



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools  
Stillwater City Hall, 216 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Stillwater, MN  
October 12, 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: Paula O'Loughlin, vice chair led the meeting; 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. George Hoepfner, chair, arrived at 6:26 p.m.

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chair O'Loughlin led Pledge of Allegiance.

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

V. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

*Motion by: Member Stivland; Second by: Member Pearson; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.*

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pontrelli:

- Provided a status update on the bus garage, and the Marine and Withrow properties
- Will be meeting with the City of Hugo to discuss the upkeep of some of the outdoor facilities at Withrow School
- Shared that she received a complaint about ADA compliance at our new stadium and is working to resolve the issue
- Reported that the parking lot at Stillwater Area High School will undergo some work over MEA break to improve safety
- Announced that the District is hosting the Ignite and Innovate conference June 18-22, 2018

VII. Introductory Items

A. Student Report

The new student members provided an update on the academics, activities and sports taking place.

They announced:

- Quarter 1 ends November 2<sup>nd</sup> and students are working towards those grades
- Participation in the ACT Aspire pre-exams
- College and Career Center held an informational meeting during flextime
- AP Environmental Studies are collection water samples
- Marketing class is working on a stock exchange project
- The play *Grease* will preformed October 13, 14, 15, 26, 27, 28
- Student Council is now on Twitter
- Student Council held their first ever movie night in Pony Stadium with a showing of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

## B. District Recognition

1. Superintendent Pontrelli recognized Deb Van Klei, leader of district physical education, who received the Paul Schmidt Award from the MN Society of Health and Physical Educators.

## VIII. Open Forum

1. Tina Reihle, 10960 Norell Ave. N., Stillwater asked George and Paula for a response and claimed that Paula was libel.

2. Amy Burbach, 213 N. Sherburne St., Stillwater spoke about public discourse on educational needs.

3. Sue Schultz, 9180 Stonebridge, Stillwater, spoke of ADA compliance

4. Carl Blondin, 617 Sunrise Ave., Stillwater, spoke about investigation of misbehavior of members Stivland and Ptacek.

The board recessed from 6:36 – 6:41 p.m.

5. Eric Anderson, 5511 Oakgreen Pl. N. Oak Park Heights, spoke about learning from our kids.

## IX. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of September 28, 2017 School Board Meeting

B. Minutes of October 10, 2017 Special Meeting

C. Disbursement Register September 21 – October 4, 2017

D. Human Resources Personnel Report

E. Field Trip: For 1 Coach and 4 students to attend the National FFA Convention and Expo/Career Show in Indianapolis, IN October 24 – 28, 2017

F. Field Trip: For 1 coach, 1 chaperone and 12 student athletes to travel to West Yellowstone, MT for training November 18-24, 2017.

G. Field Trip: For 4 coaches, 2 chaperones and 37 student athletes to travel to Stuart, FL to prepare for the season and team building March 17-24, 2018

*Motion by: Member Ptacek; Second by: Member Hoepfner; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.*

## X. Reports

A. Stillwater Innovates

Dr. McDowell shared that Stillwater Area Public Schools will launch its first Pony Idea Quest. Idea Quest is "crowd-based innovation" that allows staff to submit the ideas they believe best addresses a problem, best describes an opportunity, or best articulates an unmet need in our district. Other staff can read those ideas, build on each other's ideas, and vote on the ideas they like best. Ultimately, a committee will select from the top ideas and develop them for implementation.

## XI. Action Items

A. Combine Polling Locations

Board Chair Hoepfner introduced a resolution to combine polling locations in the event the district has a special election in 2018. After much discussion the board voted to table the item.

*Motion by: Member Lehmann to approve; Second by: Jennifer Pelletier;*

*Discussion. Motion by Member Hoepfner to table; Second by Member Lehmann Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.*

## XII. Board Member Reports

1. Mr. Ptacek announced he will be attending meeting of the Legislative Action Committee (LAC) tomorrow.

D. Working Group Reports

1. Mr. Lehmann reported on the October 6 audit work session.

2. Ms. Pelletier reported that the policy working group met and will bring policies for first reading to the next meeting.

## XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

*Motion by: Member Pearson; Second by: Member Pelletier; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.*

*Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Pelletier, school board clerk.*