



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Oak Park Building, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082
February 17, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. Meeting Minutes

I. Public Comment

- Bill English, Plymouth, MN - Transportation

II. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

III. Roll Call: Present: Alison Sherman, chair, Katie Hockert, vice chair, Beverly Petrie, treasurer
Annie Porbeni, clerk, Pete Kelzenberg, director, Tina Riehle, director

Not present: Vivian Votava, director

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Approval of Agenda

*Motion to approve the agenda by: Member Petrie; second by: Member Hockert; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays;
Motion carried unanimously.*

VI. Student Report

Ella provided a report on academics -

- February 14 through the 18 was Blast Week at the High school. Students enjoyed a variety of events such as a Heritage Fashion Show, a presentation from Abdulaziz Mohamed, several student panels, a student vs. teacher basketball game and a Culture Fair.
- The new flex schedule began on Monday, February 14. Students like the flexibility of being able to catch up on work and the early release option.
- Thursday, February 17 was the Trust Clubs Unified Basketball State Tournament held at the Target center.
- The Belle Choir had their treble fest on Thursday, February 17, with the middle school choirs.

Ella provided a report on activities and extracurriculars -

- Amelia shared a report on high school sporting events

VII. Superintendent Report

- School Board Members and the student representative were recognized as part of School Board Recognition Week. Superintendent Lansfeldt read a proclamation recognizing service to the district and the community and they were presented with a certificate of recognition.
- February 7 through 11 was National School Counseling Week.
- As of Monday, February 14, face coverings are strongly recommended but no longer required for students, staff and visitors in our schools. They are still required to be worn on school buses.
- The Stillwater Area High School Unified Basketball Team won the state tournament held on Thursday, February 17.

- Special Olympics Minnesota will bring the Mobile Unit Polar Plunge to the Stillwater Area High School on Monday, March 28th, 2022. Fundraising from this event will go toward Special Olympics and our Ponies TRUST Club, which supports and encourages Inclusion in our school and our community.
- The Minnesota All State High School band and orchestra will be performing at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis on Saturday, February 19.
- Congratulations to members of the Stillwater FFA for claiming first place in three recent regional Career Development Event (CDE) competitions.
- We held a District Legislative Platform last month to share our district's legislative priorities.
- We have another Responsive Classroom Certified Teacher. Darla Simonet is a second grade teacher at Lake Elmo and has also been invited to become a national RC presenter.
- Stillwater Area High School alumni Jessie Diggins and Noah Cates are participating in the Beijing Winter Olympics. Sydney Peterson is competing in the 2022 Winter Paralympics as part of the U.S. Nordic Skiing team.
- Coolsjes Singhvi and Riddhi Singhvi have been named winners of the 2021 Congressional App Challenge. The students developed an app that predicts Type 2 diabetes with 98% accuracy - higher than the 85% accuracy in published medical work.
- A group of seventh and eighth grade special education and general education students designed and built an interactive model of what an inclusive and adapted amusement park could look like.
- Stillwater Area High School is a part of the Unified Inclusion Movement here in Minnesota and is a Unified Champion School. They achieve this honor through implementing Unified Phy Education along with our Ponies TRUST Club. TRUST is an acronym for True Respect Unifies Students Together.
- A Community Conversation to help us continue to create safe, welcoming schools will be held via Zoom on February 28th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. You can find more information online and pre-register to receive the Zoom link.
- Kindergarten Orientation will be held on February 28 for an estimated 771 students.
- Student-led "Conference for Change" took place at the high school on Thursday, February 17. Thank you to Cornelius Rish, our cultural liaison, and other staff members for their leadership.

VIII. Board Chair Report

- Director Votava is out of the country and will miss Thursday, February 17 business meeting, Monday, February 28 special meeting and Thursday, March 3 business meeting.

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of February 3, 2022 Business Session
- B. Minutes of February 3, 2022 Closed Meeting
- C. Payment of Invoices – February 5, 2022 - February 18, 2022
- D. Treasurer's Report - December 2021
- E. Oak-Land Middle School Pool Tile and Athletic Locker Replacement
- F. Human Resources Personnel Report

*Motion to approve item A,B,D,F by: Member Riehle; second by: Member Petrie; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays;
Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion to discuss item C by: Member Riehle; second by: Member Porbeni

Point of order by: Member Petrie.

Motion to be not germane by: Chair Sherman

Motion to call the question to end the discussion by: Member Hockert

*Motion to approve item C by: Member Petrie; second by: Member Porbeni; Vote: 5 ayes, 1 nay (Riehle);
Motion carried.*

X. Action Item

- A. Telecommunications & Internet Access Cluster Authorization Resolution – Mr. John Perry
Mr. Perry presented the resolution to authorize Northeast Metro Intermediate District #916 to file for the federal e-rate discounts and telecommunications/internet access equity aid on behalf of the district. This state program provides financial assistance to help with the costs of maintaining internet access, video connectivity and related telecommunications services.

Motion to approve the Telecommunications & Internet Access Cluster Authorization Resolution by: Member Kelzenberg; second by: Member Petrie; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Reports

- A. School Board Recognition - Superintendent Malinda Lansfeldt
School Board Members and student representatives received a certificate of recognition as part of School Board Recognition Week. Superintendent Lansfeldt read a proclamation recognizing their service and commitment to the district and the community.
- B. NAPAC Report - Mr. Eric Anderson and Mr. James Tom
The board heard a presentation by the Native American Parent Advisory Committee (NAPAC) and Native American Student Alliance (NASA), which provides students and the community with educational experiences celebrating the culture and history of Native Americans. The district receives American Indian Aid Funding from the Minnesota Department of Education.
- C. Review 2021-22 General Fund Budget - Dr. John Thein
Dr. Thein shared updates to the current 2021-2022 school year budget and looked at a comparison of expenditures from January 2021 to January 2022. The 2021-2022 revised budget will be presented to the school board as an action item in March.
- D. Oak Park Learning Center - Mr. Mark Drommerhausen
School board members reviewed plans to renovate space within the Oak Park Building to house the St. Croix Valley Area Learning Center. This will come back for approval at the next business meeting.
- E. Second Policy Reading 205 - Open and Closed Meetings - Dr. Jennifer Cherry
This policy will come back for approval at the next business meeting.
- F. Second Policy Reading 214 - Out of State Travel By Board Members - Dr. Jennifer Cherry
This policy will come back for approval at the next business meeting.
- G. Second Policy 722 - Public Data Request - Dr. Jennifer Cherry
This policy will come back for approval at the next business meeting.
- H. First Policy Reading 414 - Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse - Dr. Jennifer Cherry
This policy will come to a future business meeting for a second reading.
- I. First Policy Reading 415 - Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults - Dr. Jennifer Cherry
This policy will come to a future business meeting for a second reading.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The board adjourned to a closed session at 8:42 p.m. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03(b). The governing body of a public employer may by a majority vote in a public meeting, decide to hold a closed meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.

Motion by: Member Sherman to adjourn to closed session; second by: Member Hockert; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session adjourned to open meeting at 10:47p.m.

XII. Adjournment

A. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Annie Porbeni, clerk