HLWW WORK SESSION MEETING
Monday, May 4, 2026

The Monday, May 4, 2026, School Board Work Session meeting of Independent School Dist. #2687 (Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted) was called to order at 6:36 pm. by Chairperson B Borrell. After the pledge of allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: B Borrell, Koch, Bauman, Marketon, Mulvihill, Puncochar and J Borrell; student representatives: Diers, Grosshuesch and Peterson. Also present were Superintendent Dan Edwards, Business Manager Megan Tormanen and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

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

(Item V) Puncochar recommended approval of the consent agenda; Marketon seconded; passed unanimously.
The consent agenda included the following resignations: Jodie VanDeWalker as a part-time custodian effective April 27, 2026, Lee Peterson as a SLPA effective the end of the 2025-26 school year, and the following employment recommendations: Andrew Waldbillig as a Behavior Interventionist effective the 2026-27 school year replacing Brad Ryan, Emma Foss as a Social Worker/Counselor effective the 2026-27 school year replacing Jessica Larson, Ali LaVine as a Special Education Teacher effective the 2026-27 school year, and Paul Gnitka as a .6FTE Ag Teacher effective the 2026-27 school year.

(Item VI, Subd. A) Koch recommended approval of the MOU with HLWW Education MN regarding the elementary grade level move; J Borrell seconded; Marketon asked if every elementary teacher who is on staff will be eligible for this compensation. Superintendent Edwards reported yes and it will be facilitated by Principal Olson. Marketon asked if there will be other staff. Edwards indicated that this MOU is only about the classroom and boxing up items. Passed unanimously.

(Item VI, Subd. B) Superintendent Edwards reported at the District Leadership Team meeting, it was discussed that due to the newly adopted English Language Arts Curriculum, there will be additional staff training needed. Edwards indicated that throughout the next year there will be staff training and checkpoints.

J Borrell recommended approval of the MOU with HLWW Education MN regarding ELA Curriculum training; Koch seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VI, Subd. C) Superintendent Edwards, Business Manager Megan Tormanen, reviewed the proposed 2026-27 budget. The board members reviewed the information, and the consensus was to take action on the budget at the May 11, 2026 meeting.

(Item VI, Subd. D) Superintendent Edwards indicated that we do not normally have a first reading of policies at a work session, however the policy committee felt it necessary to take this group since it is the last of the policies from 2018 and 2019 that need to be reviewed.

The Policy Committee recommends the first reading of the following policies: **517**-Student Recruiting, **528**-Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Nondiscrimination, **529**-Staff Notification of Violent Behavior By Students, **615**-Testing Accommodations, **711**-Video

Recording on School Buses, **712**-Video Surveillance Other than on Buses, **713**-Student Activity Accounting, and **720**-Vending Machines.

(Item VI, Subd. E) Board members verbally recognized positive things in the district.
J Borrell recognized Arianna Grosshuesch for placing first at State for Speech.

Grosshuesch recognized the students and prom advisors who did a good job decorating and planning for this years prom.

Diers recognized student council members and all those who donated to the hygiene drive. Diers reported all the donations will be going to Wright County Community Action.

Peterson recognized all those who donated and helped with the blood drive.

Bauman recognized all our teachers, just keep swimming.

Koch recognized Humphrey Elementary staff who recently had to implement a secure mode at school. Koch indicated staff communicated changes with students and families throughout the day.

Mulvihill recognized how connected the district is with the community, from the blood drive, road ditch cleanup, School Resource Officer reading to students and many more.

Puncochar recognized all the work that goes into a planned lockdown drill, and how teachers are able to explain the situation drill or not to students, so they understand and feel safe.

Marketon recognized the golf team and advisors. Marketon indicated students are really enjoying the season and former students have sometimes joined them at practice and cheered them on.

B Borrell recognized the golf team and advisors as well, many people have commented on the ease of locating things on the new website, the prom committee did a great job, we are hosting True Team for track tomorrow and Dawn Kalvig celebrated her last musical for the school district.

Superintendent Edwards recognized the Humphrey Elementary staff who handled the secure mode situation with little disruption to students. Edwards indicated we had an after-action debriefing recently as well and will use what we learned for any future situations.

(Item VII, Subd. A) Upcoming Board Member Event Appearances:
Graduation May 31-HLWW High School @ 2pm
Staff Service Award Ceremony June 4 @ 2pm HLWW High School Auditorium
High School Awards Night May 15 and Hall of Fame induction as well

(Item VIII) Next Meeting Dates:
Regular Board Meeting-Monday May 11, 2026 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center
Work Session Meeting-Tuesday May 26, 2026 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center

(Item IX) Items for next meeting
Regular Meeting:
• Bill Reader for May-Bauman
• Bill Reader for June-B Borrell
• Bill Reader for July-J Borrell
• Leave/Resignations/Retirements
• Employment Recommendations
• Approve Second Reading of Policies
• Approve First Reading of Policies
• Monthly Budget Report
• Approve the 2026-27 Proposed Budget
• Parent/School Involvement Plans-June
• Approve Estimates-Fuel, Garbage, Milk, Bread
• Approve Language Access Plan
• Review/Approve Additional Food Service Position
• Approve Overnight Field Trip Requests
• International Trip Recap

B Borrell adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk