REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 10, 2026

The Monday, August 10, 2026 Regular School Board meeting of Independent School Dist. #2687 (Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted) was called to order at 6:31 pm. by Vice Chairperson Mulvihill. After the pledge of allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present:, Koch, Bauman, Marketon, Mulvihill and Puncochar; absent: B Borrell and J Borrell. Also present were Superintendent Dan Edwards, Principals Stephanie Kuehn, Jim Schimelpfenig, and Jennifer Olson, and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

(Item IV) Mulvihill indicated we need to remove Item C-Approval of Employee Contracts, and there is an additional hire for the consent agenda.

Puncochar recommended approval of the agenda as amended; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

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

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

The consent agenda included the July 13, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes, P-Card, July Bills, August 10, 2026 Check Register, monthly treasurer report, the following resignations: **Ann Lammers**-Winsted Elementary Special Ed Para effective July 15, 2026, **Erin Schumm**-Humphrey Elementary Special Ed Para effective immediately, **Makayla Bogema**-Humphrey Elementary Special Ed Para effective immediately, **Karrie Jo Schmidt**-Food Service Cook at St James effective immediately, the following employment recommendations: **Kylee Fie** as a Middle School Special Education Teacher effective the 2026-27 school year replacing Mikayla Haney, **Danielle Noethe** as Winsted Elementary Secretary effective August 10, 2026 replacing Terry Knuth, **Dan Johnston** as Humphrey Elementary Lead Custodian effective August 3, 2026 replacing Jim Parkin, additional hire, **Jennifer Wheeler**-SEAT position replacing Sharon Christianson effective the 2026-27 school year, and the additional fall coaching staff.

(Item VII, Subd. A) Rachel Bender, Community Education Director, reviewed the request for a Laker Care Lead position at Humphrey Elementary due to Lake Care being located at that site.

Marketon recommended approval of the Laker Care Lead position at Humphrey Elementary; Puncochar seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. B) Superintendent Edwards reviewed information about students school board representatives. Edwards indicated that we have one student identified, and the other two will be identified after school starts and we should have them in place by October.

(Item VII, Subd. C) Removed.

(Item VII, Subd. D) Superintendent Edwards indicated that annual policies only need one reading before they can be approved since they are reviewed annually, and the committee recommends approval of the following annual policies: 506-Student Discipline, 722-Public Data

Requests, and 806-Crisis Management Policy. Edwards also indicated that the Policy Committee is reviewing the list and recommends the first reading of the following policies: 208-Development, Adoption & Implementation of Policies, 518-DNR-DNI Orders, 605-Alternative Programs, 608-Instructional Services-Special Education to be reviewed as a first reading.

Bauman recommended approval of the annual policies 506-Student Discipline, 722-Public Data Requests, and 806-Crisis Management Policy; Koch seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. E) Mulvihill read the donations.

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

(Item VII, Subd. F) Superintendent Edwards gave a brief update related to the upcoming constitutional amendment for permanent school funding. Edwards indicated that the question will be on the back of the ballot, so we want to get the word out to turn the ballot over. Edwards indicated this will result in no new taxes and could mean an additional $35,000-$40,000 for our district.

(Item VII, Subd. G) Mulvihill reviewed the following work session agenda items:

- Preliminary review of Facility Audit Results
- Review Draft of School Continuous Improvement Plans
- Review Secondary Schedule Committee Update

Koch recommended adding discussing the Superintendent Evaluation and any contract approvals.

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

(Item VII, Subd. H) Board members verbally recognized positive things in the district

Bauman recognized the HLWW Theater Boosters who had six phenomenal shows, and the new Gymnastics Coach Kasey.

Marketon recognized Joe Puncochar and everyone who helped put the golf fundraiser together.

Koch recognized all those who help make all the things happen during the summer.

Puncochar recognized Shannah Mulvihill for helping get our brand out in public, especially during the local parades; and for all those who help with the Laker Care program.

Mulvihill recognized all those who participated in the local parades for the school, and for Joe Puncochar who applied for a TMobile grant which the school may be eligible for additional funding based on fan participation.

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

- We will be implementing our new K-8 Literacy Curriculum this year.
- We are watching our enrollment closely.
- We are continuing to engage with students and families during the summer and we will be starting fall activities in two weeks.
- The district leadership team met last week for a retreat and our theme for this year will be "HLWW: At Our Best."

(Item VIII, Subd. B) Principal Kuehn reported:

- We recognize Joe and Sandy for inventorying all the new curriculum and moving it to classrooms.

Principal Olson reported:

- Elementary student assignments will be mailed, and electronic communication will be sent out this week.
- We are adding a fall elementary parent teacher conference night. Winsted conferences will be the same November 19 and 23, and Humphrey conferences will be November 23 and 24.

Principal Schimelpfenig reported:

- On August 17 the middle school math teachers will take part in a math data retreat.
- The middle school has all the teacher positions filled and we are working on finalizing our para positions.
- Workshop week we will be training our K-8 reading and language arts teachers on the new curriculum.

(Item VIII, Subd. C) There are no written school board committee reports.
Puncochar reported the Budget Committee reviewed enrollment and kindergarten classes.

(Item VIII, Subd. D) Upcoming Board Member Event Appearances:
Calendar Link
HLWW Summer Parades:

- Winsted Parade: Saturday, August 8 @ 6:30PM

New Teacher Workshop August 19 (tour at 4pm, meal at 5:30pm) New Teacher Workshop August 20-during the day
Back to school workshop days August 24-27
Middle School Open House August 26 from 4:30-7:30pm
High School Open House August 26 from 5-7pm
Elementary Welcome Back Days September 1-2
Leaders in Education Excellence (LEEA) September 30-Resource Training @ 4:30pm
Educational Support Staff (ESS) October 28-Resource Training @ 4:30pm
Students of Excellence April 21-Resource Training @ 4:30pm
Graduation May 22, 2027

Superintendent Edwards indicated that we would work on solidifying the time for graduation in the next few weeks to a month.

(Item IX) Next Meeting Dates:
Work Session Meeting-August 24, 2026 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center
Regular Board Meeting-September 14, 2026 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center

(Item X) Items for next meeting
Work Session:
• Discuss Preliminary review of Facility Audit Results
• Review Draft of School Continuous Improvement Plans
• Update from Secondary Schedule Committee
• Discuss Superintendent Evaluation
• Approve Employee Contracts

Regular Meeting:
• Bill Reader for September-Marketon
• Bill Reader for October-Mulvihill
• Bill Reader for November-Puncochar
• Bill Reader for December-Bauman
• Approve Employee Contracts
• 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
• Approve Proposed 2026 Pay 2027 Levy Certification

Mulvihill adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk