Discuss MOU regarding moving classrooms.

Regular Meeting:

• Bill Reader for May-Bauman
• Bill Reader for June-B Borrell
• Bill Reader for July-J Borrell
• Approve Estimates-Fuel, Garbage, Milk, Bread
• Leave/Resignations/Retirements
• Employment Recommendations
• Approve Second Reading of Policies
• Approve First Reading of Policies
• Approve Treasurer Report-January, April, July, October
• Monthly Budget Report

B Borrell adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk