



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Oak Park Building, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN
October 25, 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: Jennifer Pelletier, chair; Sarah Stivland, vice chair; Shelley Pearson, treasurer; Paula O'Loughlin, clerk; George Hoepfner, director; Don Hovland, director; Mike Ptacek, director; and Superintendent Pontrelli, ex-officio. Student Representatives: Abdulaziz Mohamed and Nikhil Kumaran.

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Board chair Pelletier 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 Ptacek.

V. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by: Member Pelletier to Move Action Item XI. C 2019 Legislative Platform to Reports; Second by: Member Pearson; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by: Member Hoepfner to remove Action Item XI. B. Brookview Expansion; Second by: Member Ptacek; Vote: 6 ayes, 1 (O'Loughlin) nays, Motion Carried.

Motion by: Member Hoepfner to place the Brookview Expansion on the November 29 agenda for action; Second by: Member Pearson; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by: Member Pearson to move District Recognition of theatre students before the Legislator Candidates; Second by: Member Stivland; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by: Member Ptacek to approve the agenda as amended; Second by: Stivland; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

A. District Recognition

Superintendent Pontrelli recognized students and staff from the high school theatre department.

VI. 834 Legislative Candidate

The Legislative Candidates from District 834 were invited to speak to the school board and answer these three questions:

1. What are your education budget priorities for the upcoming budget session, and how will you collaborate with District 834 to address critical education funding and policy issues?
2. In the coming year, District 834 will be forced to spend almost \$8.5 million of funds meant for regular classroom instruction on mandated special education programs. Will you support significantly increasing special education funding?
3. As you may know, Stillwater Area Public Schools participated in last legislative session's grant process in order to try to secure funding for safety in our schools. Unfortunately the district did not receive any of the 15 grant opportunities awarded. There is a strong correlation between student mental health issues and school safety. How will you support

funding to address both needs in our district and use your role to collaborate and address those needs for partnerships, programming and staff? The candidates who spoke were Kathy Lohmer, Ann Mozey, Linda Runbeck, Amy Wazlawik, Steve Sandell, Bob Dettmer, Kelly Fenton and Shelly Christensen.

VII. Introductory Items

A. Student Report

The students reported:

- Provided a sports update
- Girls soccer team at State
- Boys Soccer in Quarterfinal at State
- Reviewing Student Council Format

VIII. Open Forum

1. Greg Otsuka, 1912 1st St., Stillwater spoke on in support of the GATE program.
2. Phedra Coffield, 11330 Sandcastle Drive, Woodbury spoke in support of the academics and the band programs.
3. Amy Jungmann, 10373 Fox Run Road, Woodbury, presented a petition to the school board to expand Brookview.
4. Andrew Polhena, 1291 Pebble Beach Drive, Woodbury, spoke about the growing population in Lake Elmo and Woodbury.
5. Sandi Hayner, Benson, Stillwater, spoke about the north vs. south narrative.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of September 27, 2018 School Board Meeting

B. Disbursement Register October 13 – 26, 2018

C. Human Resources Personnel Report

Director Ptacek to remove item B

Motion by: Member Stivland to approve A and C; Second by: Member Pearson; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

The board recessed from 8:20 – 8:27

X. Reports

A. First Reading: Attendance Policy

The policy working group presented the updated attendance policy for its first reading.

B. First Reading: Discipline Policy

The policy working group presented the committee reviewed discipline policy for its first reading.

C. Tentative 2019 Legislative Platform

The legislative working group collected information from the legislative ledger from all board members. This information will be used to assist the board in developing their platform.

1. General Formula Increase
2. Special Education Cross-Subsidy
3. Mental Health funding (on back of platform)

XI. Action Items

A. Marine School Purchase Agreement

Ms. Hoheisel requested approval of the \$950,000 purchase agreement for the sale of the former Marine Elementary School Building to the City of Marine on St. Croix. The agreement was recently approved by the city council. The sale will be final when all the terms of the agreement are met.

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

XII. Board Member Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

- Pony IdeaQuest has begun!
- Learning Leaders work with Sharrocky Hollie this week
- Andersen Tour of their facilities

B. Board Chair Report

Chair Pelletier provided an update on the October 23 work session wherein the school board discussed the possible items for budget adjustments.

B. Board Member Reports

1. Ms. O'Loughlin reminded her fellow board members to correct misinformation in the community.
2. Ms. Pearson reported that our fall sports teams are doing great, she attended conferences at middle school and thanked the teachers for all of their work and time, reminded everyone to get out and vote.
3. Mr. Hoepfner shared the highlights of a recent EMID meeting.

C. Working Group Reports

1. Mr. Hoepfner announced the policy group is meeting on November 1.
2. Ms. O'Loughlin announced the finance group met and looked at the information from the rfp process for financial advisors. The budget committee will meet on November 8.
3. Ms. Pelletier announced the community engagement group will convening in the near future.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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