



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Stillwater Central Services, 1875 South Greeley St, Stillwater, MN
July 11, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.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.

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

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

V. Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion by Member Stivland to add an action item to the agenda that would be authorization to enter into an exploratory conversation and to negotiate a possible agreement related to the contract of the superintendent. Second by Member Riehle. Vote: 4 ayes (Ptacek, Stivland, Weisberg, Riehle) and 3 nays (Pearson, Pelletier, Burns). Motion carries.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pontrelli reported:

- Met with Council of City Mayors along with Dr. McDowell, discussed development of pathways and how to better engage students in their secondary experiences.
- At the last meeting a community member questioned whether we really had saved or re-invested the \$1.2 savings. The superintendent would like to give a short presentation for the board at an upcoming meeting to show where savings were reinvested in transportation, a middle school model and a 9th grade Pony center at the high school.
- Thank Eric Anderson and Anna Wilcek for starting up the Summer Success Program. Student leaders are now being trained.
- The Wall that Heals replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is on display July 5-28 at the Old Athletic Field. Take advantage of this moving experience.
- Superintendent reminded the community after her evaluation she did invite board members to meet and have a conversation on their individual evaluations. Thanked the few board members that took the time to do this.

VII. Introductory Items

There were no introductory items for this meeting.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of June 27, 2019 School Board Meeting
- B. Disbursement Register June 29-July 12, 2019
- C. Human Resources Personnel Report
- D. Identify Official with Authority for MDE

Motion to approve by Pearson; second by: Riehle, Vote: 7 ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried unanimously.

IX. Action Item

Motion to approve a resolution to authorize Mike Ptacek, Board Chair and Sara Stivland, Board Clerk to enter into exploratory conversation and to pursue a possible separation agreement with the superintendent. Second by Member Riehle; Vote: 5 ayes, 2 nays (Burns, Pelletier), Motion Carried.

X. Board Member Reports

A. Board Chair Report

1. Chair Ptacek reported that he and Vice Chair Pearson met with the superintendent and assistant superintendent reviewing upcoming agendas for future meetings.

B. Working Group Reports

1. Community Engagement – The work group met and minutes were sent out. Close to 100 members for community design team. Will bring to the board for action on July 25. Discussed ways to gather feedback from thought exchange.
2. Finance and Operations – No meeting since last board meeting.
3. Legislative – Several board members attended the SEE's Regional meeting and discussed the legislation passed at the last session.
4. Personnel – No meeting since last board meeting.
5. Policy – Productive meeting with many policies being reviewed. At the next board meeting a review of Policy 209 for a first reading with changes made from its previous approval last summer. Next meeting is 7/22.

C. Board Member Reports

1. Director Burns – no updates
2. Director Stivland – no updates
3. Director Pearson – no updates
4. Director Weisberg – no updates
5. Director Pelletier – 2014 Graduate Mitch Reinke, member of the NHL St. Louis Blues is bringing the Stanley Cup to the St. Croix Valley Recreation Center on July 22. Noted her support for Superintendent Pontrelli
6. Director Riehle - no updates

XI. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Stivland, school board clerk.