



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Video Conference
July 30, 2020 – 8:00 a.m. Special Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Sarah Stivland, chair; Mike Ptacek, clerk; Tina Riehle, treasurer; Jennifer Pelletier, director; Liz Weisberg, director
- III. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda by Member Ptacek; Seconded by: Member Weisberg; Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

IV. **Review of Final Smart reStart**

Interim Superintendent Lansfeldt shared we are working with district leadership teams and community members for the upcoming school year on the reStart plan. The state implemented the new mask guideline requirement for ages 5 and up. Some of the safety guidelines will be physical distancing of individuals in classroom/common areas, visual reminders for physical distancing with posters, and floor directional signs. Masks and face shields will be available for all staff and donations of masks are being provided. Community groups and members are making masks for the schools. Lakeview Hospital is helping to support the protocols. Many cleaning and disinfectants have been ordered. Handwashing stations with soap and/or hand sanitizing will be available in each classroom. There will be increased daily and weekly enhanced cleaning and disinfecting and increased circulation of outside air into buildings by turning up the ventilation which will cost the district money for this. More staffing of custodians for deeper cleaning is also planned.

Screening expectations were reviewed which include expecting families and staff to screen themselves before coming to school daily. No temperature stations will be available at the schools. When you have these stations it takes too long and there is crowding.

COVID symptoms, as well as the guidelines and the time frame to stay home, were reviewed. Stay home for at least 10 days since symptoms began and until no fever for at least 3 days without medication and improvement of other symptoms. Siblings and household members stay home for 14 days. Other staff and students exposed to the individual will also stay home/quarantine for 14 days. When there is a COVID case in school there will be communication to all families of students and of staff. Extra cleaning will be done, will continue to provide important health information to families, will contact all students and/or staff who were in close contact with the person, and monitor symptoms of students and staff. We will send students and staff home if they become ill at school. Guidelines for how families can prepare their students at home was reviewed (talk to the child, pick out a face covering, practice the modeling and encourage the child to ask questions).

Taking care of our staff is also very important to us as they are also worried. In order to support staff with mental wellness we will offer a behavioral health program as an enhancement to our benefits plan which will begin on August 1, 2020. There is no cost to the employee. There will be access to a live coach and assistance through a 24 hour per day app.

The Governor will speak at 2:00 pm today therefore more details will come at the next Special Meeting on August 3 at 5:00 pm.

V. Revised 2020-21 School Calendar

Interim Superintendent Lansfeldt and Administration is requesting a delay of one week to the school year. Change the starting week from August 31 to the week of September 8. Spring break and the last day of school will remain the same. Students will not lose student contact days. This change provides an opportunity to respond to directives given by the Governor, allows for an additional week for teachers and staff to plan, prepare and train for new learning formats, schedules, safety protocols, etc. and more time for families to adjust their schedules and arrange family care.

Motion by: Member Weisberg to approve the revised 2020-21 school calendar; Second by Member Riehle; Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

A. The meeting adjourned formally at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Ptacek, Clerk