

Independent School District 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Oak Park Learning Center, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082
Study Session, Monday, February 2, 2026 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, Alison Sherman, Andrew Thelander. Robert Parker joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Sherman and seconded by Thelander, Carried 6-0.
- V. Motion by Hockert to approve consent agenda: A. Payment of Invoices, January 17-30, 2026; B. Policy 731 - Debt Compliance Policy and second by Lauer, Carried 6-0.
- VI. Business Items
 - A. Policy 213 - School Board Committee will come to the board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.
 - B. Policy 423 Employee-Student Relations will come to the board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.
 - C. A minor correction was made to Policy 613 - Graduation Requirements following the first reading on January 20. This was reviewed by the policy committee on January 29.
 - D. Motion by Serman to approve Policy 613 - Graduation Requirements and second Lauer, passed 7-0.
- VII. Workshop Topic
 - A. The board received an update on winter FastBridge results, a universal screener used to evaluate Tier 1 instruction and identify students for additional support in reading and math across grades K–12.
 - B. As part of our fiscal year planning, we are facing a required budget reduction of approximately \$5.5 million. This follows the \$5 million in reductions implemented last year. Given the cumulative nature of these cuts, further reductions will have a meaningful and visible impact on our organization and the community we serve. Before moving forward with specific proposals, we are seeking the Board’s guidance on priorities and preferred approaches for identifying additional cost savings.
- VIII. Motion by Sherman at 6:30 p.m. to move to a closed session 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 Thelander, carried 7-0. Present: Hockert, Grcevich, Kelzenberg, Lauer, Parker, Sherman, Thelander, Funk, Carlston, Schrul. Motion by Sherman at 7:13 p.m. to adjourn to open meeting and second by Hockert, carried 7-0.
- IX. Adjourn
 - A. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Grcevich, Board Clerk