

**Minutes of the March 9, 2020
Regular School 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 9, 2020, at the High School Conference Room. President Puffett called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Members present: Tony Recker, Doug Puffett, Julie Uhlenkamp, Darren West, Kevin Powell. Administration present: Superintendent, Troy Heller; Elementary Principal, Annie Bradford; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Robyn Hosch.

2. Receive Communications and Visitors

None.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – February 10, 2020
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations

Hiring:

1. Voluntary Transfer of Heather Parmely from Kindergarten to 4th Grade
2. Allison McIntyre & Kristen Ostrander as TLC Committee Members (2020-21)- \$500/year each
3. TJ Hansel as TLC Instructional Coach (2020-21)- \$6,000 Stipend
4. Rae McTaggart as Elementary Paraprofessional- \$10.10/hour
5. Rich Newman as JV Assistant Baseball Coach- \$1,589.50
6. Bob Pope as Assistant MS Track Coach- \$1,351.08
7. Kate Applegate as Nurse (2020-21)- \$41,000

Resignations:

1. Colton Janssen as Head Varsity Basketball Coach. Thank you for your time coaching, Colton!
2. Jon Janssen as JV Basketball Coach. Thank you for your time coaching, Jon!
3. Ronald Rummel as Bus Driver. Thank you for your time driving, Ronald!
4. Tessa Herron as 4th Grade Teacher. Thank you, Tessa, and good luck on your endeavors!

Motion by Powell to approve the consent agenda with the exception of moving item #9 before #4, Uhlenkamp seconded, motion carried 5-0.

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

Bradford was present to talk about the upcoming ISASP testing, the recent and schoolwide Kagan professional development training, the great turnout of the annual Family Fun Night, the completion of the teacher evaluations for the year, and an upcoming author visit on April 27th.

4. Review FY21 Aid and Levy and Budget Info

Heller and Hosch walked through the main areas of the FY21 budget they have been working on. They went over the management levy, categorical spending, and the proposed budget to be published in a few weeks. This year's tax rate is 11.78, and next year's will be 10.88. The public hearing for next year's budget will take place April 6th at 6:30 PM.

5. Review the Unofficial 2020 Revenue Purpose Statement Canvases for Buchanan, Fayette and Clayton Counties

Heller reviewed the unofficial results from the recent revenue purpose statement election for all 4 counties. 95.5% of the voters voted for Starmont to renew their revenue purpose statement, so thank you to all for taking the time to vote!

6. Review and Consider Approving Board Policies: 104, 104R1, 302.7, 303.5, 303.8, 401.1, 401.2, 401.9, 401.13, 401.13R1, 402.2, 403.3, 403.4, 403.6, 403.6E1, 403.6E3, 407.3 (2nd Reading)

The board was able to review the changes made from the last board meeting with no further questions or concerns. Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the 2nd reading of the aforementioned board policies, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

7. Review and Consider Approving 2020-21 Curriculum Guide

In Koppenhaver's absence, Heller reviewed the 2020-21 Curriculum Guide changes, with a potential change to come in regards to students not passing college courses. There were no concerns. Motion by West to approve the 2020-21 Curriculum Guide, Recker seconded, motion carried 5-0.

8. Review and Consider Approving 2020 DECA Trip to Nashville, TN

DECA Advisor, Mr. Northrop, had an itinerary and details of DECA's upcoming trip to Nashville, TN, present for the board to review. Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the 2020 DECA trip to Nashville, TN, Powell seconded, motion carried 5-0.

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

Koppenhaver gave her monthly update on goals, attendance, discipline and F's. Whittle gave thanks and recognition to all the workers during the winter sports season. A friendly reminder that the school's annual fish fry will be on Friday, April 3rd from 4:30-7:30 PM.

11. Review and Consider Approving University of Northern Iowa Student Teaching Contract for 2020-21

Motion by Powell to approve the 2020-21 University of Northern Iowa student teaching contract, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

12. Closed Session

Motion by Uhlenkamp to enter into closed session at 7:29 PM to discuss updates on the superintendent search as she read the following reason for entering into closed session: review and consider approving exempt session for preparation to evaluate the professional competency of an individual(s) whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to the individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session per Iowa Code 20.1i (professional competency). Powell seconded. Roll call. Ayes: Puffett, Powell, Uhlenkamp, West, Recker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Puffett declared to go out of closed session at 8:12 PM, with no decisions to be made at this time.

13. Superintendent's Report

Heller said there are no new updates on the wastewater plans or the selling of AMPI. He also said he is looking into roof and bus bids, noted some upcoming secretarial changes, and shared the transportation appropriation amount.

14. Set March 25th, 2020 as the Publish Date for the FY21 Budget & April 6th, 2020 as the Next Regular Board Meeting

The FY21 budget will be published on March 25th, 2020, and the next regular board meeting (along with the budget public hearing) will take place on April 6, 2020. Puffett will audit bills at this time.

15. Adjourn

Motion by Powell to adjourn, Recker seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Douglas Puffett, Board President

Robyn Hosch, Board Secretary