

**Minutes of the March 11, 2019  
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, March 11, 2019, at the High School Conference Room. President Puffett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Shane Paris, Doug Puffett, Julie Uhlenkamp, Darren West, Kevin Powell. Administration present: Superintendent, Troy Heller; MS/HS Principal, Jason Yessak; Elementary Principal, Annie Bradford; Athletic Director, Chad Whittle; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Robyn Hosch.

**2. Receive Communications and Visitors**

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – February 11, 2019
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations

**Hiring:**

1. Kathleen Sweet as a 2019-20 TLC Instructional Coach- \$6,000 stipend plus salary based off 2019-20 salary schedule
2. Heidi Wemark as the Preschool/JK Teacher- salary based off 2019-20 salary schedule
3. Aaron Coghlan as the JV Baseball Coach- \$1,564.50
4. Jamie Knowles as the MS Softball Coach- \$2,033.85
5. Terra Corbin as a summer painter- \$10/hour
6. Charlie Gruman as a volunteer for MS track

**Resignations:**

1. Terri Thompson as Elementary Special Needs Teacher. Thank you for your service and good luck, Terri!

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

**4. Public Hearing for the 2019-20 School Calendar**

The public hearing to discuss the proposed 2019-20 school calendar began at 6:56 PM. Heller explained it would be a 175-day calendar and went over the details of the hours, PD days and dismissals. There was no public input. The public hearing closed at 7:02 PM.

**5. Review and Consider Approving 2019-20 School Calendar**

There were no additional comments or questions from the board members or the public on the proposed 2019-20 school calendar. Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the proposed 2019-20 school calendar, Paris seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**6. Public Hearing for the 2018-19 School Calendar**

The public hearing to discuss the changes to the 2018-19 school calendar began at 7:10 PM. Heller reviewed the letter he sent to parents in regards to the changes to be made to the current calendar, a surveyed comparison of average number of school hours by surrounding districts, as well as proposed student/teacher makeup days. There was no public input. The public hearing closed at 7:14 PM.

**7. Review and Consider Approving Edits to the 2018-19 School Calendar**

There were no additional comments or questions from the board members or the public on the proposed edits to the 2018-19 school calendar. Motion by Powell to approve the proposed 2018-19 school calendar per the edits discussed and with the last student day being May 31st, Uhlenkamp seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**8. Review 2019-20 Budget Information**

Heller reviewed the various proposed tax rates for the FY20 budget, including a slight decrease in property taxes. He also discussed the projected UAB, new monies and certified enrollment trends. Hosch briefly reviewed the proposed numbers for the FY19 budget amendment. There were no questions or concerns, and the public hearing for the FY19 and FY20 budgets are scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Elementary Principal's Report/Curriculum Coordinator's Report**

Bradford was happy to report on improved FAST reading and math scores in the elementary, and she also gave updates on her administrative goals, which were in the following areas: book/author identification (culture); PBIS bus expectations (behavioral); FAST math scores (assessment). All 3 areas have shown improvement since the fall of 2018.

**10. MS/HS Principal's Report/AD's Report**

Yessak reported on the NAEP/ISASP assessments and a few updates in the areas of 2019-20 scheduling and the course handbook. He also reported about a staff CIP training and a motivational speaker coming to work with the students the following day.

Whittle wanted to acknowledge the following: Bowen Munger for qualifying for State wrestling; Vanessa Hamlett for making the Academic All-State team for basketball; Robotics team for making it to State; the various Speech students who had the honor to attend State Speech. Congratulations to all! He also wanted to extend a special thanks to all the workers who helped during the winter sports season.

**11. Review and Consider Approving Resolution #2019-2: 101% Allowable Growth Regular Program Budget for FY20**

Motion by Powell to approve *Resolution #2019-2: 101% Allowable Growth Regular Program Budget Guarantee*, Uhlenkamp seconded. Roll call. Ayes: West, Puffett, Paris, Powell, Uhlenkamp. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

**12. Review and Consider Approving Paint Bids for the Library (Summer of 2019)**

Motion by Paris to approve the library painting bid from TA's Painting in the amount of \$5,680, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**13. Review and Consider Approving Bus Bids (Fall of 2019)**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to accept the Blue Bird bus bid in the amount of \$85,798, Paris seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**14. Review and Consider Approving Roof Bids (Summer of 2019)**

Motion by West to approve the roof bid from Imperial Roofing in the amount of \$58,450, Uhlenkamp seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**15. Review and Consider Approving Science Room Project Change Order #5**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the \$7,000 change order for the science room construction project, Paris seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**16. Review and Consider Approving Science Project Payment to Don Gardner Construction**

Motion by Paris to approve the \$5,995.45 science project payment to Don Gardner Construction, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**17. Review and Consider Approving University of Northern Iowa Student Teaching Contract for 2019-20**

Motion by Powell to approve the 2019-20 UNI student teaching contract, Uhlenkamp seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**18. Review and Consider Approving 2018-19 DECA Trip to Orlando, Florida**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the 2018-19 trip to Orlando, Florida, for the International DECA competition, Paris seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**19. Superintendent's Report**

After reviewing the auditing bids received back, the board agreed to continue services with the school's current auditor, Hacker, Nelson & Co., P.C., for the following 3 years. Heller also gave brief updates in the areas of transportation, equipment breakdown insurance and health insurance.

**20. Set April Board Meeting Date**

The next regular board meeting will take place on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Puffett will audit bills at this time, and West will audit in May.

**21. Adjourn**

Motion by Powell to adjourn, Uhlenkamp seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

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Douglas Puffett, Board President

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Robyn Hosch, Board Secretary