Independent School District 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools Oak Park Building, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082 Business Meeting Tuesday, April 8, 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 made by Sherman, second by Kelzenberg, Carried 7-0.
- V. Consent Agenda: A.March 15 April 4, 2025, Gifts & Donations and Treasurer's Reports, January 2025; B. Field Trip Request Form for Business Professionals of America Nationals (BPA) in Orlando, Florida. Motion by: Thelander, second by Lauer, carried 7-0.
- VI. Strategic Direction A: Ensure the Learning Process is Adaptable to Meet Individual Student Needs.
  - A. Stonebridge Elementary Building Update. Principal Derek Berg shared the work underway to improve learning outcomes for students. He outlined several strengths of the program, as well as some challenges and opportunities for growth. There is a positive culture among students and staff, with a strong family and community involvement.
- VII. Strategic Direction B: Foster a Safe, Welcoming and Inclusive Environment for all Staff and Students. Nothing to report.
- VIII. Strategic Direction C: Utilize Systems and Align Resources in an Efficient Manner to Support Learning.
  - A. Report: Priority-Based Budgeting: Elementary Schedule. There will be a focus on core academic instruction that will allow teachers time to implement new literacy curriculum. Science will be taught by dedicated specialists at the elementary level, while art and media will be integrated into classroom learning. This provides 40 more minutes in the school day for reading instruction - a requirement of our new literacy program.
  - B. Report: Budget Update 2025-26. Stillwater Schools is facing a significant budget shortfall for the 2025-26 school year. District leaders are working to close a \$5 million gap through strategic reductions and smarter investments in student learning.
  - C. Action: Resolution Proposing Placement of Teachers on Unrequested Leave of Absence. Motion by: Hockert, second by Lauer, carried 7-0
  - D. Action: Staffing Adjustments (Non-Renewing Probationary Teaching Contracts) Motion by: Sherman, second by Thelander, carried 7-0
- XII. Strategic Direction D: Develop Strong Partnerships with the Communities We Serve
  - A. Adventure Club Update Fall 2025. The projected enrollment for fall of 2025 is 976 students with 68 waitlisted. The estimated hiring need is 20-25 new staff.
- XIII. Adjourn
  - A. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Katie Hockert, School Board Clerk