



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools  
Oak Park Building, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN  
March 21, 2019 – 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: Mike Ptacek, chair; Shelley Pearson, vice chair; Sarah Stivland, clerk; Liz Weisberg, treasurer, Mark Burns, director, Jennifer Pelletier, director; Tina Riehle, director and Superintendent Pontrelli, ex-officio. Student Representatives: Abdulaziz Mohamed and Nikhil Kumaran.

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Board chair Ptacek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

V. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

*Motion by: Member Pearson to approve the agenda; Second by: Member Weisberg; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.*

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pontrelli reported on:

- Thoughtexchange
- Shadow a Student Experience
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VII. Introductory Items

A. Student Report

The student representatives reported on a variety of events taking place at Stillwater High School in the areas of academic, arts and athletics

- Girls Varsity basketball made it to the championship game
- Sports Update
- Business classes Stock Market game
- Concert Choir clinic at SMS tonight
- Band Trip
- Testing April 2 ACT and MCA
- Graduation meetings beginning
- Mental Health
- Speech Tournament this weekend
- NHS Induction March 25 at 7 p.m.
- Theatre production of Les Misables
- Brookview Decision

## B. District Recognition

1. Superintendent Pontrelli recognized Stillwater Middle School for their national recognition award as a Project Lead the Way Distinguished School.

## VIII. Open Forum

1. Carl Blondin, 617 Sunrise Dr., Stillwater, Brookview expansion and racism.
2. Bill Gilles, 3093 Lowell Ct., Stillwater, Brookview expansion.
3. Alison Sherman, 10954 Ashley Ln., Woodbury, Brookview expansion.
4. Andrea McCready, 924 Churchill St., spoke of superintendent evaluation and conflict of interest.
5. Sandi Hayner, Stillwater, spoke of accountability and transparency and requested proven leadership.
6. Matthew Cooper, 3806 Kindred Way, Lake Elmo, spoke of priorities and performance.
7. Sarah Voight, 2875 Mariner Ave. N., Lakeland Twp., spoke of thinking of things too late.
8. Margaret Thomas, 2842 Wildcrest Ln., Stillwater, spoke of board leadership.
9. DeeDee Armstrong, 3085 St. Croix Tr., Afton, spoke of taxation without representation.
10. Jared Hoke, 621 Judd St., Marine, spoke of taxation without representation.

## IX. Consent Agenda

A. A. Minutes of March 7, 2019 School Board Meeting

B. Disbursement Register March 9-22, 2019

C. Accept Gifts and Donations February 2019

D. Human Resources Personnel Report

E. Field trip for 2 directors, 4 chaperones and 72 wind symphony and ensemble students to travel to Nashville, TN for the Spring Performance Tour March 27 – 31, 2019

Member Ptacek requested to act on item B separately

Member Weisberg to act on item D separately

*Motion by: Member Burns; Second by: Pelletier; to approve items A, C, E; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.*

*Motion by: Member Ptacek; Second by: Pearson; to approve item B; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.*

*Motion by: Member Stivland; Second by: Weisberg; to approve item D; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.*

## X. Reports

A. First Reading: Discipline Policy – Policy Working Group

B. First Reading: Bullying Prohibition Policy – Policy Working Group

C. First Reading: Attendance Policy – Policy Working Group

D. First Reading: Technology Use Policy – Policy Working Group

Member Stivland, Chair of the policy working group presented four policies for their first reading. The second reading is expected at the April 11, 2019 business meeting.

## XI. Action Items

A. Adopt Actuarial Report

Ms. Urdahl, of the actuarial firm of Hildi Inc. presented the post-employment valuation report under GASB statement 74/75 and GASB statement 16. These reports are for the valuation year beginning July 1, 2018.

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

B. Tennis Court Rehabilitation and Resurfacing at Afton-Lakeland Elementary and Stillwater Middle School

Ms. Hoheisel recommended that the board award the bid to Upper Midwest Athletic Construction for a total of \$65,240 for the 2019 Tennis Court Resurfacing projects. One proposal was received from Upper Midwest Athletic Construction of Andover, MN. Three other vendors were asked to provide proposals but did not respond.

Upper Midwest Athletic Construction's proposal to repair the cracks with an ARMOR crack repair system and resurface the Afton-Lakeland tennis court is \$47,450. Their proposal to repair the cracks at Stillwater Middle School is \$17,790. The proposal total for both sites is \$65,240. Construction costs for this project were estimated to be \$61,750 and are part of the approved FY 2020 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance funding.

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

#### C. Fund Expansion of Brookview Elementary School

Superintendent Pontrelli recommended the board approve the funding resolution to expand Brookview Elementary School.

*Motion by: Member Burns to approve the funding of the expansion of Brookview Elementary through Certificate of Participation as the funding mechanism; Second by: Pelletier, Vote: Motion to postpone kills this motion until it comes to the board at the later date.*

*Amended the motion by: Stivland to postpone until the completion of the long range facilities group recommendation, Second by: Riehle, Vote: 4 (Ptacek, Riehle, Stivland, Weisberg) ayes, 3 (Burns, Pearson, Pelletier) nays, Motion carried.*

#### D. Appoint Architect for Brookview Elementary

This item was removed due to the postponement of item C.

#### E. Appoint Construction Manager for Brookview Elementary

This item was removed due to the postponement of item C.

### XII. Board Member Reports

#### A. Board Chair Report

1. Upcoming work sessions meeting notices

#### B. Working Group Reports

1. Community Engagement – is scheduled to meet on Friday, March 22, beginning task force membership selection, Thoughtexchange process, request for RFP will out tomorrow, facilitator presentations April 22 or 23
2. Finance and Operations – is scheduled to meet on Friday, March 22.
3. Legislative – Attended the SEE Regional meeting, MSBA Day at the Capitol is Monday, March 25.
4. Personnel met and continues to develop the superintendent evaluation tool as well as the board self-evaluation tool.
5. Policy met this past week and will meet on April 1

#### Board Member Reports

1. Ms. Weisberg the Partnership Party is April 5, get your tickets soon!
2. Ms. Pelletier attended the Washington County Mental Health Advisory Committee meeting, attended the cultural training workshop.
3. Mr. Burns attended the culturally responsive board leadership seminar.
4. Ms. Pearson gave a shout out to the girls basketball team, Stonebridge fifth graders attended a manner class at the Lowell Inn.
5. Mr. Ptacek congratulated the basketball team.

### XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Sarah Stivland, school board clerk.*