

**Minutes of the August 19, 2020
Special/Teleconference School Board Meeting
Starmont Community School District Board of Directors**

1. Call to Order Special/Teleconference School Board Meeting

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 19th day of August, 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 means (Zoom). It is impractical due to the schedules of board members to hold the meeting on the 19th day of August, 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 via electronic means.

The Starmont Community School District Board held its special/teleconference board meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, via Zoom. President Douglas Puffett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Julie Uhlenkamp, Tony Recker, Kevin Powell, Darren West. Administration present: Superintendent, Troy Heller; MS/HS Principal, Shauna Koppenhaver; Elementary Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Annie Bradford; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Robyn Hosch.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Review and Consider Approving the Starmont School Board Review of Return to Learn Plan (RTL) and COVID-19 Threshold

Jes Wegner with the Fayette County Public Health Department was present via Zoom to discuss the current COVID-19 infection rates per the 4 counties within Starmont's boundaries. They were stated as follows: Fayette County 7.4%; Buchanan 8.2%; Clayton 7%; Delaware 8.8%. Jes did recommend using proper sanitization and social distancing measures; however, she did not feel that Starmont needed to go to a hybrid model based on the current outbreak numbers presented. Jes also recommended that the school listen to all 4 counties' health advice, and use the advice based on the residential county of the infected/exposed person. At this point, Uhlenkamp resumed position as Chair due to Puffett not being able to get back into the Zoom meeting.

Motion by Recker to start the 20-21 school year face-to-face and to increase the threshold to 35 positive COVID-19 cases within a 14 day period that would warrant a special board meeting, West seconded. Koppenhaver and Bradford expressed that the staff they have been talking to are concerned with not being able to do the hybrid option. Uhlenkamp called for a vote on the motion presented. All ayes except Uhlenkamp and Powell, motion carried 3-2.

4. Adjourn

Motion by Puffett to adjourn, Recker seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Douglas Puffett, Board President

Robyn Hosch, Board Secretary