



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Stillwater City Hall, 216 North Fourth St, Stillwater, MN
January 23, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Sarah Stivland, chair; Shelley Pearson, vice chair; Tina Riehle, treasurer; Mike Ptacek, clerk; Mark Burns, director; Jennifer Pelletier, director; Liz Weisberg, director; Superintendent Pontrelli, ex-officio.
Student Representatives: Elise Riniker and Khuluc Yang
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Stivland led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. **District Mission and School Board Goals:** The mission statement was read by Director Pearson and the goals were read by Director Ptacek.
- V. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Reports item C by Member Ptacek; seconded by: Member Burns, Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

VI. **Superintendent Report**

- Learning session on the Achievement and Integration Plan was this evening. Welcome feedback from the community.
- Rob Bach and the Superintendent were keynote speakers at Oakland Middle School for Career Day.
- This week is designated as Coaches and Advisors Recognition week by Governor Waltz, which honors and supports the more than 325 coaches and advisors in our district.
- Partnership Plan Da Vinci Fest is this Saturday.

VII. **Introductory Items**

A. Student Representative Report:

Elise Riniker:

This last week students took final semester exams; One Act is hosting a competition; hockey game tonight; Student Council is hosting the Snowball Dance on February 1; Battle of the Bands is scheduled for February 21; BLAST Week – (Be Loving and Sharing Together) is scheduled.

Khuluc Yang:

AVID had over 54 senior AVID class members accepted into four and two year colleges. Native American Student Alliance is having a work shop next week. Preparing for the upcoming talent show.

- B. District Recognition – Ana Weaver – State track champion was recognized for all her academic and athletic accomplishments. Ana thanked her coaches, teammates and the community.

VIII. **Open Forum**

1. Dave Peters – Shared information on Cub Scouts. Asks that paper flyers be allowed to be take-home materials in the school district.

2. Jim Franklin – Concerns with the Code of Conduct Policy and policies not being followed and ones that need to be rescinded.
3. John Franklin – The benefits of the secondary literacy curriculum.
4. DeeDee Armstrong – Afton – Issues with the Student Survey policy on the language around opting out of surveys.
5. Andrea McCready – Stillwater – Secondary Literacy curriculum review process and the Curriculum Advisory Committee's parent and student involvement.
6. William Raymond – Education is a great equalizer. As a member of the Community Design Team felt his time was not respected.

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. Amended Minutes of December 19, 2019 Business Meeting
- B. Minutes of January 9, 2020 Business Meeting
- C. Disbursement Register January 11-24, 2020
- D. Accept Gifts and Donations
- E. Human Resources Personnel Report
- F. Approval of Recommendation regarding Level III Grievance
- G. Retirement Agreement with Employee

Request to pull item C.

Motion by: Member Pearson to approve A, B, D, E, F, and G; Second by: Member Riehle; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by: Member Pelletier to approve item C; Second by: Member Pearson; Vote 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

X. Reports

- A. Second Reading 520 – Student Surveys
Chair Stivland asked for any concerns with the second reading of this policy. There are challenges for opting in. Statue indicates we notify parents of what surveys are intended to be used during the school year and prior to an individual survey the district gives families ample time to review the surveys before the students are asked to complete a survey. Will take this back to policy working group for further discussion on how many surveys are sent out and this will be shared in the future.
- B. Second Reading 521 – Student Disability Nondiscrimination – Chair Stivland asked for any comments. Review policy to ensure all disabled students is changed to students with disabilities.
- C. Second Reading 209 – Code of Conduct – Removed from agenda for further discussion

XI. Action Items

- A. School Board Committees and Working Group Assignments
Chair Stivland presented the board committee and working group appointments for 2020.

Motion by: Member Weisberg to approve the 2020 School Board Committees and Working Group Assignments; Second by: Member Riehle; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays; Motion Carries Unanimously.

- B. Secondary Literacy Curriculum

Ms. Larson summarized the presentations and information that was shared in the past with board members through work sessions, presentations and information sheets.

Items to strengthen the plan were discussed with the possibility of adding middle school reading interventionists, adding LETRS training and having new books available now. The costs of the program for each year and for the entire packet were discussed. The LETRS training, interventionist and books are not currently in the budget.

Motion by Member Pelletier to adopt the Secondary ELA proposal for \$502,000 over the course of three years. Second by Member Burns. Vote: 6 ayes; 1 nay (Burns), Motion Carried.

Member Pearson amended the motion that we also approve the \$96,000 for LETRS training for interventionists and instructional coaches; Seconded by Member Weisberg. Vote: 4 ayes (Weisberg, Riehle, Stivland, Pearson), 3 (Burns, Pelletier, Ptacek) nays, Motion Carried.

Amended by Member Weisberg to have the PD for LETRS and interventionists at the elementary school for \$214,000/year. Second by: Member Ptacek. Amendment was withdrawn by Member Weisberg; Second by Member Ptacek.

C. BWBR Architectural Services

Ms. Hoheisel provided for the board the proposal for BWBR to provide architectural services for the upcoming summer long term facilities maintenance projects. The history of the architectural services was also shared.

Motion by: Member Pelletier to approve the BWBR Architectural Services for summer projects; Second by: Member Burns; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by: Member Ptacek to amend the motion by Member Pelletier to put out an RFP for architectural services going forward to consider other possibilities; Second by Member Pearson; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Due to late hour, the board and committee reports will not be given.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Member Stivland to move to go into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(b), for an attorney-client privileged discussion regarding litigation options to address EN Properties, LLC's failure to perform certain terms of the purchase agreement and the City's related denial of an amendment to the bus terminal CUP.

Motion seconded by: Member Ptacek. Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. to closed session.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Ptacek, school board clerk.