

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 6, 2025

The Monday, October 6, 2025 Regular School Board meeting of Independent School Dist. #2687 (Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted) was called to order at 6:30 pm. by Vice Chairperson Mulvihill. After the pledge of allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: Koch, Bauman, Marketon, Mulvihill, and J Borrell; absent: B Borrell; Puncochar. Also present were Superintendent Dan Edwards Ed. D, Principals Stephanie Kuehn, Jim Schimelpfenig, and Jennifer Olson, and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

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

(Item V) Vice Chairperson Mulvihill reviewed the process for visitors to speak during the questions or comments item on the agenda.

Dwayne Diers expressed concern about the FFA and Ag programs at the district.

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

The consent agenda included the following:

- September 8, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes
- September 22, 2025 Work Session meeting minutes
- Bills
- September 2025 enrollment
- The resignation of **Diane Odenbrett** as a Food Service Satellite Cook at St James effective September 30, 2025
- The employment of **KarrieJo Schmidt** as a Food Service Satellite Cook at St James effective October 1, 2025 replacing Diane Odenbrett; and the following lane changes: **Sarah Baxter** from MA20-MA30 & MA30-MA40; **Brandi Bresnahan** from MA-MA10; **Kortney Carlson** from MA-MA10; **Leisha Diers** from BA20-MA; **Aaron Duske** from BA-BA10; **Stafanie Gunderson** from MA-MA10; **Heather Johnson** from MA20-MA30; **Kayla Myhre** from MA-MA10; **Bernice Pehl** from MA10-MA20; **Paula Timm** from MA20-MA40; and **Emily Wadman** from BA10-BA20
- Elementary Laker News October Newsletter

(Item VII, Subd. A) Kelli Westling, Assessment Coordinator, reviewed the Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness information. Superintendent Edwards reminded the board this replaced the World's Best Work Force program.

(Item VII, Subd. B) Superintendent Edwards reviewed the Achievement & Integration Plan for 2024-25.

(Item VII, Subd. C) Superintendent Edwards reviewed the information about the coop for wrestling.

Marketon recommended approval of a coop for wrestling with Holy Trinity; Koch seconded; those in favor: J Borrell Koch, Bauman, Marketon and Mulvihill; opposed: none; passed

unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. D) Koch recommended approval of the winter coaching staff; Marketon seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. E) Megan Tormanen, Business Manager, reviewed and recommended the treasurer report for approval.

Bauman recommended approval of the treasurer report; Koch seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. F) Mulvihill reviewed the information for a student representative to the school board.

Bauman recommended approval of student representative(s) guidelines for students to serve as non-voting members on the school board; Koch seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. G) Superintendent Edwards indicated that the districts contract with MSBA for the new superintendent included a transition segment.

Marketon recommended approval to work with MSBA regarding the transition of the new superintendent with a tentative date November 17; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. H) Mulvihill read the donations. Marketon recommended the approval of the resolution accepting donations; Koch seconded; those in favor: Marketon, Bauman, Koch, J Borrell and Mulvihill; passed unanimously.

(Item VII, Subd. I) Mulvihill indicated the Policy Committee recommends the first reading of policies: 507.5-School Resource Officers and 524.5-Personal Electronic Communication Device

(Item VII, Subd. J) Mulvihill reported the following items will be on the work session agenda:

- Review/Approve Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal
- Approve Resignation
- Approve MSHSL Resolutions
- Facility Audit Update

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

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

Koch recognized Kelli Westling for the work she has done presenting the CACR report at the District Leadership Team meeting.

Bauman recognized her student has said Mrs Hauseman makes labs fun and Mrs Bobrowske was understanding when her student made a joke during a recent fire drill.

Marketon recognized it was nice to see we had a Cross Country meet at home.

J Borrell recognized Mrs Baxter for keeping her students engaged.

Mulvihill recognized that it is nice to have a board that works together and maintains a positive environment.

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

- We are learning more and more about our FastBridge testing results.
- We are continuing to review the enrollment data for this year
- We are continuing to review facility audit vendors.
- Thank you to Brian Marketon for serving on the FFA Advisory Council.
- We will be focusing on reviewing data from our FastBridget testing at our first late start.

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

- The homecoming king is Timmy Weber, Queen Ava Fiecke, Prince Lane Tussing and Princess Yami Blas.
- We are looking at course offerings
- We are looking to send our a survey to area businesses to determine local needs for skills and opportunities.
- We are working with Wright Tech to focus on areas of certification and offer two tier programs

Principal Schimelpfenig reported:

- FastBridge testing is completed, and we will be using that to plan for interventions
- The first fall activity night will be Friday October 24, and all proceeds will go to our Food For Kidz initiative.
- We had our first “Laker’s Roll” event on September 19th with our fifth graders and about 50 parents. The next event will be October 3rd for the seventh graders.
- Conferences will be October 13 from 4-7pm
- Our first monthly newsletter went out on September 17, and received positive feedback.

Principal Olson reported:

- FastBridge testing is completed, data has been reviewed and intervention/extension groups have been under way.
- We are looking to modify our homecoming pep fest due to the late start.
- The transition team met last week regarding the K-2 and 3-4 campus. Our next meeting will be early December
- The PTA is growing and have a meeting on Thursday evening, they will have a homecoming presence and will offer micro grants for the elementary for things like flexible seating, fidgets, etc.
- We will hold our National Walk to School Day Wednesday leaving from Glens in Winsted and City Hall in Waverly.

(Item VIII, Subd. C) Mulvihill indicated there are four committee reports to review. Koch indicated we are supposed to have a student representative on the teaching and learning committee and said it would be a great opportunity for our new student board representatives to participate in.

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

Calendar Link

Leaders in Education Excellence (LEEA) October 29-Resource Training @ 4:30pm

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- October 20, 2025 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center

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

(Item X) Items for next meeting

Work Session:

- Review/Approve Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal
- Approve Resignation
- Approve MSHSL Resolutions
- Facility Audit Update

Regular Meeting:

- Bill Reader for November- B Borrell
- Bill Reader for December- J Borrell
- 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 2024-25 Audit

Mulvihill adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk