

WORK SESSION MEETING
Monday, January 27, 2025
HLWW High School Media Center

The Monday, January 27, 2025, School Board Work Session meeting of Independent School Dist. #2687 (Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted) was called to order at 6:32 pm. by Chairperson B Borrell. After the pledge of allegiance, the roll was taken with the following members present: B Borrell, Koch, Bauman, Marketon, Mulvihill, J Borrell and Puncochar. Also present were Superintendent Nate Walbruch and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

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

(Item V, Subd. A) Superintendent Walbruch reviewed the Building Leadership Team memorandum of understanding.

Koch recommended approval of the Building Leadership Team MOU; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item V, Subd. B) Superintendent Walbruch reviewed the 2025-26 school calendar and other options the board proposed. Walbruch indicated when talking with teacher leadership they supported the 2025-26 calendar that was originally proposed.

Puncochar recommended approval of the 2025-26 school calendar; Bauman seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item V, Subd. C) Superintendent Walbruch reviewed and recommended the approval of the pay equity report.

J Borrell recommended approval of the pay equity report; Puncochar seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item V, Subd. D) Superintendent Walbruch and Business Manager Megan Tormanen reviewed information about the revised 2024-25 budget. Tormanen indicated she had met with Community Education Director Rachel Bender and Food Service Director Michelle Johnson and those budgets are looking good. Tormanen also indicated that we are waiting to hear from the state about special education funding, which we hope to know in the next few weeks. Tormanen also indicated she hopes to have the revised budget for review and approval at the February regular or work session meeting.

(Item V, Subd. E) Superintendent Walbruch reviewed information about the grade level transition team plan and that our goal is to have a meeting set up by the end of February.

(Item V, Subd. F) Superintendent Walbruch gave an update on the parking lot entrance project. Walbruch indicated the district is hoping to do this project in conjunction with the resurfacing on County Road 6 to help minimize the cost to the district.

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

Mulvihill reported the PTA's have been doing a lot of great work.

Bauman reported the fifth grade teachers were helpful and thoughtful towards her student who was getting stressed out because he was out ill and trying to keep up on classroom work.

J Borrell reported the Girls Basketball had been struggling this year but their encouragement towards each other and support of the staff and coaches have been great to see.

Koch reported the high school staff helped answer questions and talk with her student while in the process of registering for classes as a junior.

Puncochar reported Lake Care staff have been great as her students are transitioning into the program from an in home daycare.

Marketon reported this is a second hand story but one worth stating. Marketon had been made aware that other parents had been watching our process of the grade level transition process and that a particular family will be enrolling their students with our district because of the decision to move to grade level buildings.

B Borrell reported the One Act Play took second place and is moving onto sections.

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

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

(Item VII) Next Meeting Dates:

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

Work Session Meeting-Monday February 24, 2025 6:30 pm HLWW HS Media Center

Mulvihill asked how will the recognitions the board gave be shared. Superintendent Walbruch indicated he took notes and will communicate to those who were recognized that they were recognized by a board member and why.

Superintendent Walbruch indicated to possibly changing the March work session to the following week because he will be out of town.

(Item VIII) Items for next meeting

Regular Meeting:

- Bill Reader for January-Mulvihill
- Bill Reader for February-Puncochar
- Bill Reader for March-Bauman
- Department Report-Morgan Johnson-District Nurse
- Recognition's
- Leave/Resignations/Retirements
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- Approve Second Reading of Policies
- Approve First Reading of Policies
- Approve Treasurer Report-January, April, July, October
- Monthly Budget Report
- Approve Spring Coaching Staff

B Borrell adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk