

## **WORK SESSION MEETING**

**Monday, November 17, 2025**

The Monday, November 17, 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 Dan Edwards, Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley and student representatives Brycen Diers, Arianna Grosshuesch and Julianna Peterson.

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

**(Item V, Subd. A)** B Borrell welcomed the three non-voting student board representatives, Brycen Diers, Arianna Grosshuesch and Julianna Peterson, and proceeded to swear them into office.

**(Item V, Subd. B)** Superintendent Edwards reviewed the 2026-27 and 2027-28 proposed school calendars. Each board member gave their perspective on the proposed pre, and post Labor Day starts each year. The board plans to take action at the December 15, 2025, meeting.

**(Item V, Subd. C)** B Borrell reviewed the process for the 2026 school board committee meeting assignments. B Borrell indicated we will have a google form for members to complete and please also think about officer positions as well.

Mulvihill indicated the community relations committee is listed twice.

Koch indicated that the district advisory committee is now the teaching and learning committee.

J Borrell indicated to remove the wellness committee.

**(Item V, Subd. D)** Amy Jordan, from MSBA, reviewed information about the transition with the new superintendent. Jordan also discussed the superintendent goals already approved, key components of the superintendent evaluation process and the establishment of board goals to align the work.

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

Bauman indicated the musical was exciting and congratulated all those who participated in it.

Koch also indicated the fall musical was great and appreciated their flexibility around the volleyball schedule.

Puncochar also reported that the musical was awesome, and congratulated the three student representatives, and it was great to see many students participating in various activities.

Marketon reported he was impressed with the talent in our community and the community engagement in the musical.

Grosshuesch recognized the FFA Program, those who participated in the musical, and Dr Edwards who attended several activities.

Peterson recognized the FFA community for their engagement, the high school student council will be hosting an event December 13, and speech has an informational meeting Tuesday.

Mulvihill recognized the Veterans Day program, and indicated it was one of the bigger programs that we've had.

J Borrell recognized the FFA program is working hard with the Veterans Day breakfast and an upcoming blood drive, and asked that the acoustics in the gym be looked into.

B Borrell also recognized the musical, Veterans Day program and the flexibility of the coaches for the play.

Diers indicated there were 20 new MHS members inducted this year.

**(Item V, Subd. F) 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

Superintendent Edwards reported the MSBA Leadership Conference will be January 15-16, 2026

Superintendent Edwards reported he attended the MREA Conference.

Superintendent Edwards reported there is an MSBA sponsored student representative meeting in October that we will want to consider for next year.

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

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

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

**Regular Board Meeting-Monday January 12, 2026 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center**

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

Regular Meeting:

- Bill Reader for November-B Borrell
- Bill Reader for December-J Borrell
- Bill Reader for January-Koch
- Board Member Shout Outs
- Leave/Resignations/Retirements
- Employment Recommendations/Lane Changes
- Approve Second Reading of Policies
- Approve First Reading of Policies
- Approve Treasurer Report-January, April, July, October
- Monthly Budget Report
- Approve Final Levy Limitation Certification
- Approve Combined Polling Site Resolution
- Approve a Facility Audit company
- Review/Approve a 2026-27 and 2027-28 School Calendar
- Review a draft of a score card

Mulvihill reported that the Community Relations Committee is putting together a float to be part of the upcoming Winsted parade on December 6

Marketon asked if the middle school activity center lighting project was completed.

Superintendent Edwards reported it was completed last week.

Mulvihill reported that the Community Relations Committee will be recommending a website redesign, a consideration of a marketing and communications position, and a HLWW Family reunion event.

B Borrell adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk