

Independent School District 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Oak Park Building, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082
Business Meeting Tuesday, August 5, 2025 5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call: Present: Sarah Grcevich, Katie Hockert, Pete Kelzenberg, Chris Lauer, Robert Parker, Alison Sherman, Andrew Thelander.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sherman, second by Grcevich, carried 7-0.
 - I. Consent Agenda: A. Payment of Invoices, July 12-August 1, 2025 & Off Cycle Payment from Previous Register; B. District Handbook Approval. Motion by Lauer, second by Thelander, carried 7-0.
- V. Business Items
 - A. The board approved the district's new [Language Access Plan](#), which outlines how the district is ensuring families have access to information in their own language. Motion by Sherman, second by Kelzenberg, carried 7-0.
 - B. The board approved a settlement agreement in the lawsuit with the district's former transportation vendor, Metropolitan Transportation Network (MTN), Inc. Motion by Sherman, second by Thelander, carried 7-0.
 - C. Adventure Club is seeing a significant increase in the need for childcare. At this time, 840 students are being fully served and another 72 are partially served, which equates to 79% of all requests being met. About 240 students remain on the wait list and staff are continuing to recruit employees to fill the remaining needs.
 - D. The board received an update from the transportation department, including the customer support team, the early release of bus routes and the new ticketing system.
 - E. School board members examined the implementation of [multi-grade classrooms](#) at Brookview, Lake Elmo, Lily Lake and Rutherford to address class size and budgetary challenges.
- VI. Workshop Topic
 - A. The board received an overview of funding related to student enrollment, growth in the district, future housing developments and strategies to help grow enrollment and increase communication and marketing.
 - B. The board discussed their perspective on the current enrollment situation and shared ideas on how to increase student enrollment and ways to promote the district.
- VII. Closed Session. Motion by Sherman and second by Thelander to adjourn to a closed session at 8:16 p.m. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3, a public body may close a meeting to evaluate the performance of the superintendent, who is subject to its authority, carried 7-0. Present: Grcevich, Hockert, Lauer, Kelzenberg, Parker, Sherman, Thelander, Funk. Motion to reconvene to open session by Thelander, second by Grcevich at 11:44 p.m. carried 7-0.
- XII. Adjourn
 - A. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Katie Hockert, School Board Clerk