

- I. The regular meeting of the Watertown-Mayer School Board in the Watertown City Hall on Monday, February 24, 2025 was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chair Hunter Feldt. Board members present: Feldt, Burns, Danielson, Schulz, Guetzkow, Neaton, and Onell. Board members absent: None. Administrative team members present: Superintendent Schuler, SPED Director Peyton, CE Director Dimmler, Director of Teaching & Learning Vieau, and Activities Director Szymanski. Absent: HS Principal Hennen, MS Principal Guertin, and ES Principal O'Connell.

**Public Comments:** No public comments at this time.

- II. **Visitor requests and consideration of the agenda.** Visitor MMS (Motion made and Seconded by) Danielson and Neaton to approve the agenda as presented. Passes 7-0.

III. **Consent Agenda**

MMS Burns and Guetzkow to approve the following consent agenda items: Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 27, 2025; Personnel Consent Agenda; and Business Consent Agenda. Passes 7-0.

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

- A. Activities Director Szymanski recognized Lonnie Gilbert for being named the Section 17A Triple 'A' Champion and William Mandt for being named a finalist for the MSHSL ExCEL Award.
- B. WMHS Student Council Co-Presidents Grant Pogreba and Lonnie Gilbert gave high school student council updates demonstrating how they have collaborated with the community, provided in-school support to students and student groups, facilitated annual events, and recent changes in the organization of the council. Questions were asked and answered. WM School Board acknowledged and thanked Co-Presidents for all their hard work in supporting the district's vision.

V. **Action Items -**

- A. MMS Danielson and Guetzkow to approve the Acknowledgement of Donation, Contributions, & Fundraising (Resolution 25.17). Passes 7-0.
- B. MMS Burns and Onell to approve the rescission of Policy 522 adopted on September 23, 2025 and reenactment of the January 23rd version of Policy 522 with slight amendments approved by the Policy committee. Passes 7-0.
- C. MMS Feldt and Schulz to approve the second and final read of district policy:

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| <a href="#">Policy 613</a> | GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS |
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Passes 7-0.

VI. **Review/ Information Items:**

- A. Mr. Schuler gave a verbal update regarding the discussions held during a recent facilities meeting. In an effort to spend down the last of the bond monies, they are looking at doing an evaluation of the middle school HVAC system which is the original system installed. They are also taking a look again at getting an audit of the geothermal system. The LED lighting project is complete at the CLC with significant lighting improvement and the HS LED lighting upgrade project should be completed over the next few weeks. Also

discussed was the use of LTFM funds to update the fire panel at the ES, get an air conditioner update for the ES server room, PAC elevator repairs, and PAC sound and technology upgrades.

- B. Mr. Schuler gave the board his strategic plan update, highlighting Partnerships with the upcoming Parent Resource Night with the focus on parenting teens on March 13th and the most recent Royal Roundup Update that went out recently.

## **VII. Administrative Reports**

Teaching & Learning Director Vieau gave a verbal report on behalf of HS Principal Hennen. He reported that 95% of the students have completed their registration requests. He notes that Art has had significant increases in requests and CIS classes continue to be in high demand.

Teaching & Learning Director Vieau gave a verbal report on behalf of MS Principal Guertin. He reported that MS staff have not been satisfied with the results of testing from fall to winter as they would want. The teams of teachers are cross training with elementary teachers to work on different strategies to use in helping to reach their goals for their students. Mr. Vieau reported that Mr. Guertin continues to work with Mr. Hennen regarding the new schedule for next year and wanted to give a shout-out to the WMMS PTO for providing dinner for the teachers during conferences from local restaurant, LaCatrina.

Teaching & Learning Director Vieau gave his verbal report in the form of a presentation full of Winter Data Updates. He noted that overall, growth has been above expectations in both reading and math and that, based on data, students who were enrolled in the WM Pre-K scored more than 5% higher in the fall Kindergarten screener than students with no Pre-K.

Superintendent Schuler gave a verbal report on behalf of ES Principal O'Connell. He noted that Ms. O'Connell is participating in the Principal Academy that meets 2 days each month specifically geared for professional development of new principals. This academy is run by the University of Minnesota. At the present time, 40 students are registered for Kindergarten next year, and they continue to reach out to those who attended the open house to encourage the completion of registration. The elementary school is also currently celebrating I Love to Read Month and will host a family engagement evening this coming Thursday in celebration of their theme.

CE Dimmler gave greater details regarding the upcoming FREE Parent Education Night -'Parenting Today's Teens - Let's Talk'. Parents will be able to pick out what sessions they would like to attend and include topics re: vaping, online safety & cyberbullying, drug trends, and mental health/ suicide. Carver County Mental Health and the local Gather & Grow food shelf will also be on site to provide information about community support for families. Childcare for this event will be provided for free by members of WMHS National Honor Society. Ms. Dimmler reported that the

Summer Catalog is complete and is off to print. Registration opens on March 31st for summer CE opportunities. Preschool updates were given with 72 students registered for just Young Royals Preschool and 23 for the combined Young Royals/ childcare option.

Superintendent Schuler reported on the successful winter athletic seasons with both gymnastics (11 years in a row) and wrestling (qualifying 3 out of the past 4 years) making state appearances, and boys swimming and basketball heading into section competition. He also noted the success of BPA and Mock Trial who are also gearing up for state competition as well as the Polar Plunge happening this coming Friday. Supt. Schuler noted that Rep. Myers will be coming out to visit the elementary school. He looks forward to the opportunity to showcase the successes here at WM as well as share with Rep. Myers concerns regarding legislative decisions at hand. All board members are invited to be a part of this visit.

**VIII. Board Member Reports**

Clerk Danielson gave verbal updates regarding Marketing & Communication and the District Advisory Committees, Vice Chair Burns noted that the Personnel committee has received notice for negotiation from the paraprofessional and teacher groups, Treasurer Schulz discussed recent activity on the SW Metro Intermediate Board, and Chair Feldt discussed recent activities of the finance, community education advisory board and his work with MSBA. Chair Feldt noted the invitation for all board members to attend the Day at the Capitol event on March 10th and to RSVP to Heather Heun to register.

**IX. Adjournment**

MMS Danielson and Neaton to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM and was duly passed.

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