



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools  
Oak Park Building, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082  
January 20, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Alison Sherman, chair, Katie Hockert, vice chair, Beverly Petrie, treasurer, Tina Riehle, director

### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

The board adjourned to a closed session at 5:36 p.m. The School Board must meet with its attorney in a confidential setting to obtain advice regarding pending litigation. It would be detrimental to the interest of the School District to hold a public discussion with its attorney regarding its legal positions and strategy. The matter to be discussed is Independent School District No. 834, Stillwater Area Public Schools v. Metropolitan Transportation Network, Inc. The specific subjects to be discussed, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, subd. 3 are the School District's legal positions, defenses and strategies with respect to the pending litigation. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, subd. 3(b) and the attorney-client privilege

*Motion by: Member Hockert to adjourn to closed session; second by: Member Petrie; Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.*

Director Votava joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Director Kelzenberg joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Closed session adjourned to open meeting at 6:43 p.m.

### **I. Recognition**

Superintendent Lansfeldt and the School Board recognized members of the high school Ag Communication, Fish and Wildlife and Small Animal/Vet Science teams. The Stillwater FFA continued their successful year with strong showings in recent virtual Career Development Events (CDE).

### **II. Public Comment**

- Erica Oesterreich, Stillwater, MN - Keeping kids safe from gun violence with Be SMART
- Jessica Johnson, Stillwater, MN - Masking Mandates
- Michael Adams, Stillwater, MN - Universal Masking

**III. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order prior to adjourning to the closed session.

**IV. Roll Call:** Roll call was taken prior to adjourning to the closed session.

### **V. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Break taken at 7:08 p.m.**

**Back from break at 7:25 p.m.**

### **VI. Approval of Agenda**

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

## **VII. Student Report**

Amelia provided a report on academics -

- Adeline Foote and Ryan Potter are semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Students are preparing for Semester 1 finals on Friday, January 21, 2022.
- Option 2 for next year's school calendar was popular among students. Many of them liked the aspect of a 2 week long winter break and more days off dispersed throughout the school year.
- There is a range of opinions from having masks optional to going online. The most agreed upon is that there should be a mask mandate among students and staff with the option of online and in person.

Ella provided a report on activities and extracurriculars -

- Winter sports are in full force.
- The Wrestling team has a current season record of 14-1 with their first loss against STMA.
- The Boys Basketball team is 8-5 and just lost to Park on the 14th and won against Roseville on the 18th. Max Shikenjanski broke the all-time school record of leading scorer.
- Our Gymnastics team won their meet at Lakeville this weekend with a season high score of 146.500.
- Girl's hockey won Tuesday against Woodbury 6-0.
- Boy's hockey lost against Hill Murray 0-6 on Tuesday and won against Irondale Wednesday, 4-2.
- Our Varsity dance team went to the Tartan invite competition, placing first in jazz and second in kick.
- Girls Basketball beat Roseville on Tuesday, making them 6-1.
- Both Alpine teams have begun races and remained undefeated.
- Both Nordic teams placed second at the Battle Creek ski meet on Monday.

## **VIII. Superintendent Report**

- Thank you to Tom Lee for doing an amazing job filling in as the Interim Principal at Rutherford Elementary this year.
- Our district lost a beloved bus driver this past week. Kem Heintz has driven a bus in our district for more than fifteen years and also served as a bus mechanic. Our condolences to the Heintz family.
- A new community vaccination site is now open in Oakdale at Inwood Oaks. Please visit our website for more information.
- Supply chain issues continue to make it difficult for our kitchens to provide students with milk and water. We are asking families to please send a reusable water bottle with students every day. The community can also donate disposable cups for students who forget water bottles.
- Thank you to all the high school students who have been sharing their input regarding masking, mental health needs and the request to add classes such as home economics.

## **IX. Board Chair Report**

- Nothing to report.

## **X. Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes of January 4, 2022 Special Meeting
- B. Minutes of January 6, 2022 Business Meeting
- C. Payment of Invoices - January 8, 2022- January 21, 2022
- D. Accept Gifts and Donations - November and December, 2021
- E. Treasurer's Report - November 2021
- F. Brookview Elementary Classroom Furniture
- G. 2022 Multi-Site Partial Roof Replacement
- H. Summer 2022 Multi-Site LTFM Improvements
- I. Stillwater Area High School Newspaper Field Trip to Los Angeles, California
- J. Human Resources Personnel Report

*Motion to approve item A-J by: Member Hockert; second by: Member Petrie; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.*

## **XI. Action Items**

- A. COVID 19 Mitigation Update - Superintendent Malinda Lansfeldt  
Superintendent Lansfeldt shared the revised resolution mandating the use of masks in all Stillwater Area Public Schools.

*Motion to call the question by: Member Hockert, second by: Member Petrie; Vote: 5 ayes, 1 nay (Riehle); Motion carried.*

*Motion to adopt the Resolution Mandating the Use of Masks in All Stillwater Area Public Schools by: Member Hockert; second by: Member Petrie; Vote: 5 ayes, 1 nay (Riehle); Motion carried.*

- B. Legislative Platform - Superintendent Malinda Lansfeldt  
The Legislative Working Group developed a list of priorities for District 834.  
The school board members had the opportunity to provide feedback on the platform. Once the priorities are approved this information will be shared with district legislative representatives.

Motion to approve the Legislative Platform by: Member Petrie, second by: Member Kelzenberg; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays;  
Motion carried unanimously.

- C. 2022-23 School District Calendar - Dr. Jennifer Cherry  
Two calendar options were presented to the board during the January 5, 2022 business meeting.  
Option 2 is being requested for approval which begins August 29 and ends June 7 with longer Thanksgiving and Winter breaks, and more days in semester one than in semester two to support student orientation.

*Motion to approve Option 2 of the 2022-2023 Calendar by: Member Petrie, second by: Member Hockert; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.*

- D. Policy 204 - School Board Meeting Minutes - Dr. Jennifer Cherry  
This is the final reading of Policy 204 and will be requested for approval.

Motion to approve Policy 204 - School Board Meeting Minutes by: Member Hockert; second by: Member Kelzenberg;  
Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Revoke Policy 201.1 - Board Purpose - Dr. Jennifer Cherry  
This is the final reading of Policy 201.1 which is being recommended to be revoked.

*Motion to revoke Policy 201.1 - Board Purpose by: Member Petrie; second by: Member Hockert; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.*

- F. School Board Committee Assignments and Working Groups 2022 Chair Alison Sherman  
Board members were encouraged to contact Chair Sherman prior to the January 20, 2022 business meeting with their interest for a specific School Board Representative and Sub-Committee for 2022.

Motion to approve the School Board Committee Assignments and Working Groups 2022 by: Member Kelzenberg;  
second by: Member Votava; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.

## **XII. Adjournment**

- A. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Alison Sherman, Board Chair