

- I. Recognition: The board recognized the district's PTA members for their continued dedication towards students, staff, and the community. We are grateful for their time, energy, talents, and hard work.
- II. Public Comment: Mike McCarthy - Use of language in official school business.
- III. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:47 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 made by Sherman, second by Thelander, Carried 7-0.
- VII. Student Report: The second semester has begun. The DaVinci fest will be on Saturday, January 25, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. and the Pony Possibilities event will be held on January 27 from 6-8 p.m. at Stillwater Area High School.
- VIII. Superintendent Report: A couple of items that will affect school districts as part of the governor's proposed budget is the elimination of funding for Q-Comp. The state picks up about 2/3 of the funding, which funds our non-instructional coaches, PLC time for teachers and performance pay, which is a stipend for teachers. The other item is the reduction of transportation funding for both our special education department and no state aid for non-public schools, which the district takes a significant loss every year.
- IX. Board Chair Report: Board members and the superintendent attended MSBA workshops during the week of January 13. The district's legislative platform will be presented to local legislative representatives.
- X. Consent Agenda: A. School Board Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2024; B. School Board Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2025; C. Payment of Invoices, January 4-17, 2025; D. School Board Member Committee Assignments 2025; E. Stillwater Area High School Baseball Field Trip to West Palm Beach, Florida; F. 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. Nothing to report.
- 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. Resolution Directing District Administration to make Budget Reductions. The board approves this resolution annually as part of the priority-based budgeting process. Motion by: Sherman, second by: Thelander; carried 7-0.
  - B. New Lake Elmo Elementary-Construction Bids. Motion by: Sherman, second by: Kelzenberg; carried 7-0.Items C, D & E are part of the Long Term Maintenance projects.
  - C. 2025 Stillwater Area High School Athletic Track Rehabilitation. Motion by: Kelzenberg, second by: Hockert; carried 7-0.
  - D. 2025 Stillwater Area High School Press Box Replacement. Motion by: Lauer, second by: Grcevich; carried 7-0.
  - E. 2025 Stillwater Area High School Addition and Renovation – Construction Bids. Motion by: Thelander, second by: Kelzenberg; carried 7-0.
- XII. Strategic Direction D: Develop Strong Partnerships with the Communities We Serve.
  - A. Cell Phone Policy Feedback. Board members reviewed feedback from more than 4,000 students, staff, and families. The policy committee will present a draft on cell phone use to the board in February.

- B. Legislative Platform. District leaders will share the 2025 legislative platform with local legislators to express needs within the school district. The top priorities for this year include education funding; student behavior and support; and assessment. Motion by: Thelander, second by: Lauer; carried 7-0.

XIII. Adjourn

- A. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Katie Hockert, School Board Clerk