

Independent School District 834 – Stillwater Area Public Schools
Oak Park Learning Center, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082
Study Session, Tuesday, March 3, 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 7-0.
- V. Motion by Hockert to approve consent agenda: A. Payment of Invoices, February 24-27, 2026; B. Technology Purchase for Phone Handsets and Related Equipment; C. Policy 211 - Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Members, Employee or Student and second by Lauer, Carried 7-0.
- VI. Business Items
 - A. The board reviewed a list of summer improvements projects, funded through the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance program. The plan includes projects at Afton-Lakeland Elementary, Oak Park Learning Center, Rutherford Elementary, Stillwater Middle School, Stonebridge Elementary and the Transportation Terminal. Motion by Grcevich, second by Thelander, carried 7-0.
 - B. The Bayport Elementary Playground Equipment and Fall Surface project came in under budget. Motion by Sherman, second by Lauer, carried 7-0.
 - C. The Lake Elmo Elementary Playground Equipment and Fall Surface project came in under budget. Motion by Hockert, second by Thelander, carried 7-0
 - D. The board reviewed the Achievement & Integration three-year plan and how the goals align with the Pony Plan. Motion by Sherman, second by Thelander, carried 7-0.
 - E. The board was provided an update on Health Insurance Renewal costs for 2026–27. The insurance committee recommends renewing with Blue Cross Blue Shield at a rate of 13%. Motion by Kelzenberg, second Lauer, passed 7-0.
- VII. Workshop Topic
 - A. District leaders provided an update to the board on priority-based budgeting and reviewed a list of reductions for 2026-27 that address a more than \$5 million budget shortfall.
 - B. The board received an update on transportation planning for next year. More information on a final transportation model will be shared with the board and community this spring.
- VIII. Motion by Sherman at 7:59 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 Thelander at 9:02 p.m. to adjourn to open meeting and second by Grcevich, carried 7-0.
- IX. Adjourn
 - A. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Grcevich, Board Clerk