

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, November 10, 2025**

The Monday, November 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, Puncochar and J Borrell; absent: Mulvihill. Also present were Superintendent Dan Edwards, Principals Stephanie Kuehn and Jennifer Olson, Business Manager Megan Tormanen, and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

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

**(Item V)** Dwayne Diers expressed concern about HLWW not complying with Title IX for sports. Diers asked why HLWW has not complied with Title IX.

B Borrell thanked Mr. Diers for his comments and explained that the board takes the questions and comments from the public and will respond separately if necessary.

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

The consent agenda included the October 6, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes, October 20, 2025 Work Session meeting minutes, bills, treasurer report, enrollment, the employment recommendation of **Richard Sorensen** as a paraprofessional effective November 4, 2025 replacing Raja Ellman, the additional winter coaching staff, the second reading and approval of the following policies: 507.5- School Resource Officers and 524.5-Personal Electronic Communication Devices, and the Elementary Laker Newsletter.

**(Item VII, Subd. A)** Aaron Dahl, audit manager from Bergan KDV, presented and reviewed the 2024-25 Audit. Superintendent Edwards reported the audit report is a month earlier this year than we've had in the past and thanked Megan Tormanen and all the staff who assisted in a successful audit.

J Borrell recommended approval of 2024-25 Audit; Puncochar seconded; passed unanimously.

**(Item VII, Subd. B)** Erin Kutz, Flagship Insurance Representative, reviewed the additional three new offers for the property and casualty insurance renewal.

Marketon recommended approval of renewing coverage with Hanover as quoted, including the \$1 million umbrella policy, and renewing coverage with Beazley for Cyber Liability; J Borrell seconded; passed unanimously.

**(Item VII, Subd. C)** Marketon reviewed the information regarding the selection of the student representative from the school board members.

Koch recommended approval of student representative, Arianna Grosshuesch, to serve as one of the non-voting members on the school board; Bauman seconded; motion carried

**(Item VII, Subd. D)** B Borrell reviewed the two trip requests.

J Borrell recommended approval of the overnight student trip for High School FFA students for October 28, 2025 to Indianapolis IN; and high school DECA students for November 20-24, 2025 to Arlington VA; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

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

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

**(Item VII, Subd. F)** B Borrell indicated the following items are on the work session agenda:

- Review/Discuss Superintendent Transition with MSBA
- Induction of Student School Board Representatives

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

**(Item VII, Subd. G)** Board members verbally recognize positive things in the district.

J Borrell recognized the Volleyball team making it to the state tournament, and the section finals was also a great game.

Puncochar recognized it was great to see the community's support.

Koch recognized the Volleyball team and all those who made it possible, including the pep band being able to attend and moving around the play practices.

Bauman recognized the Lakers Rolls gatherings and all those who helped put them together, the PTA support of the movie night, it was fun to see the schools coming together.

Marketon recognized Megan Tormanen for the audit work and Dr. Edwards, and the Volleyball team and all those behind the scenes including those who drove the fire trucks.

J Borrell recognized all the activities and boosters who used funds to pay for fan buses to transport students to the state volleyball tournament.

B Borrell recognized those who helped put on the Lakers watch party at the last minute, and Hailey Krueger for coaching the players, and for Megan Tormanen's work on the audit.

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

- The sense of community pride.
- We are hitting all the focus areas of the strategic plan, and great behind the scenes work happening.
- We are more than a quarter way thru the school year.

**(Item VIII, Subd. B)** Principal Olson reported:

- We are preparing for conferences
- We have VIP breakfasts this week Wednesday and Thursday.
- The PTA move night had about 100 attendees.

Koch indicated she loved the videos that Winsted has been doing.

**(Item VIII, Subd. C)** B Borrell indicated there were no school board committee reports. Puncoschar reported there has been important work happening in the Budget Committee and we plan to meet again in December to review the budget.

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

**Calendar Link**

Educational Support Staff (ESS) November 19-Resource Training @ 4:30pm

Students of Excellence April 22-Resource Training @ 4:30pm

**(Item IX) Next Meeting Dates:**

**Work Session Meeting- November 17, 2025 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center**

**Truth in Taxation Hearing-December 8, 2025 6:30pm HLWW HS Media Center**

**Regular Board Meeting-December 15, 2025 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center**

**(Item X) Items for next meeting**

Work Session:

- Review/Discuss Superintendent Transition with MSBA
- Possible Induction of Student School Board Representatives

Regular Meeting:

- Conduct Truth in Taxation Hearing December 8
- Bill Reader for December-J Borrell
- Bill Reader for January-Koch
- Approve Final Levy Limitation Certification
- Approve Combined Polling Site Resolution
- 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

B Borrell adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk