

**Statement and Determination By the School Board Chair
of Independent School District No. 834, Stillwater Schools,
Regarding Conducting School Board Meetings by Electronic Means**

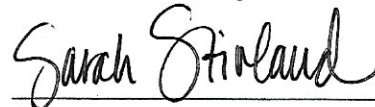
As the Board Chair of Independent School District No. 834, Stillwater Schools, I find as follows:

- a. The spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Minnesota has raised serious public health concerns and resulted in a great deal of uncertainty.
- b. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization determined that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency as a result of the pandemic.
- c. On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota.
- d. The Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health have provided specific guidance encouraging postponement or cancellation of events, limiting public gatherings, and recommending social distancing of at least six feet per person, which are not practical to achieve in the locations at which School Board meetings are held.
- e. Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021 authorizes school boards to meet by telephone or other electronic means if the presiding officer, school district attorney or chief administrator determines that meeting in person or by interactive television is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency has been declared.

Based on the above findings, I determine as follows:

1. Until further notice, all meetings of the School Board governed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D, including, but not limited to regular, special, emergency, and committee meetings, shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means because it is not prudent or practical to hold such meetings in person or by interactive television. All such meetings must comply with the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021.
2. Attendance at the regular location of at least one Board member, school district attorney, or chief administrator for such meetings is not feasible due to the health pandemic. The opportunity for the public to view and monitor School Board meetings conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021 shall be by video or teleconferencing.

Dated: March 25, 2020.



Sarah Stivland
School Board Chair