



Independent School District No. 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools  
Oak Park Building, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082  
School Board Business Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Alison Sherman, chair; Katie Hockert, vice chair; Beverly Petrie, treasurer; Annie Porbeni, clerk; Pete Kelzenberg, director; Tina Riehle, director

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

The board adjourned to a closed session at 5:32 p.m. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03(b). The governing body of a public employer may by a majority vote in a public meeting, decide to hold a closed meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.

*Motion by: Member Sherman to adjourn to closed session; second by: Member Hockert; Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.*

Director Votava joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m.  
Closed session adjourned to open meeting at 6:36 p.m.

III. **Public Comment**

Chair Sherman shared that beginning on February 17, 2022, Public Comment online sign up will be open the week of a business meeting from 8:00 a.m. on Monday until 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting on that Thursday. There will be a computer at the board meeting for those without technology with them.

- Mark Bishofsky, Stillwater, MN - Student Mental Health
- Bill English, Plymouth, MN - Transportation
- Jessica Johnson, Stillwater, MN - School Board and staff Responsibilities
- Sandi Hayner, Stillwater, MN - Masking Mandate

IV. **Pledge of Allegiance**

V. **Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to amend agenda to move report C - COVID 19 Mitigation Update to an action item by: Member Petrie, second by: Riehle; 4 ayes; 3 nays (Hockert, Porbeni, Votava); Motion carried.*

*Motion to approve the agenda by: Member Petrie; second by: Member Kelzenberg; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously*

VI. **Student Report**

Amelia provided a report on academics -

- Stillwater Area High School has updated its office hours to accommodate student needs.
- The deadline to apply for college scholarships is Friday, February 18, 2022.

- There is a new club at the school called the AngelaDavisSisterhood named after a political activist. This is an inclusive club for black women and non-binary at the high school and a safe place to be oneself.
- BLAST week is coming up and there are numerous events being put on that highlights different cultures and educates on different topics from LGBTQ rights to the origin of Native American Lacrosse.
- Thursday, February 3, 2022 is a health discovery day run by HOSA. They are visiting spine and sport chiropractic and will be able to watch and ask questions about the practice of being a chiropractor.

Ella provided a report on activities and extracurriculars -

- Ella shared a report on high school sporting events
- Twenty senior athletes participated in College Signing Day on February 2, 2022.

#### **VII. Superintendent Report**

- Superintendent Lansfeldt extended the district's deepest sympathy to the family and everyone impacted directly or indirectly by the passing of one of our high school students.
- We remind staff and students to reach out to others for help whenever needed and to visit our district's webpage on mental health support at [stillwaterschools.org/services/mental-health](http://stillwaterschools.org/services/mental-health).
- Governor Walz proclaimed the week of January 24–30, 2022 as Paraprofessional Recognition Week.
- Stillwater Area High School is changing its schedule to better support students.
- Members of the Native American Student Alliance (NASA) are learning the ancient skill of tanning hides by James Tom, a local Choctaw elder and co-chair of the Stillwater Native American Parent Advisory Committee.
- Students in Ms. Chaplinksi's seventh grade science class learned about viruses from a former Stillwater Middle School student who is now studying at Harvard Medical School.
- The DaVinci Fest art and upcycling pieces can be found on The Partnership Plan's Facebook page.
- Our Community Design Team will be meeting on February 8, 2022 to review the progress on the team's priorities for building site improvements.
- Please remind your child to dress warmly during these cold temperatures.
- The deadline to submit a nomination for Distinguished Alumni of Stillwater Area Public High School is February 28, 2022. [Submission Form](#).

#### **VIII. Board Chair Report**

- Students taking a government class at the high school have been emailing the school board with topics such as parking lot issues, mental health concerns, COVID safety and school violence.
- The School Board had a Robert's Rules parliamentary process training on January 25, 2022. Visit the School Board district webpage to view.
- There is a community survey on the district website that closes on February 10, 2022 as part of the Superintendent search.

#### **IX. Consent Agenda**

- Minutes of January 20, 2022 Closed Session
- Minutes of January 20, 2022 Business Meeting
- Minutes of January 25, 2022 Closed Session
- Payment of Invoices – January 22, 2022 - February 4, 2022
- Chromebook Purchase for ECF Program
- Stillwater Middle School Athletic Locker Replacement
- Drivers' Education Program
- Policy 203.5 - School Board Meeting Agenda
- Human Resources Personnel Report

*Motion to approve item A-I by: Member Hockert; second by: Member Porbeni; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **X. Reports**

- First Policy Reading 205 - Open and Closed Meetings - Dr. Jennifer Cherry

This policy will come to a future business for a second reading.

- B. First Policy Reading 214 - Out of State Travel By Board Members - Dr. Jennifer Cherry  
This policy will come to a future business for a second reading.

**XI. Action Item**

- A. COVID 19 Mitigation Update – Superintendent Malinda Lansfeldt  
Administration presented an update to the Board of Education on COVID-19 cases in schools and the community. Administration recommends rescinding the resolution if rates continue to go down through February 10, 2022 and to authorize administration to follow the guidance using the district's local school data to make decisions regarding masking at school sites as recommended by the school board.

*Motion to rescind all masking immediately for all students and staff by: Member Riehle. Motion failed due to no second.*

*Motion to revoke the existing resolution and allow administration to make the decision to lift the mask mandate for all students effective on February 14, 2022 provided that the case rates continue to decline by February 10, 2022 and any future decisions would have to come back to the board by: Member Petrie, second by: Kelzenberg.*

*Motion to amend the resolution and allow administration to make the decision to lift the mask mandate effective on February 14, 2022 provided that the case rates continue to decline and the downward trend has to be statistically relevant by: Member Votava; second by: Member Porbeni; Vote: 2 ayes; 5 nays (Hockert, Kelzenberg, Petrie, Riehle, Sherman); Motion failed.*

*Motion to call question by: Member Riehle, second by: Member Hockert; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays; Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to revoke the existing resolution and allow administration to make the decision to lift the mask mandate for all students effective on February 14, 2022 provided that the case rates continue to decline by February 10, 2022 and any future decisions would have to come back to the board by: Member Petrie; second by: Member Kelzenberg; Vote: 5 ayes, 2 nays (Hockert, Votava); Motion carried.*

**XII. Adjournment**

- A. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Annie Porbeni, clerk