

**Minutes of the February 8, 2021  
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, February 8, 2021, at the High School Conference Room. President Uhlenkamp called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Julie Uhlenkamp, Douglas Puffett, Tony Recker, Kevin Powell, Darren West. Administration present: Superintendent, Troy Heller (via Zoom); Elementary Principal, Annie Bradford; MS/HS Principal, Shauna Koppenhaver; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Robyn Hosch.

**2. Receive Communications and Visitors (Including Board Members)**

Powell briefly discussed political updates, including the SSA rate of 2.2 for the 21-22 school year.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – January 11, 16, 18, 19, 2021
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations

**Hiring:**

1. Cassie Gruman as a track & field volunteer.

Motion by Puffett to approve the consent agenda, Recker seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**4. Public Hearing for FY21 Budget Amendment**

Hosch explained the amendments for the FY21 school budget. She explained that the lagoon costs were unknown at the time she was doing the budget last winter, so she did not include the costs and knew it would be best to amend once the costs were known. She also transferred some technology expenses from PPEL/Capital to the general fund to allow the PPEL and Capital balances to accumulate a little more. As she made these transfers, she felt a more appropriate coding was the 2000 function, so that increased expenses in that function than previously estimated. Uhlenkamp opened the hearing for public comment at 6:38 PM. There were no questions or concerns. Uhlenkamp closed the public hearing at 6:39 PM.

**5. Review and Consider Approving FY21 Amended Budget**

Motion by Puffett to approve the discussed amendments to the FY21 budget, Powell seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**6. Review and Consider Approving Solution Tree Professional Development for August 2021-  
Presentation by BLT/Annie Bradford**

The TLC team and Bradford were present to give a PowerPoint presentation on a suggested professional development program to incorporate to staff in August 2021. The PD program is a way to collaborate with others who are teaching the same classes and a way for staff to better learn standards, expectations, assessments, student interventions and incorporating MTSS. Motion by Puffett to approve 3 days of training provided by Solution Tree not to exceed \$22,500, Powell seconded. Ayes: Puffett, Powell, West. Nays: Uhlenkamp, Recker. Motion carried 3-2.

**7. Review and Consider Approving FFA Budget- Designation of Revenues & Expenses**

Hosch explained that her and FFA Advisor, Rachael Stecklein, have been working together for over a year on incorporating the FFA Alumni account into the school's FFA budget in order to allow flexibility for the FFA activities, all the while staying compliant with the constantly-changing laws of the activity

fund. Hosch has talked to the school's auditors and the Department of Education many times, and incorporating the FFA Alumni account is completely legal. She wanted the board to be aware of the sharing of revenues and expenses and to be sure the board is okay with this process. Hosch shared a spreadsheet that designated the types of revenues and expenses to each account and the projected profit for each group. The spreadsheet provided the general structure of how the designation of revenues and expenses will go; however, Hosch and Stecklein are aware they will need to continually monitor and potentially make slight changes in order to keep both accounts healthy. Motion by Puffett to approve the presented FFA budget and the designation of expenses and revenues, Recker seconded, motion carried 5-0.

#### **8. Review and Consider Approving FY22-FY23 Superintendent Contract & Moving Stipend Contract**

Puffett explained that there were a few revisions to the original contract that was presented at the January 19<sup>th</sup> closed board meeting. Him, Uhlenkamp and Hosch had been working with the school attorney on the language of the revisions. Motion by Puffett to approve the presented FY22-FY23 superintendent contract and moving stipend contract, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

#### **9. Review and Consider Approving 2021-22 Updated TLC Grant**

Heller reviewed the minor changes to the 21-22 TLC grant with no major questions or concerns. Motion by Powell to approve the updated 2021-22 TLC grant, Puffett seconded, motion carried 5-0.

#### **10. Review and Consider Approving Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements & Payment #2**

Motion by Puffett to approve payment request #2 to Top Grade Excavating in the amount of \$38,000, Recker seconded, motion carried 5-0.

#### **11. Review and Consider Approving Extension of NICC Contract for the Summer Concurrent Health Course Offerings**

Motion by Puffett to approve extending the current contract with NICC to allow students to participate in the free summer health courses, Powell seconded, motion carried 5-0.

#### **12. Elementary Principal's Report/Curriculum Coordinator's Report**

Bradford had the data showing the increased FAST scores for the district. She also gave updates on the "100<sup>th</sup> day of school" celebration, where she and some staff members made 100 positive phone calls home to parents. Read Across America Day is quickly approaching, where the elementary will be hosting a book drive for students to take books home as well as each student reaching a goal of reading about an hour that day.

#### **13. MS/HS Principal's Report/AD's Report**

Koppenhaver informed the board of her current work on creating a summer school proposal, and a suggested plan to have 8<sup>th</sup> graders who fail a core class to automatically enroll in 2 weeks of summer school. She also had a proposed schedule for prom this spring, and there were no issues from the board on her moving forward as planned. As for activities, the middle school girls' track sign-up is sparse as of now, and girls' basketball districts will be held this Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **14. Review and Consider Amending FY21 School Calendar**

With the COVID-19 vaccinations now becoming available to some school employees, Starmont is scheduled for their employees to receive the optional vaccines on both Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. With many staff members being gone, there will not be enough subs available to fill in, so he is suggesting a noon dismissal on both of those days. Motion by Puffett to allow noon dismissals on both February 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**15. Superintendent's Report**

Heller asked the board on their current standing on making up snow days. The Board believes this needs to be re-evaluated at a later date, but they should be made up as of now. He also warned the board of an expected 15-20% insurance increase for next year and suggested the school keep current COVID-19 sanitation and mitigation guidelines in place with the recent change in the State mask mandate. The Board did not state opposition to keeping the same practices in place.

**16. Set Date for March School Board Meeting & FY22 Budget Publish Date**

The next regular board meeting will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with a FY22 budget notice of public hearing published on March 31<sup>st</sup> and presented at the April 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Uhlenkamp will audit bills at the next board meeting.

**17. Adjourn**

Motion by Puffett to adjourn, Recker seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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Julie Uhlenkamp, Board President

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Robyn Hosch, SBO/Board Secretary