



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools  
Video Conference  
February 11, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5.00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Beverly Petrie, Chair, Alison Sherman, Co-Chair, Matt Onken, Treasurer, Annie Porbeni, Clerk, Katie Hockert, director, Tina Riehle, director, Liz Weisberg, director

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

Motion by Member Hockert at 5:04 to adjourn to closed session pursuant to The Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes, Section §13D.03(b), allows the School Board to close a meeting to discuss negotiations; Seconded by Member Onken; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Closed meeting adjourned to open meeting at 6:08 p.m.**

III. **Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion to approve the agenda by: Member Sherman; seconded by: Member Hockert; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays: Motion Carried Unanimously.*

IV. **Superintendent Report**

- Superintendent Lansfeldt shared the online learning update.
- Nominations are being accepted for the 2020-2021 Partnership Awards.
- February 7 through 11 is National School Counseling Week. Please join us in recognizing the unique work that school counselors and social workers do at every grade level to help children reach their full potential.
- Eric Anderson had the opportunity to testify on behalf of the 2021 Increase Teachers of Color Act (H.F. 217).
- February is Black History Month. Black History Month was started by historian Carter G. Woodson in 1915 to celebrate the accomplishment and achievements of Black Americans.
- February 22 - 26 is Minnesota School Board Recognition Week. Thanks to the hard work of our school board members, our children are preparing for a bright future.
- Thank you for SB 5th grade and A/L 3rd grade class for reading. Pie in the face with Principal Rogers of A/L

V. **Introductory Items**

A. Student Report

Mara provided a report on academics and Student Life -

- Students have started their online second semester classes.
- Senior community scholarships are due on Monday, February 15, 2021 by 3:00 p.m...
- Four high school students received the Scholastic art award. Winning students will be judged for national awards.
- Stillwater concert choir and bell performed at the MMEA
- Student council has been doing the annual blast week event virtually.

Brynn provided a report on Activities -

- Mara shared an update on High school sporting events.
- School dance Team took 4th place in jazz.
- MN State high school league announced that there will be state tournaments.

B. Recognition

Superintendent Lansfeldt introduced Sara Abraha who was recently selected by Governor Walz, Lieutenant Governor Flanagan and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota to serve as one of 32 young female leaders from all over the state of Minnesota on the Young Women's Cabinet.

**VI. Open Forum**

- Carl Blondin - Moving forward with important projects.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

- A. School Board Closed Meeting Minutes January 21, 2021  
Contact Person: Annie Porbeni, Clerk or Joan Hurley, Secretary  
A copy of the minutes is included for your review.
- B. School Board Closed Meeting Minutes January 26, 2021  
Contact Person: Annie Porbeni, Clerk or Joan Hurley, Secretary  
A copy of the minutes is included for your review
- C. School Board Special Meeting Minutes January 26, 2021  
Contact Person: Annie Porbeni, Clerk or Joan Hurley, Secretary  
A copy of the minutes is included for your review.
- D. School Board Meeting Disbursement Register January 23 to February 11, 2021  
Contact Person: Dr. John Thein, Director, Finance  
A copy of the register has been distributed to board members
- E. Pay Equity Compliance Report  
Contact Person: Cindy Gustafson, Director of Human Services  
A copy of the report has been distributed to board members.
- F. Human Resources Personnel Report  
Contact Person: Cindy Gustafson, Director of Human Services  
A summary of personnel transactions for the month is included for your review.

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A - E by: Member Weisberg; Second by: Member Onken; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays: Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items F by: Member Weisberg; Second by: Member Sherman; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays: Motion carried unanimously.*

**VIII. Reports**

- A. On the Dial - Interim Superintendent Lansfeldt  
Superintendent Lansfeldt shared COVID-19 data, staff vaccination update and school mitigation strategies and challenges. She reviewed the return to school timeline and shared Community Education classes and activities, sports and clubs available to students.
- B. Referendum Timeline - Interim Superintendent Lansfeldt  
Superintendent Lansfeldt shared the referendum timeline and identified the key dates and School Board decision points.
- C. School Board Recognition Week - Interim Superintendent Lansfeldt  
School Board recognition week is February 22 through 26, 2021. Superintendent Lansfeldt read a proclamation to the board members who will receive a certificate of appreciation.
- D. Contract and Expenditures Reviews - Dr. John Thein, Director of Finance  
Dr. Thein shared seventeen contracts from January 15 to February 4, 2021.

**IX. Action Items**

- A. Chiller #1 Internal Inspection and Overhaul - Mark Drommerhausen, Director of Operations  
Mr. Drommerhausen shared this information during Finance and Operations meeting on  
January 26, 2021.

*Motion to approve the Chiller #1 Internal Inspection and Overhaul by: Member Onken; Second by: Member Sherman; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays: Motion carried unanimously.*

- B. Upper Lakes Foods, Inc. Renewal for 2021-2022 - Mark Drommerhausen, Director of Operations  
Mr. Drommerhausen shared this information during Finance and Operations meeting on  
February 9, 2021.

*Motion to approve the Upper Lakes Foods, Inc. Renewal for 2021-2022 by: Member Porbeni; Second by Sherman: Member; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays: Motion carried unanimously.*

**X. Board Reports**

- A. Board Chair Report – Nothing to report

B. Working Group Reports

1. Community Engagement - Nothing to report
2. Finance and Operations - Nothing to report
3. Legislative - This is a funding year for the legislature. They will be setting the amounts that school districts get for the next two years.
4. Policy - Nothing to report

C. Member Reports:

- Director Hockert attended her first Northeast Metro Intermediate School District 916 board meeting. She mentioned that Superintendent Hayes is retiring.
- Chair Petrie is the liaison for Lily Lake Elementary this quarter. She was glad to see students returning to school and was impressed with the creative classroom accommodations during her recent visit.

**XI. Adjournment**

- A. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Annie Porbeni, Clerk*