



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools

Stillwater City Hall, 216 North 4th Street, Stillwater, MN

October 26, 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 Hoeppepner, 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 Ava Yokanovich

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Board chair Hoeppepner led Pledge of Allegiance.

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

V. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

Motion by: Member Stivland; Second by: Member O'Loughlin; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pontrelli:

- Provided an update on district enrollment
- Announced that conferences are taking place
- Attended a gathering of Latino families to assist them in understanding secondary programming
- Reported that she met with families of the GATE program
- Announced that Idea Quest is in full swing
- Responded to Susan Schultz regarding the ADA facilities at the Pony Activity Center.

VII. Introductory Items

A. Student Report

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

They announced:

- Student Council received a petition requesting a microwave in the cafeteria for student use
- Questioned why before and after school use of school gym equipment is no longer free for students
- Flextime is a big hit and near perfection, students are big fans
- Fall sports are heading into sections and playoffs
- SAHS has the largest number of mountain bike team participants in the state with 90 students on the team
- The last two performance of *Grease* are this weekend
- The high school band concert is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 30th
- The Debate Team has their second argument on November 4, 11 and 18
- The Young Democrats Club will host a DFL gubernatorial candidate forum on November 2 at 7 p.m. at Stillwater Middle School

B. District Recognition

1. Superintendent Pontrelli recognized the Native American Parent Advisory Council who presented the school board with a gift of a Story Walk and Winter Count both will be on display at our middle schools.

VIII. Open Forum

1. Gwen Roden, 510 5th Street, Marine, inquired if the Marine Elementary facility will be maintained throughout the winter.

2. Judith Screamon, 2474 Oakgreen Ave. N., Stillwater, spoke to the board about patriotic dissent.

3. DeeDee Armstrong, 3085 St. Croix Trail, Afton, spoke about social media

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of October 12, 2017 School Board Meeting

B. Minutes of October 17, 2017 School Board Meeting

C. Gifts and Donations June 1 – September 30, 2017

D. Disbursement Register October 5 - 17, 2017

E. Treasurer's Report for June, July, August and September 2017

F. Human Resources Personnel Report

G. Field Trip: For 1 coach, 1 chaperone and 10 Nordic Ski student athletes to travel to West Yellowstone, MT for training, November 18-24, 2017

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

X. Reports

A. First Reading: Policy 101 – Legal Status of School District

B. First Reading: Policy 101.1 – Name of the School District

C. First Reading: Policy 102 – Equal Educational Opportunity

D. First Reading: Policy 103 – Complaints-Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons

E. First Reading: Policy 104 – School District Mission Statement

F. First Reading: Policy 531 - Pledge of Allegiance

The policy working group introduced new policies for their first reading to the full board. Action on these policies is expected at the November 9 board meeting.

XI. Action Items

A. Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

Mr. Aaron Nielsen of the audit firm Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich and Co. (MMKR) presented the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2017. The school district received an unmodified opinion which is the best opinion possible.

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

XII. Board Member Reports

1. Mr. Hoepfner reported on the recent EMID meeting.

2. Ms. Stivland reported attending the SEE meeting where the organization reviewed legislative priorities.

3. Ms. Pelletier announced the Partnership Plan has met and the fall grants will be awarded next week; and the Partnership Party will be held at the JX Center on April 20, 2018; and the Da Vinci Fest is looking for more volunteers and sponsors.

4. Ms. O'Loughlin reported on the Reimagine MN meeting she attended.

5. Mr. Ptacek reported on the SEE meeting and possible legislative priorities for District 834.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Pelletier, school board clerk.