



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Stillwater City Hall, 216 North 4th Street, Stillwater, MN
March 8, 2018 – 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: 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 Members present: Annabel Gregg and Ava Yokanovich

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 Hoepfner and the goals were read by Member Pelletier.

V. Approval of the Agenda

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

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent

- Thanked Dr. Kyla Wahlstrom and Ms. Julie Dahl for presenting their research on sleep and later start times for high school aged students at our earlier work session
- Attended the Reimagine MN meeting where the group began further developing the nine strategies
- Have been working with local police and Washington County sheriff's department reviewing school safety plans
- Preparing for the planned student walk-out scheduled for March 14

VII. Introductory Items

A. Student Report

Annabel reported:

- Provided a sports update. Winter sports are wrapping up for the year, spring sports sign up is in process.
- Concert musicians are traveling to St. Louis, MO for a performance tour
- BLAST Week grants are being reviewed by the student council
- The annual prom dress resale event is taking place on March 10
- Prom is May 5 at the Myth in Maplewood. Tickets are \$40
- A school formal for ninth and tenth graders will be held April 27 in the PAC
- The Musical Bye Bye Birdie will be performed April 6 – 8
- Quarter 3 is wrapping up
- Quarter 4 begins after spring break

B. District Recognition

1. Superintendent Pontrelli introduced the State Champion Girls Gymnastic Team
2. Rutherford School Principal Heather Nelson was recognized for receiving the MESPA Leadership Award

VIII. Open Forum

1. Syd Stephan, 22200 Meadowbrook Ave, Marine, spoke about the current bus facility
2. Keith Bispala, 1225 Pioneer Trail, Bayport expressed concerns about school safety, mental health and behavioral support at Andersen Elementary.
3. Meara White, 307 Edgewood Trail, Stillwater, spoke about the need for support for students with dyslexia
4. Tina Riehle, 10960 Norell Ave. N., Stillwater, spoke about the strategic plan
5. Andrea McCready, 904 Churchill St. W., Stillwater, spoke about a mediation document
6. Sandy Hayner, 1357 Lydia Circle, Stillwater, spoke about transparency
7. Jane Grobe, 841 Moonbeam Rd, Hudson, WI spoke against the late start time for nonpublic schools in 834
8. Roger Zolldan, 297 5th Ave., Bayport spoke against the late start time for nonpublic schools in 834
9. Tony Lesecka, 301 Ravine Way S, Bayport spoke about support, learning and safety at Andersen Elementary
10. Matthew Cooper, 7130 Manning Ave N., Stillwater, spoke about the start time change

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of February 22, 2018 School Board Meeting
- B. Disbursement Register February 15 – 28, 2018
- C. Human Resources Personnel Report
- D. Release of One Year Only and Probationary Teachers
- E. Stillwater Middle School Roof Replacement Project

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

- F. Lake Elmo Elementary School Playground Equipment
- G. Lake Elmo Elementary School Playground Fall Zone

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

X. Reports

- A. Start Time Considerations

Members of the executive leadership team shared information specific to Stillwater regarding a change in school start times.

XI. Action Items

- A. Directive to Develop Start Time Proposal

The school board expressed interest in further exploring the topic of start times. Research was shared regarding and connected to the topic. Potential impacts from changing current start times were also shared with the school board by administration. Administration recommended that the school board make a decision as to whether or not administration should develop an official start time proposal. The school board members discussed the item and determined that the board will not pursue changing the start times.

Motion by Member Pelletier not to draft a start time proposal but a directive to the community engagement working group to convene a committee to study the topic further; Second by: Member Stivland; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Start Time Guiding Change Document

This item was tabled as it was only necessary if the board directed administration to draft an official start time proposal.

XII. Board Member Reports

- A. Board Chair Report

1. Mr. Lehmann invited everyone to register for the Partnership Party which will be held on April 20 at the JX Venue. Mr. Lehmann announced the board will hold two work session prior to their next business meeting – Finance work session on

March 28 at 6 p.m. at Central Services and a Literacy work session on March 29 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mr. Lehmann announced he attended the ALC Graduation and the MSBA Officers Workshop.

1. Ms. Stivland spoke of the work being done on Mental Health Awareness and Prevention, and announced the high school is hosting the Top Secret Project a presentation for parents delivered by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation on March 14.
2. Mr. Hoepfner reported he attended the ALC Graduation and shared the notes from the February EMID meeting. Dr. Jean Lubke, executive director of EMID will be retiring next year.
3. Ms. Pearson encouraged everyone to go to YSB.net for tickets for the Top Secret Project, she also attended the Officers Workshop
4. Ms. Pelletier made a plea for more parents to get involved in the mental health work taking place in the district. She also attended the AMSD meeting.
5. Ms. O'Loughlin MN Chapter of NAMI is having mental health awareness day at the Capitol on March 15.

C. Working Group Reports

1. Mr. Ptacek shared a video from AMSD on the special education cross-subsidy
2. Ms. Pelletier reported the Community Engagement working group is scheduled to review the WBWF application on March 26.
3. Mr. Hoepfner reported the Policy working group is scheduled to meet on March 27 to review the next set of policies.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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