

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: February 20, 2025
TOPIC: 6.7-March 6, 2025 School Board Meeting Minutes
PRESENTER: Dayna Pottratz, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & School Board
REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE: Policy 204

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a. Review School Board Meeting Minutes.

B. RECOMMENDATION

- a. Approval

C. CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY

- a. Operations, Staffing, and Finance

March 6, 2025

- 1.0 **Call to Order: Roll Call:** Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 833, South Washington County, was held on Thursday, March 6, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chair Katie Schwartz, at 6:00pm at the District Service Center, 7362 East Point Douglas Road South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016. School Board Members present: Ryan Clarke, Melinda Dols, Simi Patnaik, Katie Schwartz, Eric Tessmer (arrived at 6:23pm) and Sharon Van Leer. Superintendent Nielsen was present.
- 2.0 **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3.0 **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Sharon Van Leer, seconded by Simi Patnaik to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.



4.0 **Workshop Items:**

4.1 Kids Club, AVID and SoWashCo CARES Partnership, introduced by Jake Winchell, Director of Community Education. Amy Saldana, Out of School Time Specialist, Julie Onken, AVID teacher, Cheryl Jogger, Community Engagement Coordinator and Heidi Wright, Kids Club Supervisor presented information on the partnership of high school AVID students working with Elementary students to help SoWashCo CARES in service-learning projects. Students shared their experiences and the impact the program has had on them.

5.0 **Information Items:**

5.1 Lease Levy Update, introduced by Tyrone Brookins, Assistant Superintendent. Marc Dubois, KOMA architect and Nicky Loch shared information on the building where Next Step and Pathways programming will be held. They shared visuals of the plans and purpose of the spaces.

5.2 Revised Budget presented by Kris Blackburn, Director of Business Services. She shared the updated budget with current numbers and projected dollars through the end of this fiscal year.

5.3 First Reading of Proposed Policy Changes presented by Julie Nielsen, Superintendent. Ms. Nielsen shared the proposed changes. Public commenters passed on their opportunity to comment.

6.0 **Reports and Comments:** Ms. Nielsen commented on the snow day this week, highlighted the Nutrition Services food rescue program, transportation opt in, testing after spring break and spring break dates. Simi Patnaik shared information on the Woodbury Equity Alliance speaker coming March 19th and invited others to attend.

7.0 **Future Meeting Dates:**

March 27, 2025 – School Board Business Meeting (DSC/6:00 p.m.)

April 10, 2025 – School Board Workshop Meeting (DSC/6:00 p.m.)

8.0 **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

