



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Video Conference
May 13, 2021 – 6:07 p.m. Meeting Minutes

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. **Roll Call:** Present: Beverly Petrie, Chair, Alison Sherman, Vice-Chair, Matt Onken, Treasurer, Annie Porbeni, Clerk, Katie Hockert, director, Liz Weisberg, director

Absent: Tina Riehle, director

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

IV. **District Mission Statement and School Board Goals**

V. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda by: Member Sherman; seconded by: Member Onken; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.

VI. **Introductory Items**

A. Recognition

- Director Matt Onken recognized Ryder Rogotzke. Ryder is a 10th grader at Stillwater Area High School. He will be one of ten wrestlers representing the USA at the World Championship Games in Budapest Hungary and at the Pan Am games in Mexico City this summer.
- Dr. Jennifer Cherry recognized the Stillwater Middle School Gaters 2.0 Lego League team members Will Foote, Hallie Hansen, Elena Metzger, Aidan Uglem and Owen Uglem. They designed an Ev3 robot, programmed it to perform missions, and created a project to solve the problem of people not getting enough exercise. The team earned first place in the state robot competition.

VII. **Open Forum**

There are no speakers

VIII. **Superintendent Report**

- State laws regarding face masks are still in place and we are expecting more information from Governor Walz. Last week Governor Walz announced a three-step process that will lead to an end of all COVID-19 restrictions by May 28, and an end to the masking requirement by July 1. Students will continue to wear face coverings for the rest of the school year. The Minnesota Departments of Education and Health will continue to provide guidance and recommendations for schools to ensure learning can continue safely in schools.
- We have recently celebrated School Lunch Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, Principal Appreciation, School

Nurse Day and School Communicator Day. We also honored our retirees at our District's Retirement Dinner on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

- Stillwater Area High School seniors received nearly half a million dollars in scholarships. Sixty four local donors offered 128 scholarships to students. This year, 92 graduates were given awards totaling \$422,050 in first-year and renewable scholarships, including national scholarships.
- St. Croix Valley Area Learning Center juniors Liliana Emery and Emma Deputie organized a Denim Day on April 28 to support sexual assault survivors. They invited guest speakers (via Zoom) to inform and educate students regarding the intention of consent and preventing sexual assault and violence.
- We will be providing free meals throughout the summer to children ages of 1 and 18. There are no income limits and everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Minnesota has a waiver for the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) tests. The state will still collect and report data on student learning. However, due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on data collection and usability, data collected during the 2020-21 school year will not be used for accountability purposes.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of April 22, 2021 Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes of May 6, 2021 Special Meeting
- C. Amendment of School Board Regular Meeting Minutes June 11, 2020
- D. Disbursement Register – April 10, 2021 – April 23, 2021
- E. Math Expressions K-4 Consumable Workbooks
- F. Stillwater Middle School LTFM Classroom Project
- G. Remaining LTFM Summer Projects
- H. Skyward Financial/Student Management Licensing Fee
- I. Human Resources Personnel Report

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A,B,C,D,E, F,G,H,I by: Member Hockert; Second by: Member Porbeni; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays: Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Reports

- A. Contract and Expenditures Reviews - Dr. John Thein, Director of Finance
This is an information report on the four contracts from April 16, 2021 - May 14, 2021 for goods and services equaling less than \$50,000.00
- B. Review of 2020-21 General Fund Budget - Dr. John Thein
Dr. Thein reviewed the general fund budget for the 2020 - 21 school year.
- C. Second Policy Reading (704, 705, 706, 714) - Dr. Jennifer Cherry
These policies will be presented for a final reading and approval at future School Board Meeting.
- D. First Policy Reading (721) - Dr. Jennifer Cherry
This policy will be presented for a second reading at the next School Board Meeting
- E. Sale Day Report for the Certificate of Participation, Dr. John Thein
Administration recommends funding the expansion of Brookview Elementary through the sale of Certificate of Participation. The Board received the sale of bond information and the resolution concerning the sale of Certificate of Participation.

IX. Action Items

- A. Resolution providing sale of the Certificate of Participation, Dr. John Thein
The proposed resolution is to award the sale of the Certificate of Participation for the Brookview expansion

Motion to approve the sale of the Certificate of Participation will be requested.by: Member; Sherman; Second by: Member Onken; Vote: 5 ayes, 1nay (Weisberg): Motion Carried.

- B. Memorandum of Agreements with Cafeteria Employees' Organization; Tech Support and Coordinators/Supervisors/Specialists (CSS); Community Ed Leads and Assistants; District Directors, Managers, and Program Administrators - Dr. John Thein and Ms. Cindy Gustafson
Dr. Thein and Ms. Gustafson are recommending increasing the salary matrices to these contracts as were settled with the SCEA, Custodians and Principals groups in the second year of their contracts.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Employees' Organization; Tech Support and Coordinators/Supervisors/Specialists (CSS); Community Ed Leads and Assistants; District Directors, Managers, and Program Administrators Contracts to increase their salary matrices as was settled with the SCEA, Custodians and Principals groups in the second year of their contracts by: Member Hockert; Second by: Member Porbeni; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays: Motion Carried unanimously.

X. Board Chair Report

- We are in the process of an evaluation for Superintendent Lansfeldt.

XI. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Annie Porbeni, Clerk