

**Minutes of the April 9th, 2018
Regular Board Meeting
Starmont Community School District Board of Directors**

1. Call to Order Regular School Board Meeting

The Starmont Community School District Board held its regular board meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018, at the High School Conference Room. President Puffett called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Members present: Doug Puffett, Shane Paris, Julie Uhlenkamp, Darren West, Kevin Powell. Administration present: Superintendent, Troy Heller; MS/HS Principal, Jason Yessak; Elementary Principal, Sandy Klaus; Curriculum Coordinator, Patty Briggs; Athletic Director, Chad Whittle; SBO/Board Secretary, Robyn Hosch.

2. Receive Communications and Visitors

There were none to receive.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – March 12, 2018

There is an amendment to the March 12th's board meeting minutes. The minutes should have read that Julia Gamm will receive \$12.70/hour as a summer painter.

- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Hiring:

1. Rebecca Biggs as kindergarten teacher and MS volleyball coach- \$31,290 + TSS monies for teaching and \$1,329.83 for coaching
2. Kelly Newell as ½ time HS English teacher and ½ time MS/HS special education teacher and MS play instructor- \$31,290 + TSS monies for teaching and \$938.70 for instructor
3. Laura Bilden as TLC Instructional Coach & Coordinator, Ashley Becker as TLC Instructional Coach, and Rachael Stecklein, Amanda Knox and Michelle Block all as TLC Mentors
4. Cassie Gruman as Asst. Cross Country Coach- \$2,346.75
5. Lenny Hansel- additional maintenance duties- \$0.75/hour raise
6. Randi Burns as PK-12 Therapist- \$75/hour
7. Tierney Schneider- transfer to 3rd grade
8. Matt Becker, Bonnie Hayes, David Hayes as volunteer drivers for Nationals Robotics trip
9. Jon Janssen as golf and baseball/softball volunteer

Resignations:

1. Sue Klett- Teacher & Librarian. Thank you for your 10 years of service, and happy retirement, Sue!

Motion by Powell to approve the consent agenda, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

4. Old Business: Review and Consider Approving 2018-19 School Calendar

Motion by Uhlenkamp to remove the 2018-19 school calendar from the table, Paris seconded, motion carried 5-0.

After reviewing the pros and cons to both the 180 day and the 175 day calendars, it was shown that although the 175 day calendar costs approximately \$3,200 more in wages per year, there are an additional 22 hours more of class time. There were concerns of not enough professional

development time, so the board would like to approve the 175 day calendar with the addition of more professional development time.

Motion by Paris to approve the 175 day calendar with the change of adding September 17, 2018, and November 21st, 2018, as additional professional development days, Uhlenkamp seconded, motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Hearing for 17-18 Budget Amendment & 18-19 Proposed Budget

At 7:24 PM, the public hearing began for Starmont's 2017-18 budget amendment and 2018-19 budget. Heller informed everyone present that the average tax rate in the state is \$13.73/1,000 and Starmont's proposed tax rate is \$12.26. There was no other public input. The public hearing closed at 7:25 PM.

6. Review and Consider Approving the 2017-18 Amended Budget

Motion by Powell to approve the 2017-18 budget amendment change from \$1,325,778 to \$1,725,778, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

7. Review and Consider Approving the 2018-19 Proposed Budget

Motion by Powell to approve the 2018-19 budget as presented, Uhlenkamp seconded, motion carried 5-0.

8. Review and Consider Approving Resolution for 2018-19 Annual Board-Approved PPEL

Each year, the board approves a resolution for the PPEL fund taxation. The resolution for the 2018-19 PPEL taxation reads: *Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Starmont Community School District, consistent with the Iowa Code, will levy tax for the fiscal year 2018-2019 at approximately \$76,000 for the district's board-approved physical plant and equipment levy fund. Funds will be spent in accordance with the law guiding PPEL funds.* Motion by Paris to approve the 2018-19 PPEL resolution as stated above, West seconded. Roll call. Ayes: Powell, Puffett, West, Uhlenkamp, Paris. Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Review and Consider Approving 2018-19 Sharing Agreements

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the 2018-19 HR director and transportation director sharing agreements with Oelwein and guidance counselor sharing agreement with Central, Paris seconded, motion carried 5-0. Motion by Paris to approve the 3-year shared superintendent contract with an increased sharing rate of 60% Starmont and 40% Tripoli, Uhlenkamp seconded, motion carried 5-0.

10. Review and Consider Approving 2018-19 NWEA Renewal

Motion by West to approve the 2018-19 subscription renewal of NWEA, Powell seconded, motion carried 5-0.

11. Review and Consider Approving Nationals Robotics Trip to Detroit, Michigan, Volunteer Contracts for Detroit Trip, and Art Trip to Chicago

The volunteer driver contracts for the Robotics trip to Detroit were approved in item #3, and the art trip to Chicago was cancelled. Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the Nationals Robotics trip to Detroit, Michigan, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

12. Review Daycare

Heller informed the board on the daycare updates and the upcoming meeting with parents on April 12th at 3:30.

13. Elementary Principal's Report/Curriculum Coordinator's Report

Klaus reported that the elementary was awarded \$4,828 from the Fayette County Community Foundation grant for stools and desks, and we would like to thank them for their generous support. Muffins for Moms will be held on April 27th from 7AM-8AM in the elementary gym and a special thanks to Renee Cantrell and her staff for organizing the event. She would also like to send a big congrats to all the K-6 art students who won at the district art show and for the fire prevention poster!

Briggs reported she has been staying updated with the ESSA and standards-based grading changes through trainings, and she would like to send a reminder that there will be a SIAC meeting on April 26th.

14. MS/HS Principal's Report/Athletic Director's Report

Yessak introduced Rylee Zobac, who is interested in acting as the student representative for the board meetings. He also reported that the 6th graders have officially graduated from the DARE program on March 23rd. A huge thanks and special mention needs to go out to the FFA students and their advisor, Rachael Stecklein, for the many events they have recently hosted, including donkey basketball. Donkey basketball raised about \$2,000 to be donated the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Career Day was another success for the students, and we would like to thank our many wonderful speakers and contributors to making this day happen.

Whittle wanted to thank everyone who participated in the athletic fish fry fundraiser. Good luck to Connor Cross, Isabel Johanns, Quinn O'Brien and Mr. Northrop as they journey to DECA Nationals later this month. The high school play will be on April 20th and 21st at West Central, and Starmont will be hosting 2 upcoming track meets- April 19th and April 27th.

15. Review and Consider Approving 507.9 & 705.1 Board Policies (2nd Reading)

Motion by Powell to approve the second reading of board policies 507.9 & 705.1, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

16. Review and Consider Approving Imperial Roof's Bid

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the \$175,225 bid from Imperial Roof to replace the hail-damaged roof, Paris seconded, motion carried 5-0.

17. Review and Consider Approving Summer Roof Bid

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the regular roof maintenance bid from Imperial Roof in the amount of \$59,850, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

18. Review and Consider Approving Updated 2018-19 AMPI Contract

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the updated 2018-19 AMPI contract, Powell seconded, motion carried 5-0.

19. Superintendent's Report

Heller shared some legislative updates with the board as well as sharing the outstanding progress the FFA program is making.

20. Set Date for May School Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will take place on May 7th, 2018, 6:30 PM. Uhlenkamp will audit the bills in May, and West will audit in June.

21. Adjourn

Motion by Powell to adjourn, Uhlenkamp seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Douglas Puffett, Board President

Robyn Hosch, Board Secretary