

**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**Monday, February 24, 2025**  
**HLWW High School Media Center**

The Monday February 24, 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, Puncochar and J Borrell; absent: Mulvihill. Also present were Superintendent Nate Walbruch and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

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

**(Item V, Subd. A)** Superintendent Walbruch reported we have been working on a revised budget, however it is not completed yet. Walbruch indicated we hope to have it for you at the March meeting.

**(Item V, Subd. B)** Superintendent Walbruch reviewed the policy changes for Title IX.

Puncochar recommended approval of the policy changes for Title IX; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

**(Item V, Subd. C)** Superintendent Walbruch gave an update about the grade level transition team. Walbruch reported the team plans to have the grade level decision by the end of the school year.

Puncochar asked if there was anything surprising or something that you haven't heard before. Walbruch reported a community member/staff person shared that the district has consistently moved buildings around to meet the needs of the district, and things have worked out in the past. Walbruch also reported that for HeadStart things used to be separate from other programming and now they want it combined.

Marketon asked if they are finding more positives than we had been aware of and what about the student enrollment. Walbruch reported that nothing specific jumps out. Walbruch also reported that Waverly has had the most increase in enrollment. Walbruch also reported that 10-15 years ago you used to be able to count on one in five homes built would have school age students, and now it is one in ten. Walbruch also reported that the team discussed furniture, building processes and Special Education programming.

J Borrell is it too early to tell if we are changing minds. Walbruch reported we have staff on the team that were not in favor of this direction, however they want to be part of making it the best that it can be.

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

J Borrell reported last week was FFA week, and it was a good event.

Bauman reported the Humprey music program was good. B Borrell agreed.

Koch reported that with both elementary schools having to deal with many leaves, the staff have been very supportive of one another. Koch also reported that the DECA program has students heading to State this week.

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Marketon reported that some people have said that even though the grade level decision was contentious, it is a good thing. Puncochar indicated that she has also had people share similar comments.

Puncochar reported that her family forgot to let their preschool teacher and transportation know of their daycare changes until the night before; however, the teacher and our transportation department made the changes quickly and everything was fine.

B Borrell reported that our athletic trainer is beyond helpful, and she does a great job communicating with parents. Borrell also reported the communication at the elementary school of the expectation for the E-Learning days was very thorough. B Borrell also reported that a long-time faculty member recently passed away, Steve Weber, we was a great guy and will be missed.

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

Winsted Elm Grades 1-2 Music Program, March 18, 2025(change) @ HLWW HS Auditorium 1 & 7pm

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

**(Item VI, Subd. B) B Borrell asked if there was anything new to report.**

Puncochar reported that she heard from others that HLWW has some really good stuff going on.

J Borrell asked if anyone else received a Watertown Mayer newsletter. Superintendent Walbruch indicated that they do a quarterly newsletter.

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

**Regular Board Meeting-Monday March 10, 2025 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center**  
**Work Session Meeting-Monday March 31, 2025 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center**

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

Regular Meeting:

- Bill Reader for February-Puncochar
- Bill Reader for March-Bauman
- Bill Reader for April-B Borrell
- Department Report-Activities
- Leave/Resignations/Retirements
- Employment Recommendations
- Approve Treasurer Report-January, April, July, October
- Monthly Budget Report
- Approve AIPAC Report (American Indian Parent Advisory Committee)
- Approve Revised 2024-25 Budget if needed

B Borrell adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk