



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Stillwater City Hall, 216 North 4th Street, Stillwater, MN
April 12, 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; 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; Members excused: Jenifer Pelletier, vice chair

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 O'Loughlin.

V. Approval of the Agenda

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

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent

- Responded to open forum from March 29
- Read a statement about high school security and modified lockdown that took place earlier this week.
- Recognized the district's administrative assistants and clerical staff.
- Announced that students from Stillwater Middle School made the Midwest Manufacturers News for their STEM projects.
- Called on Mike Pohlana from the City of Stillwater to talk about the sports recognition parade that will be held on Saturday.

VII. Introductory Items

A. Student Report

Ms. Gregg provided an update on the academic, athletics and activities that are taking place at Stillwater Area High School.

B. District Recognition

Superintendent Pontrelli introduced Laura Hammond and Corey Quick, coaches of the high school speech and debate clubs. The students were recognized for their many achievements.

VIII. Open Forum

1. Sam Dresser, 4815 Lilac Place N., spoke against the recently adopted literacy curriculum
2. Carl Blondin, 617 Sunrise Ave. spoke about the transportation facility and voices of discrimination
3. Andrea McCready, 904 Churchill St. W. spoke about the 834 mediation proposal.
4. Greg Fouks, 24 White Pine Road, spoke of adding financial literacy classes to the strategic plan.

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of March 29, 2018 School Board Meeting
- B. Disbursement Register March 21 - April 5, 2018
- C. Human Resources Personnel Report
- D. 2018-2019 Insurance Renewal Rates

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

X. Reports

A. Shadow a Student

Dr. McDowell shared information on a nationwide challenge by Stanford's d.school to have district administrator shadow a student in the district for a day. All of District 834 administrators took part in the challenge. They harvested their experiences and will be discussing next steps.

B. Bridge to Excellence Annual Review

Dr. McDowell provided a review of the Bridge to Excellence five year strategic plan which has just concluded. He also outlined the process for the plan.

XI. Action Items

There were no action items for this meeting.

XII. Board Member Reports

A. Board Chair Report

1. Mr. Lehmann encouraged everyone to buy their tickets to the Partnership Party. He also announced the board will be holding a work session on April 16 on the strategic planning process and portrait of a graduate.

B. Board Member Reports

1. Ms. Stivland invited everyone to the Youth Service Bureau Gala which will be held May 4. She announced that the high school is in need of volunteers to work the senior party. She will be attending the AMSD meeting and the MSHSL meeting.

2. Mr. Hoepfner attended the high school production of *Bye Bye Birdie*, encourage fellow members to donate to Dollars for Dreams.

3. Ms. Pearson reported that the community engagement working group has been meeting and is still in the process of reviewing the applications

4. Mr. Ptacek shared the *Talking Points* from a recent 916 meeting and reported on an event he attended at Century College.

5. Ms. O'Loughlin attended the workshop on Screenagers. She also encouraged board members to bring their issues to the board table.

6. Mr. Lehmann announced he will be working on planning a board retreat.

C. Working Group Reports

1. Ms. Stivland announced the policy group met earlier in the day.

2. Mr. Hoepfner reported the policy group met earlier and are continuing to review the 200 policies. The working group would like to bring a recommendation to the board for a change in the open forum procedure language.

3. Ms. O'Loughlin reported the finance working group met and has determined dates for work sessions. The finance work sessions will be April 18, May 3, May 29 and June 7, 2018.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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