

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING

Monday, June 23, 2025

The Monday, June 23, 2025 School Board Work Session meeting of Independent School Dist. #2687 (Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted) was called to order at 6:30 pm. by Chairperson B Borrell. After the pledge of allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: B Borrell, Koch, Bauman, Marketon, Mulvihill, Puncochar and J Borrell. Also present were Superintendent Nate Walbruch and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

(Item IV) Mulvihill recommended to amend the agenda by moving Item G the review and approval of the budget to Item B, after the department report; Puncochar seconded; Koch asked if this will negatively impact the agenda; the consensus of the board was it would not negatively impact the agenda; passed unanimously.

(Item V, Subd. A) Travis Eldred, Technology Director, gave an update on the technology department.

(Item V, Subd. B) Superintendent Walbruch and Megan Tormanen, Business Manager, reviewed the information for the 2025-26 budget. The board discussed the 2025-26 budget and recommended the budget committee to keep working on closing the deficit.

Marketon recommended approval of the 2025-26 Budget; Koch seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item V, Subd. C) Superintendent Walbruch and the Negotiations Committee recommended approval of an MOU with the Principals regarding the Read Act.

Puncochar recommended approval of the principal MOU; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item V, Subd. D) The administration recommends the approval of the following resignations: **Annette Hystad** as Winsted Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2025; **Sarah Mortensen** as Para effective June 30, 2025; and **Jim Weninger** as a .4 FTE High School Ag Teacher effective the end of August 2025; and the employment of **Peter Neuman** as the High School Choir Teacher effective the 2025-26 school year replacing Nancy Jo Goettl.

J Borrell recommended approval of the resignations for Annette Hystad, Sarah Mortensen and Jim Weninger and the employment of Peter Neuman; Puncochar seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item V, Subd. E) Superintendent Walbruch reviewed the request for the High School Band position and adding an in-house sub.

Marketon recommended approval of the increase to the high school band position and adding a part time in-house sub; J Borrell seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item V, Subd. F) Superintendent Walbruch reviewed the information for updating policy 721-Uniform Grant Guidance.

Puncochar recommended approval of Policy 721; Mulvihill seconded; passed unanimously.

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(Item V, Subd. G) Superintendent Walbruch and Business Manager Megan Tormanen recommended approval of the MAWSECO Lease Agreements.

Marketon recommended approval of the MAWSECO Lease Agreements; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

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

Bauman recognized Coach Carr who is running a camp for students over the summer.

Puncochar recognized and thanked Marketon for his assistance with the new exit at the high school/middle school site.

Koch recognized and thanked Superintendent Walbruch for his work at the district and sharing his family with us.

J Borrell recognized Mr. Weninger for his service to the district.

Marketon recognized the great group of students on the baseball team and thanked Superintendent Walbruch and his wife and kids for all the hard work he did in the district.

Mulvihill also recognized Mr. Weninger and the impact and contributions he has made to the students and district. Mulvihill also thanked Megan Tormanen for all her work on the five-year projection model of the budget.

B Borrell recognized the Community Education Summer Strength and Speed Training program. B Borrell also thanked Superintendent Walbruch as well.

(Item VI, Subd. A) Upcoming Board Member Event Appearances:
Calendar Link

New Teacher Workshop August 20-evening & 21-during the day

Back to school workshop days August 25-28

Elementary Welcome Back Days September 2-3

Leaders in Education Excellence (LEE) End of October-Resource Training @ 4:30pm

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

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

(Item VI, Subd. B) Puncochar presented Superintendent Walbruch with a plant and Laker Lane sign from the board members for his service in the district.

Superintendent Walbruch thanked the board members for welcoming him and his family to the district and indicated this position has meant so much to him and his family.

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(Item VII) Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Board Meeting-Monday July 14, 2025 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center

Regular Board Meeting-Monday August 11, 2025 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center

(Item VIII) Items for next meeting

Regular Meeting:

- Bill Reader for June-Koch
- Bill Reader for July-Marketon
- Bill Reader for August-Mulvihill
- Bill Reader for September-Puncochar
- Department Report-will restart in the fall
- Leave/Resignations/Retirements
- Employment Recommendations
- Approve First Reading of Policies
- Approve Treasurer Report-January, April, July, October
- Monthly Budget Report
- Review Handbook Changes/Approve August
- Review School Improvement Plans in August

B Borrell adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk