

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 10, 2025

HLWW High School Media Center

The Monday, February 10, 2025 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 and J Borrell; absent: Puncochar. Also present were Superintendent Nate Walbruch, 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) There were no questions or comments from visitors.

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

The consent agenda included the January 6, 2025, Organizational/Regular Board meeting minutes, January 27, 2025, Work Session meeting minutes, bills, the monthly treasurer report, January 2025 enrollment, and the employment recommendations for **Rylie Kadlec** as a Humphrey Elementary Para effective January 27, 2025 replacing Brynna Bakken; **Amy Theisen** as a Winsted Elementary Para effective January 10, 2025 replacing Stacy Boonstra; **Hannah Williams** as a Winsted Elementary Para effective February 3, 2025 replacing an open position- however it is a new position at Winsted Elementary; **Ricsy Tabora** as a Laker Care Assistant effective February 3, 2025 replacing high school students, the Elementary Laker Newsletter and a Resource Training & Solutions Board of Directors Election Ballot.

(Item VII, Subd. A) The School District Nurse, Morgan Johnson, gave an update about the nurse/health office department. Johnson indicated the district has had an increase in more complex health conditions for students compared to last year, however the staff is handling it well. Johnson also indicated she is looking into the possibility of starting to replace some screening equipment that is getting outdated.

(Item VII, Subd. B) Koch recommended approval of the Spring 2025 Coaching Staff; Markson seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. C) Superintendent Walbruch gave an update about the grade level transition team. Walbruch indicated the team has 10 members on it and they will reach out to others when needed throughout the process. Walbruch reported the teams first decision is to decide which grades will go to which building, which they hope to decide by the end of the school year.

(Item VII, Subd. D) Mulvihill recommended approval of the resolution accepting donations; Koch seconded; those in favor: Marketon, Bauman, Koch, J Borrell, Mulvihill and B Borrell; those opposed: none; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. E) Chairman B Borrell indicated we are recommending moving the March work session to the following Monday due to spring break. B Borrell indicated he is aware that

Mulvihill will not be able to attend but asked if there were any others. There were no other members who indicated they would not be able to attend the work session the following week.

Marketon recommended approval of the date change for the March work session; Koch seconded; passed unanimously.

Superintendent Walbruch also indicated that he will move the Buildings and Grounds meeting to March 31, 2025 as well.

(Item VII, Subd. F) B Borrell reviewed the topics for the Work Session Agenda which included:

- Possible Discuss/Review the Revised 2024-25 Budget
- Board Member Recognition/Shout Outs
- Transition team update
- Policy 522 update

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

(Item VII, Subd. G) Each board member gave positive affirmation about things happening in the district.

J Borrell reported when he subbed last week for Seena Glessing the student teacher, Reid Bakeberg, did a great job helping in the classroom.

Koch reported Sarah Baxter, a middle school science teacher, is a great role model for students, especially young women.

Bauman reported Ms. Murphy, an elementary phy ed teacher, has allowed jumping rope as an alternative to going outside for recess; and the bus garage and bus drivers were able to drop off her student earlier than scheduled because the student wasn't feeling well.

Marketon reported he attended a gymnastics meet recently and was impressed with the sportsmanship and general connection between the students and coaches.

Mulvihill reported she attended the Ag expo in Mankato, and she spoke to many county commissioners who were impressed with our school districts Ag/FFA Program.

B Borrell reported that the Girls Basketball team had a big win last week.

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

- The video board will be installed within the next six weeks and the content will be managed by students. Thank you to all those who contributed to help make this video board possible.
- Principal Olson was recognized for a second year in a row at the MESPYP award ceremony last week. Congratulations to Principal Olson for her leadership and her team.

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

- Testing season planning has begun, and teachers will be using the Fastbridge data to plan and implement interventions for students.
- The middle school will be recognizing Wellness week, February 24-28, 2025 and we will end the week with an activity night on that Friday.
- March 7, 2025, will be our packaging fundraiser for Food for Kidz
- Student led conferences will be February 20 and 24 along with a Scholastic Book Fair.
- Two weeks ago we had the Deputy Commissioner of Education Graff at our district for about an hour and a half.
- This Friday Representative Joe McDonald will join us for a couple of hours for “principal for a day”. State Senator Anderson has declined to join us over the past several years.

Principal Olson reported:

- We are holding conferences this week centered around learning, safety and belonging.
- We are working on training staff for testing season.
- Communications have been sent out for kindergarten enrollments for the fall, registration will be March 4 at Winsted Elementary and March 11 at Humphrey Elementary.
- There was a safe schools meeting which focused on mental health.
- As the district homeless liaison, there has been an increase state wide of homelessness.

Principal Kuehn reported:

- Laker Panty and Laker Locker-community service club completed packaging for Feed my Starving Children and packaged 135 boxes containing 36 meals each.
- We are starting conversations about scholarships and starting to plan for the next school year.
- Principal Kuehn and Jen Borrell will be traveling to Sioux Falls to attend a job fair to showcase our school district.

(Item VIII, Subd. C) B Borrell indicated there are a number of school board committee reports.

(Item VIII, Subd. D) Upcoming Board Member Event Appearances:

Calendar Link

Winsted Elm Family Movie Night February 7, 2025-Winsted Elementary @5:45pm

Humphrey Elm Grades 3-4 Music Program, February 13, 2025 @HLWW HS Auditorium 1 & 7pm

Winsted Elm Grades 1-2 Music Program, March 6, 2025 @HLWW HS Auditorium 1 & 7pm

Students of Excellence April 23, 2025-Resource Training @ 4:30pm

(Item IX) Next Meeting Dates:

Work Session Meeting- February 24, 2025 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center

Regular Board Meeting-March 10, 2025 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center

(Item X) Items for next meeting

Work Session:

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- Policy 522 update

Regular Meeting:

- Bill Reader for March-Bauman
- Bill Reader for April-B Borrell
- Bill Reader for May-J Borrell
- Department Report-Joe Puncochar-Activities Director
- Recognition's
- Leave/Resignations/Retirements
- Employment Recommendations
- Approve Treasurer Report-January, April, July, October
- Monthly Budget Report
- Approve American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) report
- Possible Approval of the Revised 2024-25 Budget

B Borrell adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk