

**Minutes of the March 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, March 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; Elementary Principal, Annie Bradford; MS/HS Principal, Shauna Koppenhaver; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Robyn Hosch.

2. Receive Communications and Visitors (Including Board Members)

West had recently attended the Clayton County meeting, and he wanted to explain the requested 15% raise from the assessor in case anyone was asked about it.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – February 8, 2021
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations

Hiring:

1. Renew TLC Coach contract for TJ Hansel for the 2021-22 school year
2. Renew TLC Coach contract for Kristi Donlon for the 2021-22 school year
3. Renew TLC Coordinator contract for Kathleen Sweet for the 2021-22 school year
4. Renew TLC Lead Mentor contract for Beth Jaeger for the 2021-22 school year
5. Randi Burns as Volunteer Track Coach for the 2021 spring season
6. Robert Goedken as Volunteer Golf & Softball Coaches for the 2021 seasons
7. Roger Gifford as Volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2021 season
8. Vinnie Otdoerfer as Assistant Varsity Football Coach for the 2021 season (pay to be determined with 21-22 salary schedule)

Resignations:

1. Vinnie Otdoerfer as MS Football Coach. Thanks for your time, Vinnie!

Motion by Puffett to approve the consent agenda with the exception of removing item #16, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Hearing for the 2021-22 School Calendar

Heller went through the proposed 2021-22 school calendar and the few suggested changes from the staff. Uhlenkamp started the public hearing at 6:48 PM for any public comment. There were no comments. Uhlenkamp closed the public hearing at 6:49 PM.

5. Review and Consider Approving the 2021-22 School Calendar

Motion by Puffett to accept the 2021-22 school calendar as presented, Recker seconded, all ayes, motion carried 5-0.

6. Review and Consider Approving FY20 Audit Report from Hacker, Nelson

Alicia and Christi from Hacker, Nelson were present via Zoom to go over the FY20 audit findings. Alicia reported about a \$216,000 increase in the OPEB liability, which, coupled with COVID-19, caused a decrease in the nutrition fund. Categoricals decreased, and she reported a few small certified enrollment errors. A deposit made back in April of 2020 did cause an overage compared to the depository resolution;

however, this was raised this past fall to compensate for that. She answered a question from Uhlenkamp on how to deal with outstanding checks and concluded that everything looked good, and she gave the audit an unmodified opinion, which is the highest opinion an auditor can give. Motion by Powell to approve the FY20 audit from Hacker, Nelson, Puffett seconded, motion carried 5-0.

7. Review and Consider Approving Resolution #2021-2: Starmont School Board Request for Additional Funding—101% Allowable Growth Regular Program Budget Guarantee, Under Section 257.14 Iowa Code

Motion by Powell to approve the presented Resolution #2021-2, West seconded. Roll call. Ayes: Powell, West, Recker, Puffett, Uhlenkamp. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Review and Consider Approving 2021-22 Technology Plan (Review 2023-2025)

IT Director, Jerry Bentley, was present to discuss the presented technology plan and the additions. Bentley explained that the school also buys a yearly Adobe license for approximately \$2,500, and the K-5 will need cases/power cords for their chromebooks in case they would need to go online and take them home. This will cost approximately \$13,500. Bentley is also working on bids for classroom rewiring that is needed for better connectivity, especially for online learning. These bids will be shared with the Board at a later date. Motion by Puffett to approve the presented 2021-2025 technology plan with the addition of approximately \$16,000 for the Adobe licenses and K-5 chromebook cases/power cords, Powell seconded, motion carried 5-0.

9. Review and Consider Approving 2021-2022 Starmont High School Course Handbook

Koppenhaver discussed the few changes to the high school course handbook. A few classes have been added for Ag and Industrial Technology, and classes can only be retaken if there was a failing grade. Motion by West to approve the presented 2021-2022 Starmont High School Course Handbook, Recker seconded, motion carried 5-0.

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

Bradford talked about the preparation for the upcoming ISASP testing and the outcomes of Read Across America Day on March 2nd. Students read a total of 31,962 minutes and enjoyed many, many books from the book drive. As of March 1st, there are 25 students preregistered for preschool for the 2021-22 school. The Building Leadership Team was wondering if field trips could begin again for the months of April and May, and Bradford requested a \$35/hour pay rate for summer school teachers in order to increase sign-up.

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

Koppenhaver asked about having a blood drive on April 21st and wanted to publicly thank the family of Deb Kremer for the \$1,500 donation towards the school's golf program.

12. Review 2020-21 Aid and Levy Worksheet & UAB Documents

Heller reviewed the FY22 aid and levy numbers as well as the UAB budget tab. The estimated property tax rate was 10.90325, which Heller reported is significantly lower than the state average. With the school's management fund being very healthy, the Board requested the management levy be lowered by \$25,000 to \$225,000, which created a property tax rate of 10.81581. The final FY22 budget will be presented at the April board meeting.

13. Review and Consider Approving Capital/PPEL Projects

Heller reviewed the suggested projects and accompanying bids that him and the heads of maintenance have been working on, which included lawn mowing bids and updates to the following: boilers, elementary classroom/bathroom, IT room, parking lot, plower/sander, gym floors, painting HS lockers, air conditioning, and clocks. There was no opposition presented when suggestions were made by board members to bid out plowing services, so the Maintenance Director will work on soliciting bids. Motion

by Puffett to approve the Lakeview Lawn bid in the amount of \$23,500 with a potential 8% fuel surcharge, Powell seconded, motion carried 5-0. Motion by Powell to approve the elementary room/bathroom update, IT room update, and high school locker painting bids from Dave's Complete Construction in the total amount of \$99,516, Puffett seconded, motion carried 5-0. Motion by Puffett to approve the \$24,338.20 bid from Prairie Road Builders for the parking lot sealant, West seconded, motion carried 5-0. Motion by Puffett to approve the annual gym floor maintenance and tuckpointing projects, Recker seconded, motion carried 5-0.

14. Review and Consider Approving COVID-19 Updates

Motion by Puffett to continue with masks through the end of the school year, the approval of blood drives, field trips and the community utilization of the school's gyms, and the noon dismissals on March 12th and 26th for the optional COVID-19 vaccinations to staff, Powell seconded, motion carried 5-0.

15. Review and Consider Approving 2021-22 University of Northern Iowa Student Teaching Contract

Motion by Puffett to approve the 2021-22 UNI Student Teaching Contract, Recker seconded, motion carried 5-0.

16. Review and Consider Approving 2021-22 Health Insurance Options

This item will be discussed at a later date once more information is provided from the consortium.

17. Superintendent's Report

Heller informed the board of his upcoming vacation and his last day at Starmont before retirement. He also shared the school's intent to go out to bid for copiers, a reminder of negotiations next year, and another round of ESSER funding that is expected to be 2-3 times as much as the second funding stream.

18. Set 2021-22 Budget Publish Date & Regular April Board Meeting Date

The public hearing notice for the FY22 budget will be published March 31st, and the next regular board meeting will take place on April 12th, 2021. West will audit bills at the next board meeting.

19. Adjourn

Motion by Puffett to adjourn, Powell seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Julie Uhlenkamp, Board President

Robyn Hosch, SBO/Board Secretary