

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call: Present: Katie Hockert, Pete Kelzenberg, Chris Lauer, Beverly Petrie, Alison Sherman, Andrew Thelander
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Truth in Taxation. The district held its annual Truth in Taxation public hearing. Each December the district is required to present its budget and levy to the community and provide a time for public comment. The presentation included information about the current budget and the proposed tax levy for taxes payable 2025. The school board is required to adopt the final levy by Dec. 31 of each year. The board takes action to certify the levy at the Dec. 17 school board meeting. No speakers.
- V. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Sherman and second by Thelander; Carried 6-0.
- VI. Consent Agenda: A. Payment of Invoices - November 23-29, 2024; Gifts and Donations: June-September 2024; B. Copier Contract Renewal. Motion by Lauer and second by Kelzenberg, carried 6-0.
- VII. Strategic Direction C: Utilize Systems and Align Resources in an Efficient Manner to Support Learning.
 - A. Audit Presentation and Approval. School board members approved the 2023-24 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, upon which the annual audit is based. The district is required to have an annual independent financial audit and to submit audited financial data to the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education and to the Office of the State Auditor. This year's audit was conducted by Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co, P.A (MMKR) and the district received a clean or "unmodified" opinion on its annual audit of basic financial statements. Motion by Thelander and second by Petrie, carried 6-0.
- VIII. Strategic Direction A: Ensure the Learning Process is Adaptable to Meet Individual Student Needs, Foster a Safe, Welcoming and Inclusive Environment for All Staff and Students.
 - A. Stillwater Area High School New Course Approval. School board members approved 12 new high school courses for the 2025-26 school year. Many of the changes are a result of switching from Advanced Placement (AP) classes to Concurrent Enrollment (CE) and College in the Schools (CIS) classes. This allows students to take rigorous college classes at the high school and earn college credit through regular coursework instead of relying on a high-stakes AP exam at the end of the year. Motion by Hockert and second by Kelzenberg, carried 6-0.
- IX. Strategic Direction B: Foster a Safe, Welcoming and Inclusive Environment for All Staff and Students. Nothing to report.
- X. Strategic Direction D: Develop Strong Partnerships with the Communities We Serve. Nothing to report.
 - A. New Bayport Elementary Construction Bids. School board members approved bids for construction of a new elementary school in Bayport. The project will be funded by the 2024A School Building Bonds, which were approved by voters in the 2023 bond request. Construction begins this spring, with the new school opening in the fall of 2026. Motion by Sherman and second by Thelander, carried 6-0.
- XI. Adjourn
 - A. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Petrie, Board Clerk