

**Minutes of the October 11, 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, October 11, 2021, at the High School Conference Room. President Uhlenkamp called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Julie Uhlenkamp, Doug Puffett, Kevin Powell, Tony Recker, Darren West. Administration present: Superintendent, Gary Benda; Secondary Principal, Shauna Koppenhaver; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Activities Director, Daren Huisenga; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Robyn Hosch.

2. Receive Communications and Visitors (Including Board Members)

Powell announced the open seat on the IASB board and encouraged current Starmont board members to run for the open seat. School board election candidates, LaTosha Raber and Jacob Moellers, were present to observe the board meeting and introduce themselves/tell the Board a little about themselves.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve & Amend Minutes – September 13, 2021. Bus route pay for Teri Fedeler should have been listed as \$34.59
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports- Hosch reported the current budget is within the goal marks, both revenues and expenses are higher compared to last year at this time, and there was a special education balance in FY21, which will need to be discussed with Administration for a spending plan.
- d. Approve Monthly Bills- Puffett audited and said it was straightforward this month with no major bills or pcard statements. The bank reconciliations balanced, and he did notice some PO's still had the former superintendent's signature, which was corrected in September.

Hiring:

1. Mandy Knox as Musical Set Director- \$983.70
2. TJ Hansel & Allison McIntyre as Assistant Set Directors- \$491.85 each
3. Katie Berry as Special Education Associate- \$10.10/hour

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

4. Elementary Principal's Report

Hesse happily reported that the elementary's FAST data came back higher than expected and also higher than the Keystone AEA's average. He also gave a culture survey to the staff, with an average of "4" being reported in almost all areas.

5. MS/HS Principal's Report

Koppenhaver shared that the secondary's FAST data has been stagnant and has also issued a culture/principal survey to the staff. The results came back primarily positive and will guide the direction of her goals.

6. Activity Director's Report

Huisenga shared participation numbers for the fall sports, information on upcoming events, and updates on the vacant basketball coach position. He shared his main goal is to ensure students are good students first, and then focusing on them becoming good participants in the school's activities.

7. Superintendent's Report

Benda shared bids and a small video about a camera system he and the IT Director are looking at buying with ESSER funding. The system is about \$168,000, which is the cost for 10 years. The Board

questioned when and how much were the last 2 times the school underwent a security camera project. Benda also informed the Board that he has been asked by community members if the school could inform the community about contact tracing or provide updates on new COVID-19 cases in the school. The Board was not interested in providing this information, especially with the sensitivity of this type of information.

Hosch reminded everyone of the upcoming board election on November 2nd. The 3 candidates will submit a written interview that will be published in The Press Journal and also on Starmont's Facebook page in order for the community to meet the candidates before election day.

8. Review and Consider Removal of Tetherball Poles and Building a Gaga Ball Pit in One of the Tetherball Areas

Hesse explained that the current tetherball areas are not being used, so he had the idea to convert these areas into gaga ball pits. He had a website and video to explain what they were and would like to build 2 pits. He would also like to involve the Industrial Technology students to help save on costs. Motion by West to give permission to remove the tetherball poles and build the 2 gaga ball pits, Puffett seconded, motion carried 5-0.

9. Review the Presentation(s) on Facilities Estimate in Connection with HVAC Installation & Water Heater Update

Mike Tucker with Martin Gardner Architecture was present to talk about the water heaters and the facilities estimate. He informed the Board that he has been working with a company to look at the water heaters. They are currently leaking, which is causing a small amount of water to come into the hallways. He explained it is not urgent but does need to be replaced in the near future. The estimate that came in so far was rather high, so Tucker agreed that the school should look at local options for price comparisons.

Tucker also presented a two-phase bid to complete a full, electrical and mechanical facilities assessment of the entire school. He thinks at least phase 1 is a necessary step to take before starting any future projects, specifically air conditioning for the entire school. Motion by Puffett to approve phase 1 of the presented facilities assessment through Martin Gardner Architecture, not to exceed \$8,000, Recker seconded, motion carried 5-0.

10. Review and Consider Approving Payment to Modern Piping

Motion by Puffett to approve the \$62,177.50 payment to Modern Piping and the \$752 change order, Recker seconded, motion carried 5-0.

11. Review and Consider Approving a New Elementary Dishwasher

Benda presented 3 bids for a new elementary kitchen dishwasher. Motion by Powell to approve the dishwasher bid from Goodwin Tucker in the amount of \$14,573, West seconded, motion carried 5-0.

12. Review and Consider Approving SBRC Request for Modified Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid for Special Education

Motion by Powell to request \$0 for the modified allowable growth and supplemental aid for special education (due to a FY21 special education balance), Puffett seconded, motion carried 5-0.

13. Review and Consider Approving 2021-22 SIAC Committee

After seeing the presented list, the Board believed there are more committee members than presented. Motion by Puffett to approve the presented 2021-22 SIAC Committee list, Powell seconded. Motion by Powell to move the 2021-22 SIAC Committee list to the table until further review is done on the complete member list, Puffett seconded, motion carried 5-0.

14. Adjourn

The next regular board meeting will be on November 8th, 6:30 PM in the HS Conference Room. Uhlenkamp will audit bills. Motion by Puffett to adjourn, Recker seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Julie Uhlenkamp, Board President

Robyn Hosch, SBO/Board Secretary