Independent School District 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools Oak Park Building, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082 Study Session, Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Roll Call: Present: Sarah Grcevich, Katie Hockert, Pete Kelzenberg, Chris Lauer, Alison Sherman, Andrew Thelander; Absent: Robert Parker
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Sherman, second by Thelander, Carried 6-0.
- V. Consent Agenda: A.Payment of Invoices, April 18 May 2, 2025; B. Donation to Oak-Land Middle School; C. St. Croix Paraprofessional Association Health Insurance (MOA); D. Custodial Employees Health Insurance (MOA); E. Nutrition Services Employees' Organization Health Insurance (MOA); F. Stillwater Principals' Association Health Insurance (MOA). Motion by: Hockert, second by Thelander, carried 6-0.
- VI. Strategic Direction D: Develop Strong Partnerships with the Communities We Serve
 - A. Proposed Site Preservation & Historical Marker. The board reviewed a proposal by a community member to develop a historical marker and site preservation near Rutherford Elementary. Funding for the project would be paid for by donations.
 - B. Belwin Environmental Education Partnership. School board members learned about a new partnership with Belwin Conservancy, which will expand environmental education across all seven elementary schools. Starting next school year, students in grades 3-5 will attend field trips to Belwin to deepen their understanding of nature and the environment.
- VII. Strategic Direction A: Ensure the Learning Process is Adaptable to Meet Individual Student Needs.
 - A. Technology Department Program Update. The board received a program update from the technology department, including a review of the department's structure, progress on system improvements and an overview of projects funded by the recent levy and bond.
- VIII. Strategic Direction B: Foster a Safe, Welcoming and Inclusive Environment for all Staff and Students. Nothing to report.
- IX. Strategic Direction C: Utilize Systems and Align Resources in an Efficient Manner to Support Learning.
 - A. Second Reading Policy 606.5 Library Materials. This policy will come to the board for a final reading and approval at a future meeting.
 - B. St. Croix Education Association (SCEA) Health Insurance MOA). The school board reviewed the SCEA MOA regarding health insurance premiums for the upcoming year. Motion by: Sherman, second by Lauer carried 6-0
- XII. Closed Session. Motion to move to closed session at 7:06 p.m. by Thelander 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 and second by Sherman, carried 6-0. Present: Grcevich, Kelzenberg, Lauer, Thelander, Sherman, Funk, Carlston, Schrul. Motion by Sherman at 7:33 p.m. to reconvene to open session and second by Thelander, carried, 5-0.
- XIII. Adjourn
 - A. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Katie Hockert, School Board Clerk