

- I. Recognition: The school board was recognized for their support and focus on doing what is best for students, staff and the community.
- II. Public Comment: Lorrie Shortridge and Erin Mathaus - Unified Cheer Club
- III. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m.
- IV. Roll Call: Present: Sarah Grcevich, Katie Hockert, Pete Kelzenberg, Chris Lauer, Robert Parker, Alison Sherman, Andrew Thelander.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance
- VI. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sherman, second by Thelander, carried 7-0.
- VII. Student Report: Zach and Aurora shared an update on academic and extracurricular activities.
- VIII. Superintendent Report: Dr. Funk shared that he will continue to participate in a Superintendent in Residence program. As part of this initiative, he plans to immerse himself in one school each month to better understand day-to-day operations and support individual school communities. District staff have been reviewing safety protocols and working through implementation of securing our buildings.
- IX. Board Chair Report: Nothing to report.
- X. Consent Agenda: A. School Board Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2025; B. School Board Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2025; C. Payment of Invoices, September 6 - 19, 2025; D. Field Trip Request for Stillwater High School Wind Symphony and Concert Orchestra to San Diego, California; E. Field Trip Request Form for CIS Advanced Communication and Pop culture class to New York; F. Policy 904.1 - Distribution of Materials by Non-School Persons; G. St. Croix Paraprofessional Association Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Regarding Deduction of Dues; H. Human Resources Personnel Report. Motion by Hockert, second by Lauer, carried 7-0.
- XI. Strategic Direction A: Ensure the Learning Process is Adaptable to Meet Individual Student Needs.
 - A. Teaching and Learning staff presented an update to the board about gifted programming. As of the 2026-27 school year, the 4/5 GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program will be moving from Stillwater Middle to the new Bayport Elementary. Staff is also working to enhance gifted cluster programming at all the elementary schools, with more resources and training for cluster teachers. Both middle schools will see expanded opportunities for accelerated learning and a shift away from a single-site cluster program at Stillwater Middle. Communication was sent directly to families of students in our gifted program to inform them of these updates.
- XII. Strategic Direction B: Foster a Safe, Welcoming and Inclusive Environment for all Staff and Students. Nothing to report.
- XIII. Strategic Direction C: Utilize Systems and Align Resources in an Efficient Manner to Support Learning.
 - A. First Reading Policy 620 - Credit for Learning. This policy will come to the board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.
 - B. The board received an overview of the district's strategic directions and focus areas. The presentation also included information about the department and school action cards that are guiding the work of staff and aligning school improvement plans with the strategic plan.
 - C. Motion by Sherman to adopt the preliminary proposed property tax levy 2025 payable 2026 and second by Thelander, carried 7-0. Motion by Hockert to set the date of the Truth and Taxation meeting for December 2, 2025 and a second by Lauer, passed 7-0. The final levy amount will be certified during the December 16, 2025 board meeting.
 - D. Motion by Sherman to approve the Resolution to Engage Legal Services for Negotiations and second by Hockert, carried 6-1 (Kelzenberg nay).
 - E. The board received an overview on contract negotiations.

- XIV. Strategic Direction D: Develop Strong Partnerships with the Communities We Serve. Nothing to report.
- A. Motion by Sherman to approve the boundary guiding change and second by Thelander, carried 7-0. The boundary committee will begin their work in October and present recommendations to the board.
- XV. Motion by Thelander at 7:16 p.m. to move to a closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3), which allows the Board to go into closed session to develop or consider an offer to purchase or sell real property and second by Hockert, carried 7-0. Present: Hockert, Greevich, Kelzenberg, Lauer, Parker, Sherman, Thelander, Funk, Drommerhausen. Motion by Greevich at 7:34 p.m. to adjourn closed to session and second by Thelander, carried 7-0.
- XVI. Adjourn
- A. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted, Katie Hockert, School Board Clerk