



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Oak Park Building, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082
October 7, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Beverly Petrie, Chair, Alison Sherman, Vice-Chair, Annie Porbeni, clerk
Katie Hockert, director, Tina Riehle, director

Not present:

Others present: Malinda Lansfeldt, Mark Drommerhausen, Brian Zeller and Steve Ogren

Adjourn to Closed Session

The board adjourned to closed session at 5:21 p.m. pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, Subd. 3(b), to discuss or consider offers for the purchase or sale of real properties. The properties are identified as: 10158 122nd St N, Hugo, MN 55038 (the former Withrow Elementary School property);

Motion to adjourn to a closed session by: Member Petrie; second by: Member Hockert; Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

Closed meeting adjourned to a work session at 5:33 p.m.

Chris Kunze joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **District Mission Statement and School Board Goals**
- V. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to amend the agenda to remove report item C and D by: Member Sherman; second by: Member Porbeni; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the agenda by: Member Sherman; second by: Member Porbeni; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.

VI. **Oath of Office**

Congratulations and welcome to Chris Kunze, who was sworn into office and accepted the position as School Board Director of our school district with duties empowered by the Minnesota Legislature.

VII. **Introductory Item**

A. **Student Report**

Sophia reported on Student Life and Activities -

- 637 students earned a 3.7 GPA and above and 117 of those students earned a 4.0 unweighted GPA during a Virtual Academic Ceremony.
- Homecoming events held the week of September 27, 2021 were a huge success.
- Senior night for Boys and Girls Soccer is on Thursday, October 7 and football senior night is on Friday, October 8, 2021.

- We would like to recognize all the Student Council Members for their participation in making homecoming week a huge success.

Amelia provided a report on academics -

- Three students were recognized by the College Board for academic excellence.
- New clubs that began this week are the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and the Feminist Club.

VIII. Superintendent Report

- National IT Professional Day was on September 21, 2021 and School Custodian Appreciation Day was on October 2, 2021.
- Longtime girls and boys swimming coach Brian Luke is being inducted into the Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame.
- The high school's College and Career Center Specialist Amy Carr was presented with the Impact Influencer Award by the U.S. Navy.
- We continue to build connections with our students, identify those who are struggling and provide additional support to help them succeed. Please reach out to a teacher, principal, counselor/social worker if you have concerns about your child.
- Congratulations to three Stillwater Area High School students who have been honored by the College Board National Recognition Program.
 - Oyinpreye and Oyintare Porbeni- College Board National African American Recognition Program Scholar
 - Ava Roots - College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar.
- The Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation (LSCVCF) dedicated a new picnic shelter and picnic tables at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School.
- Thank you to students, staff and community members for your support during homecoming week.
- We received confirmation that we may begin to occupy the bus terminal.

IX. Board Chair Report

- Director Hockert and Chair Petrie will join administration in negotiations for the 2021-2023 SCEA contract.
- The policy group will discuss the option of banning signs during school board meetings.

X. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of September 23, 2021 Closed Meeting
- Minutes of September 23, 2021 Business Meeting
- Disbursement Register - September 25, 2021 - October 8, 2021
- Brookview Elementary Student Lockers
- Human Resources Personnel Report

Motion to approve consent items A, B, D, and E by: Member; Hockert; Second by: Member Kunze; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve consent item C by: Member Riehle; Second by: Member Sherman; Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Kunze); Motion carried.

XI. Action Item

- Board Vacancy by Appointment – Chair Beverly Petrie
During a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 three candidates interviewed for the Board Vacancy by Appointment position. The selection of the Board Vacancy by Appointment will take place during the October 7, 2021 School Board meeting. Voting will be conducted by paper ballot.
 - Each board member will rank candidate 3, 2, 1 (3 being your top choice)
 - The votes of each candidate will be read and announced.
 - Votes will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Official Ballot Ranking
Board Vacancy by Appointment
October 7, 2021

	David Taylor	Vivian Votava	Kelly Bowen
Katie Hockert	2	3	1

Chris Kunze	2	3	0
Beverly Petrie	2	3	1
Annie Porbeni	2	3	1
Tina Riehle	2	1	3
Alison Sherman	2	3	1
Total	12	16	7

Motion to approve Board Vacancy by Appointment by: Member Petrie; Second by: Member Porbeni; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Reports

- A. Child Care Stabilization Grant - Ms. Annette Sallman
Ms. Sallman shared information on the Child Care Stabilization Grant.
- B. Transportation Update - Superintendent Malinda Lansfeldt
Administration shared an update on transportation.

XIII. Open Forum

- Rachel Schmeltzer, Stillwater, MN - Highlights being back at school, Levy
- Eric Anderson, Oak Park Heights, MN - Positives at Brookview Elementary
- Jessica Johnson, Stillwater, MN - Student Achievement, Curriculum and Goals
- Heidi Adam, West Lakeland, MN - Open Forum, Levy
- Brian Lee, Lake Elmo, MN - Gratitude, Levy
- Jenny Hanlon, Stillwater, MN - Early Childhood Family Center
- Sandi Hayner, Stillwater, MN - QComp, PD
- DeeDee Armstrong, Afton, MN - Levy
- Dawn Beavers, Baytown Township, MN - Levy
- Meghann Greeder, Hugo, MN - Levy
- Lisa LaRoque Williams, Lakeland, MN - Masks, Literacy
- Kate Niemann, Stillwater Township, MN - Stillwater athletics
- Jason Peterson, Woodbury, MN - Open Forum, Levy

XIV. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Annie Porbeni, Clerk