

**Minutes of the July 13, 2020
Regular School Board Meeting
Starmont CSD Board of Directors**

1. Call to Order (Quorum)

It is impractical due to the government mandating a school shutdown and social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to hold the meeting on the 13th day of July, 2020, with all persons in person. Thus, the meeting will be held by electronic means pursuant to Section 21.8.2011 Code of Iowa. The public will be provided access to the meeting at 6:30 PM via teleconference.

The Starmont CSD Board held its regular board meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020, at the High School Conference Room. President Puffett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Tony Recker, Douglas Puffett, Julie Uhlenkamp, Kevin Powell, Darren West. Administration present: Superintendent, Troy Heller; MS/HS Principal, Shauna Koppenhaver (via Zoom); Elementary Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Annie Bradford (via Zoom); Business Manager/Board Secretary, Robyn Hosch.

2. Receive Communications and Visitors (Including Board Members)

None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes- June 8, 2020
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations

Hiring:

1. Dennis Augustine as JV Football Coach- \$3,229
2. Elizabeth Vagts as Elementary Para- \$10.00/hour
3. Aaron Stringer as Elementary Cook- \$10.50/hour
4. Jill Olind as 6th Grade Teacher- \$48,222 + TSS
5. Emily Takes as 3rd Grade Teacher- \$32,290 + TSS

Resignations:

1. Sam Speakar as 6th Grade Teacher. Good luck in your future endeavors, Sam!
2. Robbie Anstoetter as 3rd Grade Teacher. Good luck in your future endeavors, Robbie!

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the consent agenda with the exception of moving item #4 until after #11, Powell seconded, motion carried 5-0.

5. Review and Consider Approving Revised June 29, 2020, Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement: Proposed Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,740,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 (the “Bonds”)

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the aforementioned revised bond counsel engagement agreement, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

6. Review and Consider Financing Proposals Opened and Reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools, Board Secretary, and the Placement Agent

Maggie from Speer Financial was present via Zoom to discuss the bond financing proposals received. She explained that the school would save a lot of money by deciding to finance in the private sector, and she recommended that the school go with Truist Bank out of Charlotte, NC, at a rate of 1.93%. Motion by Powell to approve the financing proposal with Truist Bank out of Charlotte, NC, at a rate of 1.93%, Uhlenkamp seconded, motion carried 5-0.

7. Review and Consider Resolution Directing Sale of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2020

Motion by Powell to approve the presented Resolution Directing Sale of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Uhlenkamp seconded. Roll Call. Ayes: West, Powell, Recker, Uhlenkamp, Puffett. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Public Hearing on the Matter of the Adoption of Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Construction of the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Puffett opened the public hearing at 6:51 PM. There were no comments. Puffett closed the public hearing at 6:54 PM.

9. Review and Consider Approving Resolution Adopting Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the presented Resolution Adopting Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Powell seconded. Roll call. Ayes: Powell, Puffett, Uhlenkamp, West, Recker. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Review and Consider Construction Bids for the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Lagoon engineer, Lindsay, was present via Zoom to discuss the bids received for the wastewater project. She had a list of bidders with costs and informed everyone that the lowest bidder was Top Grade Excavating out of Farley, IA, at a cost of \$914,300. She felt comfortable with their ability to do the project, as they do many high-dollar projects in Dubuque County. She also discussed “liquidated damages” verbiage in the contract that would allow Starmont to hold them accountable to the deadline.

11. Review and Consider Resolution Making Award of Construction Contract for the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Motion by West to approve the presented Resolution Making Award of Construction Contract for the Wastewater Treatment Facility and accepting the \$914,300 bid from Top Grade Excavating

out of Farley, IA, Powell seconded. Roll call. Ayes: Uhlenkamp, Recker, West, Puffett, Powell. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Review and Consider Approving Tabled 2020-21 AMPI Contract

Motion by Powell to remove the 2020-21 AMPI contract from the table, Uhlenkamp seconded, motion carried. Hellers shared the contract with the school attorney and talked about his discussions with Brett from Lynch Dallas, with no major concerns. Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the 2020-21 AMPI contract, West seconded. Nays: Puffett, Recker. Motion carried 3-2.

12. Review and Consider Approving Board Policies: 704.2R1 (Revised Post Issuance Compliance Policy), (new) 704.2R1 Bond Disclosure Policy and 704.2 Debt Management Policy (1st and 2nd Readings)

The board reviewed the 704.2R1 and 704.2 policies with no major questions or concerns. The 2nd reading will take place at the July 27th special board meeting.

13. Review and Consider Approving 2020-21 Legislative Resolutions

Motion by Recker to select numbers 6, 7, 11, and 26 for the 2020-21 IASB legislative priorities, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

14. Review Return to Learn Action Plan Packet (Survey, DE, Action Plan Draft, Committee Members and Other Information)

Heller, Bradford and Koppenhaver led the Board through what they have been discussing for their return to learn plan. Students and staff will be encouraged to wear masks, and the Board decided to not require taking temperatures. All rooms within the building will be utilized to increase social distancing, and only the middle and high school students will eat lunch in the cafeteria (elementary will eat in classrooms). The Board agreed to allow Administration to look into buying hot spots to help with the online learning component. Teachers will still be expected to report to school on online learning days, and there will be a 1:00 dismissal the 1st week of school to allow staff time to assess and make necessary adjustments to continue serving students in a safe environment. There were many good questions asked, and Administration will continue forward with all the details of the return to learn plan, with final plans to be presented at the August 10th board meeting.

15. Review and Consider Approving Fence Bids for Elementary Playground Fence

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the quote from Lovewell in the amount of \$13,900 to replace the elementary playground fence, Recker seconded, motion carried 5-0.

16. The Board of Directors of the Starmont Community School District Designates Rachael Hach as the District's Title IX Coordinator and Authorizes That Employee to Coordinate the District's Efforts to Comply with the District's Responsibilities Under Title IX (20 U.S.C. 1681, et. seq.)

Motion by Powell to approve Rachael Hach as the Title IX Coordinator, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

17. Superintendent's Report

Heller reported that online registration is still underway and will take place on August 4th-10th. The school's ISL levy needs to be renewed and will take place at an upcoming election. This is not an additional cost to the constituents.

18. Set Date for August Regular Board Meeting & July 27th as Special Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will take place on August 10th at 6:30 PM in the HS Conference Room. Recker will audit bills at this time. There will be a special meeting via Zoom at 6:00 PM on July 27th. This will be primarily to discuss the construction contract with Top Grade Excavating.

19. Adjourn

Motion by Uhlenkamp to adjourn, Recker seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.