



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Stillwater City Hall, 216 North 4th Street, Stillwater, MN
September 28, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Present: George Hoepfner, chair; Paula O'Loughlin, vice chair; Tom Lehmann, treasurer; Jennifer Pelletier, clerk; Shelley Pearson, director; Mike Ptacek, director; Sarah Stivland, director; Superintendent Pontrelli (ex-officio) Student Members: Annabel Gregg and Anna W.

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Hoepfner led Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. District Mission and School Board Goals: The mission statement was read by Member Pelletier and the goals were read by Member Stivland.

V. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

Motion by: Shelley Pearson; Second by: Paula O'Loughlin; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pontrelli:

- Responded to open forum questions from the previous meeting
- Provided an update on the GATE program
- Reported on transportation and special education
- Reported meeting with PTO presidents, Superintendent Advisory Council, and the Mental Health Community Collaborative
- Attended the Academic Awards Ceremony and the Immersion open house

VII. Introductory Items

A. Student Report

The new student members provided a sports update and gave a report on the academics taking place.

They announced:

- Flex-time scheduling has been well received
- The fall chorale concert will be held at St. Andrew's on November 2nd.
- Oak-Land Middle School held a courage retreat
- Lake Elmo 1st graders are learning proper handwriting

B. District Recognition

1. Superintendent Pontrelli called Ms. Rachel Larson, director of learning and student engagement who introduced staff and students involved with the transitions programs 'Where Everyone Belongs' and Link Crew.

VIII. Open Forum (3 speakers)

1. Jessica Kuslich, 11920 Partridge Road Ct. N., Stillwater, spoke against the levy increase and the bus garage.

2. Carl Blondin, 617 Sunrise Ave., Stillwater, spoke about academic opportunities and racism.
3. Eric Anderson, 5511 OakGreen Pl. N. Oak Park Heights, spoke about the importance of public service.

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of September 14, School Board Meeting
- B. Disbursement Register September 7 – 20, 2017
- C. Human Resources Personnel Report
- D. Field Trip: For 1 advisor, 8 chaperones and 74 students of the SAHS Concert Orchestra to travel to St. Louis, MO, March 8-11, 2018.

Motion by: Tom Lehmann; Second by: Sarah Stivland; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.

X. Reports

A. Staffing Update

Superintendent Pontrelli shared information about positions that are new for the 2017-2018 school year.

XI. Action Items

A. Preliminary Proposed Property Tax Levy 2017 Payable 2018

The school board adopted a preliminary levy that states “Maximum Levy”. Since the board adopted a “Maximum Levy”, the Minnesota Department of Education allows adjustments to be made subsequent to the action by the Board. Historically, the “Maximum” has been adopted in September as an assurance that final corrections or adjustments would be included for Board of Education consideration prior to certifying the final levy in December. The total levy being proposed at this time for 2017 (taxes payable in 2018), after all adjustments and reductions, is \$38,897,659.91. This is a projected increase of 4.369% from the Payable 2017 levy.

Motion by: Sarah Stivland; Second by: Jennifer Pelletier; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.

B. Revised School Board Meeting Calendar for the Remainder of 2017

The board adopted these revisions to their calendar.

September 14	6:00 p.m.	Stillwater City Hall	Business
September 28	6:00 p.m.	Stillwater City Hall	Business
October 12	6:00 p.m.	Stillwater City Hall	Business
October 26	6:00 p.m.	Stillwater City Hall	Business
November 9	6:00 p.m.	Stillwater City Hall	Business
November 16	6:00 p.m.	Stillwater City Hall	Business
December 14	6:00 p.m.	Stillwater City Hall	Business
January 4, 2018	6:00 p.m.	Stillwater City Hall	Organizational

(first Thursday due to organizational items)

Motion by: Tom Lehmann; Second by: Shelley Pearson; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.

XII. Board Member Reports

1. Mr. Hoepfner responded to an open forum question from the previous meeting
2. Mr. Ptacek attended the MSBA Advocacy Tour, and shared information from the LAC in Hopkins, and attended the SEE meeting. He also announced that Century College is celebrating their 50 year anniversary this year.
3. Ms. O’Loughlin attended the MSBA Advocacy Tour, the Spanish Immersion Open House and Reimagine MN meeting.
4. Ms. Pelletier attended the Spanish Immersion open house and responded to a question she had received about the meeting minutes.
5. Mr. Hoepfner shared the EMID board meeting minutes.

D. Working Group Reports

1. Ms. Pelletier reported that the policy working group is looking forward to their work.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Motion by: Shelley Pearson; Second by: Paula O'Loughlin; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Pelletier, school board clerk.