



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Stillwater City Hall, 216 North 4th Street, Stillwater, MN
January 18, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Board chair Lehmann 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 Pearson.

V. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

Motion by: Member Hoepfner to move action item A to reports; Second by: Member O'Loughlin; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pontrelli reported:

- John Lindberg scored the first goal of the Ponies First adapted floor hockey game
- Provided examples of the professional development activities that took place on Monday
- She gave a Pony Pride presentation to the Chamber of Commerce
- A community Conversation on Portrait of a Graduate will be held on Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. at Stillwater Middle School
- A round table discussion with local business leaders is scheduled for Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. at Oak Glen

VII. Introductory Items

A. Student Report

Annabel Gregg reported:

- Semester 1 finals have wrapped up
- Semester 2 is underway
- The Snowball Dance is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the JX Event Center
- Battle of the Bands is scheduled for Feb. 15
- Winter sports are busy and doing well
- Spring sports registration opens Feb. 1

B. District Recognition

1. Principal Bach introduced Fatima Menawa, high school senior, who shared her winning essay story
2. The Pony Pride video was shared

VIII. Open Forum

1. Zis Weisberg, 10725 Kimbro Ave Ct N, Stillwater spoke about the middle school model
2. Andrea McCreedy, 904 Churchill St, Stillwater spoke about the release of a confidential document
3. Krista Thomas, 3228 Millbrook Circle, Stillwater, spoke about the facilities work session
4. Carl Blondin, 617 Sunrise Ave, Stillwater, spoke about an investigators report
5. Sandi Hayner, 1357 Lydia Circle, Stillwater, spoke about the Community Conversation she attended

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of January 4, 2018 School Board Meeting
- B. Minutes of January 4, 2018 Special Meeting
- C. Accept Gifts and Donations December 2018
- D. Disbursement Register December 19, 2017 through January 11, 2018
- E. Treasurer's Report December 2018
- F. Human Resources Personnel Report

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

X. Reports

A. Literacy Curriculum

Ms. Larson, director of learning and student engagement reported on the implementation of the new literacy curriculum.

B. Reimagine Minnesota

Superintendent Pontrelli reported on the progress of the state-wide initiative.

C. School Board Committee Assignments and Working Groups 2018 (formerly action item A.)

The board members discussed at great length their appointments for 2018. Member O'Loughlin ceded her appointment as the district representative to NE Metro 916 to Member Ptacek.

XI. Action Items

B. 2017-2019 Master Contract for Custodial Employees

Ms. Moen, director of administrative services, requested approval of the ratified contract with the custodial employees.

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

C. Resolution to Withdraw from East Metro Integration District (Equity Alliance)

Superintendent Pontrelli requested approval of the following resolution. She would like the district to explore other possibilities for collaboration during the next year.

Be it resolved by the School Board of Independent School District 834 that notice be given to the East Metro Integration District (EMID) on or before February 1, 2018, that District 834 intends to withdraw its membership from the EMID Joint Powers Agreement and its participation in the EMID collaborative. The Notice of Withdrawal shall be effective on June 30, 2019, the calendar year following the Notice of Withdrawal, as outlined in the Joint Powers Agreement. Said Notice of Withdrawal shall be in the form of this resolution sent to EMID's members via its Board of Directors.

Motion by: Member Pelletier; Second by: Member Stivland; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained (O'Loughlin) Motion Carried.

XII. Board Member Reports

A. Board Chair Report

1. Mr. Lehmann reported he attended the enrollment lottery for the Spanish Immersion program. He announced there will be a work session on Friday at 1 p.m. to finish drafting the board goals for 2018, followed by a work session on facilities. He also reported that he received two topics for future agendas, communication for superintendent and budget questions.

Board Member Reports

1. Mr. Hoepfner reported on the January EMID meeting and invited fellow board members to attend the Valley Outreach presentation on demographics Jan. 24 from 4 – 5:30 p.m.

2. Ms. Pelletier reported she attended a visit to the 916 Career and Tech Center and that the Da Vinci Fest was remarkable.
3. Ms. O'Loughlin ceded her position as representative to NE Metro 916 to Mike Ptacek.
4. Ms. Stivland served as a judge at Da Vinci Fest, presented on flex-time at the MSBA conference and attended the Mental Health Conversation last Tuesday.
5. Mr. Ptacek invited people to attend the 916 Gala on Feb. 23 and shared the highlights of their organizational meeting.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Paula O'Loughlin, school board clerk.