REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2026

The Monday, May 11, 2026 Regular School Board meeting of Independent School Dist. #2687 (Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted) was called to order at 6:31 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: B Diers, A Grosshuesch and J Peterson. Also present were Superintendent Dan Edwards, Business Manager Megan Tormanen, Principals Stephanie Kuehn, Jim Schimelpfenig, and Jennifer Olson, and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

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

(Item V) There were no questions or comments from visitors.

(Item VI) Koch recommended approval of the consent agenda; Puncochar seconded; passed unanimously.
The consent agenda included the Investigation Agreement for personnel services, April 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes, May 4, 2026 Work Session Meeting minutes, bills, monthly treasurer report, April 2026 enrollment, the resignations of **Cindy Laxen** as a middle school para effective the end of the 2025-26 school year, the employment recommendation of **Caitlyn Shaw** as 8th Grade Math, the second reading and approval 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, **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, and the Elementary Laker Newsletter and Teaching Today, Spring 2026.

(Item VII, Subd. A) George Montgomery and student Clare Dressel gave a recap of a recent international field trip they both attended with other students and chaperones.

(Item VII, Subd. B) Superintendent Edwards, Business Manager Megan Tormanen and the Budget Committee reviewed the proposed 2026-27 budget which was presented at the May 4, 2026, work session. Tormanen reviewed items that were adjusted from the prior information. Tormanen indicated the district will be deficit spending by $123,884.

Puncochar recommended approval of the 2026-27 budget; Mulvihill seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. C) Food Service Director, Michelle Johnson, reviewed her request for an additional position within the food service department starting in the 2026-27 school year.

Marketon recommended approval of the additional position for food service; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. D) Business Manager, Megan Tormanen, reviewed the estimates for garbage, fuel, milk and bread and recommended approving contracts for 2026-27 school year with Mumford Sanitation for district-wide waste removal and recycling; and Mid-County Coop for fuel; Pan O Gold as our bread vendor and Kemps/St. Paul Beverage Solutions as our milk vendor.

Koch recommended approval of Mumford Sanitation, Mid-County Coop, Pan O Gold and Kemps/St.Paul Beverage Solutions as our vendors for the 2026-2027 school year; J Borrell seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. E) Superintendent Edwards reviewed the Language Access Plan.

J Borrell recommended approval of the Language Access Plan; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. F) Superintendent Edwards reviewed the two overnight field trip requests.

Marketon recommended approval of the overnight student trip for high School Grades 10-12 to France & Italy March 23 - April 3, 2028; High School Band & Choir trip to Nashville TN March 16-21, 2027; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. G) B Borrell read the donations.

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

(Item VII, Subd. H) B Borrell indicated the Work Session agenda item is to review the results from the Studer Stakeholder Survey.

Bauman recommended approval of the items for the work session; Puncochar seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. I) Board members verbally recognized positive things in the district.
Bauman recognized Jennifer Borrell and Mrs Roemer for volunteering their time for students in grades four through six to experience track and field.

Peterson recognized Mr. Puncochar, Ms. Main, Dr. Edwards and Dr. Kuehn for their help with planning senior activities.

Grosshuesch recognized Ms. Feldman who was recently hired as an Ag Teacher and advisor.

Diers recognized the entire track and field program for an amazing year.

Marketon recognized the teachers, staff and chaperones who are part of the overnight trips and international trips for helping to provide a wonderful experience for our students.

J Borrell recognized the grade level transition team and the process that has taken us to the moving that will happen this summer.

Puncochar recognized Mrs. Murphy and all those who helped with the Humphrey Elementary track and field day, it was a wonderful experience. Puncochar also recognized those who helped with rescheduling the kindergarten celebration as well.

Koch recognized Mrs. Freidrichs on her class about Minnesota Authors and the opportunity she provides for them.

Mulvihill recognized the FFA plant sale and for the staff at Wright Choice who help when students may be struggling.

B Borrell recognized those who helped with the FFA plant sale, the Humphrey Elementary track and field day, and also for those who helped with the fifth-grade student tour today.

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

- A clarification regarding the senior prank, we worked in partnership with seniors, helping guide and coaching them through their plans.
- We appreciate the work and conversation around the multi-year approach to the budget.
- We encourage and enjoy seeing community and family engagement with the school, particularly at so many end of the year activities.
- We are starting to plan for workshop week in the fall and the literacy curriculum will be a big part of it.

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

- There were a number of fine arts and sport activities happening.
- Thank you to the Prom Committee, students and staff.
- Academic awards day will be Wednesday at 2pm and Friday we will have a Hall of Fame induction ceremony and our activity awards night.
- We are excited about the school base grant that we received and look forward to what Melissa Hendrickson has in store.
- The FFA Chapter banquet was very well done as always.

Principal Olson reported:

- There are many activities happening at the elementary schools, walk to school day, field days, field trips, etc.
- There is open house tonight regarding band.
- The fourth grade will be attending the annual fishing expo on Wednesday.
- Ms. Kalvig's final kindergarten program will be next week.
- The end of the year assembly is June 3.

Principal Schimelpfenig reported:

- Testing is completed, however we will not know reading results until the fall.
- Fifth grade will be going to Ney Park, eighth grade will be going to ValleyFair, and the fourth grade visited the middle school today.
- During our final day assembly we will have a slide show and some students will read essays.
- Thank you to the Laker PTA for their support in recognizing staff with supplies and refreshments.

(Item VIII, Subd. C) Student representatives gave a brief report.

Grosshuesch reported that the FFA is working on driving your tractor or antique vehicle to school day for May 21.

Diers reported concern that over the past years students were not sure how to express their concerns to leadership. Diers would like to create a system to gather feedback throughout the year.

Grosshuesch reported that students are concerned about the lack of hygiene products available to students.

Peterson reported seniors and juniors have brought to her attention a request to decorate graduation caps. Peterson indicated it would give students the opportunity to express themselves.

Superintendent Edwards emphasized that we appreciate the perspective that is shared by the student representatives, and that we will have follow up conversations related to these items.

(Item VIII, Subd. D) B Borrell indicated there is a school board committee report to review.

(Item VIII, Subd. E) Upcoming Board Member Event Appearances:
High School Academic Awards May 13 at 2-3pm
High School Awards Night & Hall of Fame Induction May 15
Graduation May 31-HLWW High School @ 2pm
Staff Service Award Ceremony June 4 @ 2pm HLWW High School Auditorium

(Item IX) Next Meeting Dates:
Work Session Meeting- <u>Tuesday</u>, May 26, 2026 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center
Regular Board Meeting-Monday, June 8, 2026 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center

B Borrell indicated that he would be absent for the May 26, 2026 Work Session, and Marketon also indicated he may be absent from the Work Session meeting.

(Item X) Items for next meeting
Work Session:
• Discuss Studer stake holder results

Regular Meeting:
• Bill Reader for June-B Borrell
• Bill Reader for July-J Borrell
• Review/Approve Parent/School Involvement Plans
• Q Comp Presentation
• Leave/Resignations/Retirements
• Employment Recommendations
• Approve Work Comp Carrier
• Approve First Reading of Policies
• Approve Treasurer Report-January, April, July, October
• Monthly Budget Report
• Review School Improvement Plans
• Approve MN State High School League Resolution
• Re-certify District population (annual update)

B Borrell adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk